



Notice of Petition to Amend Charter
Goals – **Howard University Middle PCS**
Open for Public Comment

Public Comment Accepted Until: September 15, 2025

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia Public Charter School Board (DC PCSB) announces an opportunity for the public to comment on a request from Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science Public Charter School (Howard University Middle PCS) to amend its charter by modifying its goals and academic achievement expectations (charter goals). The school submitted its request on August 15, 2025.¹

Howard University Middle PCS began operation in 2005. The school educates 271 students in grades 6 – 8 at a single campus and facility in Ward 1. Howard University Middle PCS's mission is to:

provide a sound foundation in all academic subjects, with a concentration in mathematics and science; the intellectual, social and emotional growth of each student will be nurtured, while an appreciation for diversity and sensitivity of all individuals will be encouraged in an enriched educational environment that will prepare students to succeed in high school and beyond.

Howard University Middle PCS seeks to update its state assessment goal language to enhance clarity and accuracy, revise the target for its In-Seat Attendance (ISA) goal to ensure the goal is measurable, and update the business rules for all goals to align with current standards in DC PCSB's *Charter Goals Policy*.²

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The public hearing will be on September 15, 2025 at 6 p.m. The vote will be on October 27, 2025 at 6 p.m. Please check www.dcpsb.org to register to attend the virtual meetings.

HOW TO SUBMIT PUBLIC COMMENTS: You may submit comments by any one of the methods listed below.³

1. Testify during the public meeting on September 15, 2025. To register, please visit <https://dcpsb.org/public-comment>. Click "Sign up to Testify at the Meeting," then complete the form. Please note you must sign up no later than noon on September 15, 2025.

¹ Pursuant to the School Reform Act, D.C. Code 38-1802 et seq., a charter school must submit a petition to revise its charter.

² See DC PCSB's *Charter Goals Policy* here: <https://bit.ly/4dOxniA>.

³ DC PCSB reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all your submission that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscenities.

2. Submit a written comment on or before 11:59 pm the day before the public meeting via:
 - a. "Submit a Written Comment" at <https://dcpcsb.org/public-comment>.
 - b. Postal mail, hand delivery, or courier: Attn: Public Comment, DC Public Charter School Board, 100 M Street SE, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20003
3. Submit voicemail testimony by calling (202) 328-2660 and select option 2. You will have up to five minutes to record your testimony. All comments will be transcribed and made available to the public upon receipt.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Starling Temp, a Senior Specialist in the School Performance Department, at stemp@dcpcsb.org.