

DC BZA
Case No. 21301

School for Friends
2201 P Street, NW
(Square 2510, Lot 827)

June 18, 2025

Property Location



Existing Conditions



Eastern façade of The Church of Pilgrims and School for Friends



School for Friends was founded in 1981 by a group of neighborhood families and Quakers committed to providing a high-quality early childhood development program to the community. For over 30 years, the teachers at School for Friends have focused on the values of non-violence and cooperation, and the skills to support those values.

Since its inception, School for Friends has maintained a commitment to ensuring that families from a variety of economic backgrounds are able participate in the School. Each year, an automatic 8% of all tuition income is allocated for financial aid.

The long-term development of the School is supported by its Endowment Fund, which is funded through the generous contributions of alumni parents and other donors. Visit our [Support](#) page to learn how your contributions can make a difference for School for Friends.

School for Friends is a 501(c)3 nonprofit child development center licensed by the District of Columbia Department of Health. The School is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Request for a Permanent Special Exception

The Applicant requests that Condition No. 1 be eliminated:

~~Condition No. 1: This approval shall be for a term of TEN (10) YEARS, beginning on the date upon which the order became final.~~

Special Exception Findings

Subtitle X § 901.2

The BZA is authorized to grant a Special Exception where the Special Exception:

- (a) Will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps;
- (b) Will not tend to affect adversely, the use of neighboring property in accordance with the Zoning Regulations and Zoning Maps; and
- (c) Will meet such special conditions as may be specified in the Zoning Regulations.

Subtitle U § 203.1(h)

The BZA is authorized to grant a Special Exception for a daytime care use subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The facility shall be located and designed to create no objectionable traffic condition and no unsafe condition for picking up and dropping off persons in attendance;
- (2) Any off-site play area shall be located so as not to endanger individuals traveling between the play area and the center or facility;
- (3) The Board of Zoning Adjustment may require special treatment in the way of design, screening of buildings, planting and parking areas, signs, or other requirements as it deems necessary to protect adjacent and nearby properties; and
- (4) More than one (1) child/elderly development center or adult day treatment facility in a square or within one thousand feet (1,000 ft.) of another child/elderly development center or adult day treatment facility may be approved only when the Board of Zoning Adjustment finds that the cumulative effect of these facilities will not have an adverse impact on the neighborhood due to traffic, noise, operations, or other similar factors.

Thank you.