

ABOUT CONNECTED SCHOOLS

Connected Schools are schools that partner with the community to provide an integrated approach to academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and community engagement. The Connected Schools Model is the DCPS version of a full-service community school.

ABOUT ANACOSTIA

- William Haith, Principal
- Serves grades 9-12
- Redesign school offering a Project-Based Learning Model



MEET THE CONNECTED SCHOOLS MANAGER!



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AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Anacostia's Family Engagement Leadership Team (FELT) supports relationship-building strategies with families, including relationship-building home visits. The Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) partners with families, staff, and students to focus on what students need to be successful.



HEALING-CENTERED PRACTICES

Anacostia has five school-based social workers, and a clinical therapist and case manager for 9th and 10th grades. Wellness is prioritized in the school with a wellness coach practicing mindfulness with students and staff. Anacostia also practices restorative justice as an alternative to suspension.



STRONG STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Anacostia has a school-based mental health coordinator to support mental health referral systems and an attendance team that case manages student and family interventions. Additionally, the DREAM and CARE Teams provide direct support to students across Anacostia through a go-to person model where every student has a DREAM Team or CARE Team coach who provides comprehensive supports to students and their families.



PLACE-BASED SERVICES

Anacostia provides a number of place-based supports, including food security resources and weekly groceries, access to basic needs essentials like clothing and toiletries, mental health services, a School-Based Health Center and dental health services, and services for families experiencing homelessness.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

To support student academic progress and to provide opportunities for students to explore interests outside of the classroom, Anacostia partners with several organizations to offer enriching experiences, such as Access Youth, Raising A Village, and SAGA Math.

LEARN ABOUT ANACOSTIA PARTNERS!

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Raising A Village - Driven 2 Succeed: Driven 2 Succeed (D2S) is a youth-development program for elementary, middle, and high school students that provides support in the areas of academic interventions, social emotional learning, and college and career readiness. Driven 2 Succeed's goal is to create clear pathways to productive citizenship by giving students the necessary tools to thrive in school, community, and life.

SAGA Education: SAGA Education is an evidence-based, personalized tutoring intervention designed to support students struggling with math, to give them the confidence and academic strength to graduate high school and pursue their dreams.

MENTAL HEALTH

Latin American Youth Center: LAYC is a certified Core Service Agency (CSA) through the Department of Behavioral Health to provide mental health rehabilitation services to youth. Services are provided in English and/or Spanish. LAYC is also certified as a Specialty Provider to provide Community Based Intervention (CBI) and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) to youth in the District of Columbia.

MENTORING

SOUL Programs: SOUL connects high school students who are involved in sports to diverse opportunities that build the life skills needed to succeed in academics and careers.

STAND Foundation: The STAND Foundation provides opportunities for students to gain knowledge, skills and confidence through wellness workshops, horsemanship and horseback riding, with a focus on inspiring change that leads to self-sufficiency and positive decision making.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

School-Based Health Center: In partnership with MedStar Health, Anacostia offers a School-Based Health Center to all students. A school-based health center (SBHC) is a health center located in a DCPS school and provides comprehensive primary health services to enrolled students. The SBHC is staffed with health professionals. They are focused on the prevention, early identification and treatment of medical and behavioral concerns that can interfere with a student's learning. The target areas of health provided by SBHCs include: obesity, mental health, asthma, substance abuse, lead exposure, well-child care, oral health, and sexual health.

SERVICE LEARNING

Access Youth: Access Youth provides youth with access to resources, support, and services that empower them to transform themselves and make life choices that positively impact their future. At Anacostia, their programming includes restorative justice/suspension prevention and truancy prevention, gender focused groups, community service, social emotional learning and life skills.