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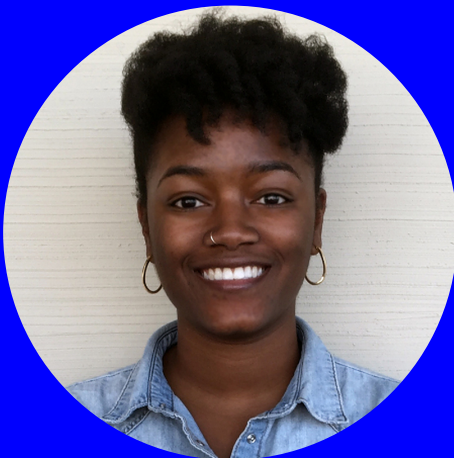
Connected Schools is a philosophy and school-wide strategy for how a school community works together to accelerate student success.

The school aims to successfully integrate academics with student services, and healing centered practices with family engagement.

CONNECTED SCHOOLS

DCPS Launched the Connected Schools initiative for academic year 2019-20. Connected Schools are DCPS' version of full-service community schools, an evidence-based intervention.

Anacostia's Connected Schools Manager is Latisha Chisholm, social worker, former teacher and special education coordinator. She serves on the school's leadership team and drives implementation of the Connected Schools Model.



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CONNECTED SCHOOLS MODEL

5 KEY ELEMENTS

- Connected Schools Manager Role
- Healing-Centered Practices
- Authentic Community Engagement
- Strong Student Support Systems
- Place-Based Services

HEALING-CENTERED PRACTICES

- 5 school-based social workers
- Latin American Youth Center - clinical therapist & case manager for 9th/10th grades
- Wellness coach practicing mindfulness with students & staff
- Restorative Justice practices for alternatives to suspension & social emotional learning (SEL) skill building

AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Nature-based family engagement partnership with Anacostia Park
- Flamboyant home visits
- Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) support
- Social media engagement

STRONG STUDENT SUPPORT SYSTEMS

- School Mental Health Coordinator to support mental health referral systems
- Attendance team case management, student & family intervention by cohort
- Monitoring & evaluation of student connections to services and outcomes
- Various strategic partnerships with community based organizations

PLACE-BASED SERVICES

- School-based health center
- School-based oral health services
- Homeless liaison services
- 8 school-based mental health providers
- Curbside Groceries mobile grocery truck site