

A CAPITAL COMMITMENT



OUR STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENTS

To the children of DC, we promise that our top priority is ensuring that you have the opportunity to attend a great school — one that you love and that prepares you for success in life.

To DCPS teachers and staff, we promise to respect you as professionals and invest in your success by providing you and your students with the environment, resources, and tools you need.

To DCPS school leaders, we promise to respect you as professionals; give you the support to lead; and provide the environment, resources, and tools that you, your staff, and your students need to succeed.

To parents, we promise to partner with you to ensure your children's success.

To members of the DC community, we promise to provide opportunities for you to contribute to the success of our schools and school district.

To potential employers, we promise to provide you with a steady supply of well-educated young adults who will make positive contributions to the success of your organizations.

To the city (and state) of Washington, DC, we promise to make our school system one that all citizens are proud of — a school system that can be the anchor for thriving, productive, and growing communities.



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Better Schools for All Students by 2017



A *Capital Commitment* is the five-year strategic plan that sets ambitious targets for the future of DC Public Schools. Since the launch of this plan in School Year 2012–13, student performance has continued to improve. Students across the city are doing better than ever in reading and math, more students are graduating on time, students are enjoying school, and enrollment has reached a five-year high. As we continue on the path toward meeting these goals, we are expanding successful academic programs in schools and focusing on educating the whole student, including providing social and emotional support and ensuring that students love school.

OUR PURPOSE is to ensure that every DCPS school provides a world-class education that prepares ALL of our students, regardless of background or circumstance, for success in college, career, and life.

2017 Strategic Plan

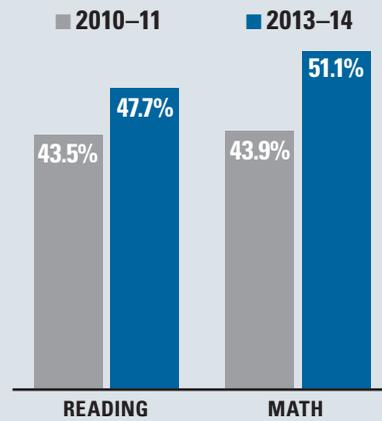
YEAR TWO IN REVIEW

Our goals are ambitious. Based on the hopes and dreams of DCPS stakeholders, these goals help us align our resources and measure our success.

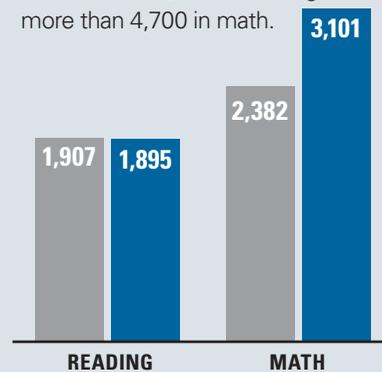


GOAL 1 IMPROVE ACHIEVEMENT RATES

At least **70%** of our students will be **proficient in reading and math** by 2016–17.

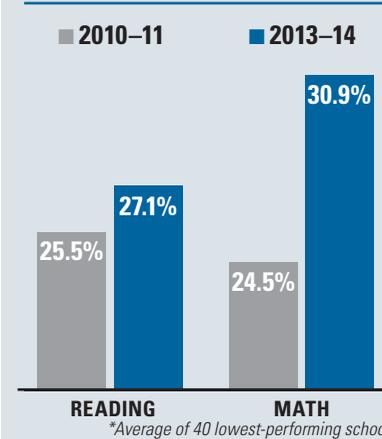


By 2016–17, we will **double the number of advanced students** to more than 3,800 in reading and more than 4,700 in math.



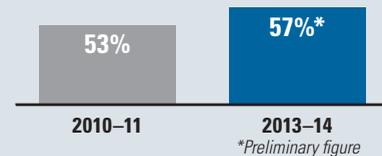
GOAL 2 INVEST IN STRUGGLING SCHOOLS

Our 40 lowest-performing schools will **increase proficiency rates by 40 percentage points** by 2016–17.*



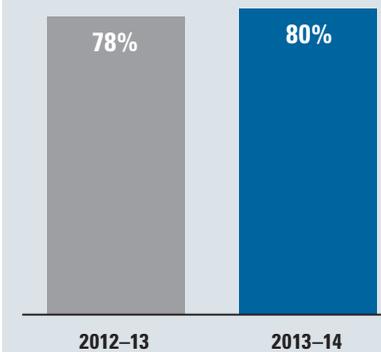
GOAL 3 INCREASE GRADUATION RATE

By 2016–17, at least **75% of entering 9th graders will graduate** from high school in four years.



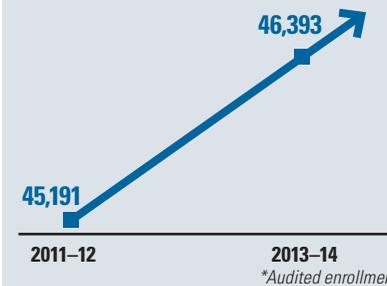
GOAL 4 IMPROVE SATISFACTION

By 2016–17, **90%** of students will say they **like their school**.



GOAL 5 INCREASE ENROLLMENT

DCPS will **increase its enrollment** by 2016–17.*



WHERE WE'RE GOING

DCPS is on the right track. In School Year 2014–15, we are working harder than ever to build on this success and accelerate our progress. Our work is aligned with the rigorous Common Core State Standards, the set of learning standards that states nationwide have adopted to prepare students for college and careers. We have set the bar high and will be replacing the DC-CAS with assessments from the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, a new set of 21st-century, computer-based tests that give students the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge. With the most effective teaching force DCPS has seen in more than seven years, our educators are working hard to ensure that every student reaches their full potential.

We are DCPS, and we can do this!



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