



# citylights PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

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## ABOUT US

City Lights Public Charter School (PCS) is the only special education high school in Washington, DC. We provide a high school education, career exploration and transition services to adolescents, ages 14 to 22, with emotional and behavioral disabilities including some with court involvement.

City Lights PCS has **full accreditation** from the Middle States Association Commission on Secondary Schools. **In addition to academics and career information, City Lights PCS focuses on the therapeutic needs of our students and their families, in the tradition of our predecessor, City Lights School.**

In 1982, City Lights School was founded under the auspices of the Children's Defense Fund as a **psycho-educational day treatment program** for adolescents who could not return to traditional public schools within the DC school system. The mission of City Lights School was to educate and to **provide effective therapeutic programs for emotionally disturbed high school aged students** and to have each student ready academically, emotionally, vocationally and socially to succeed in school and in adult life.

In Fall 2005, the school transformed to City Lights Public Charter School and continues to use a unique curriculum and a gifted **staff of teachers, clinicians, vocational counselors and administrators** to create an appropriately challenging learning environment.

For more information about City Lights Public Charter School, please call 202.832.4366.

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## EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

City Lights Public Charter School is the only special education school in the District of Columbia to be fully accredited by the Middle States Association Commission on Secondary Schools.

City Lights PCS follows DCPS standards of learning. With the help of a gifted staff of teachers, clinicians, vocational counselors and administrators, City Lights PCS provides DC youth with the necessary skills to be successful in school and in the community. With the focus on raising academic scores and improving truancy, we strive to provide a safe, inspiring environment for youth to grow and develop.

To apply, please call (202) 832-4366 and speak with our Special Education Coordinator to set up an appointment for an interview.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

City Lights Public Charter School (PCS) uses the DCPS Standards of Learning as adopted by DCPS as the basis of our unique and interactive program that promotes successful achievement for our students.

While at City Lights PCS, each student's life experience becomes a starting point for developing positive self worth. Teachers and their assistants use creative strategies to promote intellectual and social growth among students through academic activities using creative and interactive assignments in the classroom, practical exercises, creative writing assignments and the arts.

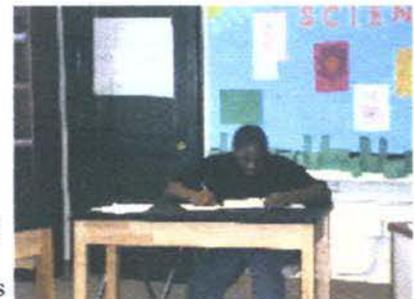
Students share responsibilities by working in groups to complete academic assignments while exploring interpersonal relationships and learning to respect different points of view.

The City Lights PCS curriculum includes the core academic classes of English, mathematics, history, science, in addition to art and a foreign language.

*All students who successfully complete the City Lights PCS curriculum are eligible to receive a high school diploma.*

## VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

Students may choose to participate in vocational training in addition to their



academic classes. Participation in vocational education gives students a marketable skill that they can then use to find employment after their graduation from City Lights Public Charter School. It also gives them the self esteem and confidence they will need once they enter the "real world."

Students in our Eldon Crowell Food Service Training Program learn the safe and appropriate ways to handle food while they are serving and preparing meals for the student and staff population of City Lights PCS, in addition to appropriate dress, effective communication skills, and punctuality.



### CLINICAL PROGRAM

The social and rehabilitative services at City Lights Public Charter School (PCS) include individual and group counseling services. Each student is assigned a social worker who provides individual, group and family counseling to help students resolve immediate crises while also giving them the necessary tools to understand the underlying conflicts that inhibit their social, emotional and intellectual growth.

We recognize our students as part of a family unit and rely upon our family outreach program as an integral strategy for maintaining regular school attendance and for fostering personal and academic success. In addition, students participate in group therapies including role playing and socio-drama techniques.

Using a group process for crisis intervention, students learn positive peer mediation, conflict resolution and stress management.



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