

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 CARDOZO

- Arthur Mola, Principal
- Serves grades 6-12
- Offers an Army JROTC program, the Transportation and STEM (TranSTEM) Academy, the International Academy for English Language Learners, and grade-level Learning Communities



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Learn more about Connected Schools at Cardozo at cardozoec.org.

Contact the main office at (202) 673-7385.



AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Members of Cardozo's Family Engagement Leadership Team (FELT) act as liaisons and advisors to all faculty in family engagement, including relationship-building home visits, staff trainings, and the establishment of a go-to advisory person model for families. Cardozo also launched monthly Caregiver Cafes, a space for families to be in conversation with one another, and has established a Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).



HEALING-CENTERED PRACTICES

Cardozo has Alternative Learning Centers - spaces where students can re-activate their joy of learning and take concrete steps to learn mindfulness, conflict resolution, and self-regulation. Cardozo also works with partners that support student mental health and offer spaces that provide restorative healing.



STRONG STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Cardozo hosts a large number of teams and partnerships that directly support students, including mental health, attendance and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. The efforts of all of these teams and partners are streamlined and coordinated through the Student Wellness and Attendance Team and the team's referral process called "One Cardozo."



PLACE-BASED SERVICES

Cardozo offers several site-based services, including a monthly food market with Capital Area Food Bank, access to basic needs items like clothing and household products, mental health services, and a School-Based Health Center.



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Cardozo has a number of academic supports for students, including Raising A Village, SAGA Education, and City Year to provide small group and one-on-one tutoring, and City Blossoms to offer an enriching experience for students.

LEARN ABOUT CARDOZO PARTNERS!

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

City Blossoms: City Blossoms partners with high schools to manage a year-round, garden-based Youth Entrepreneurship Cooperative program. At the core of the program is a youth-led business called Mighty Greens. Using the cooperative business model, participants combine elements of environmental and food justice with job readiness skills. Participants maintain garden spaces, make value-added products, and sell those products and produce back to their communities through seasonal CSAs and farmers markets.

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 both English and Spanish 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.

CAREER COUNSELING

DC College Access Program: DC-CAP is dedicated to helping DC students enroll in and graduate from college as the cornerstone of a successful future. Since 1999, DC-CAP has worked with parents and educational partners, inspiring, counseling and providing fundamental support to help low-income DC students believe that college is possible, find the path to get there and complete their higher education.

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

Latino Student Fund: The Latino Student Fund's Te Guio program provides youth in 9th - 10th grade with a mentor to guide them on the path to graduate high school, enroll in higher education, and transition to a healthy adulthood.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

School-Based Health Center: In partnership with Unity Health Care, Cardozo 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.

TIERED SUPPORTS

Communities In Schools of The Nation's Capital (CISNCAP): CISNCAP works with students, their families, schools and communities to create access to the resources and opportunities that help them overcome life's current and future barriers. At Cardozo, they provide individual case management and tiered supports for students and families.

This is a sample of partnerships. To learn more about community partnerships and all program offerings, contact the main office.