



BE at the CENTER of CHANGE – JOIN CENTER CITY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About Center City Public Charter Schools

1. How many campuses does Center City Public Charter Schools have?

Center City PCS has SIX campuses in Washington, DC. Each campus has 1 school that serves students in pre-k to eighth (PK-8) grade.

2. How many students does CCPCS serve?

Center City PCS will serve approximately 1,350 students from across the DC metro area in the 2010-11 school year.

3. How many students per campus?

Our campuses are small, providing a rich learning environment. Each campus serves between 220-250 students.

4. What is the average class size?

The average class is 20-25 students per class. There are 2 instructors per early childhood class (pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade).

5. How diverse is the student body?

Our students represent the diversity of the DC metro area. Approximately 85% of students are Black, 10% are Hispanic, 4% are unidentified and 1% Caucasian or Asian.

6. How did Center City come into being?

In 2008, seven Catholic schools run by the Archdiocese of Washington, were converted into public charter schools to remain economically and academically viable. Center City PCS opened its doors in September 2008 as a new entity.

7. What makes Center City different?

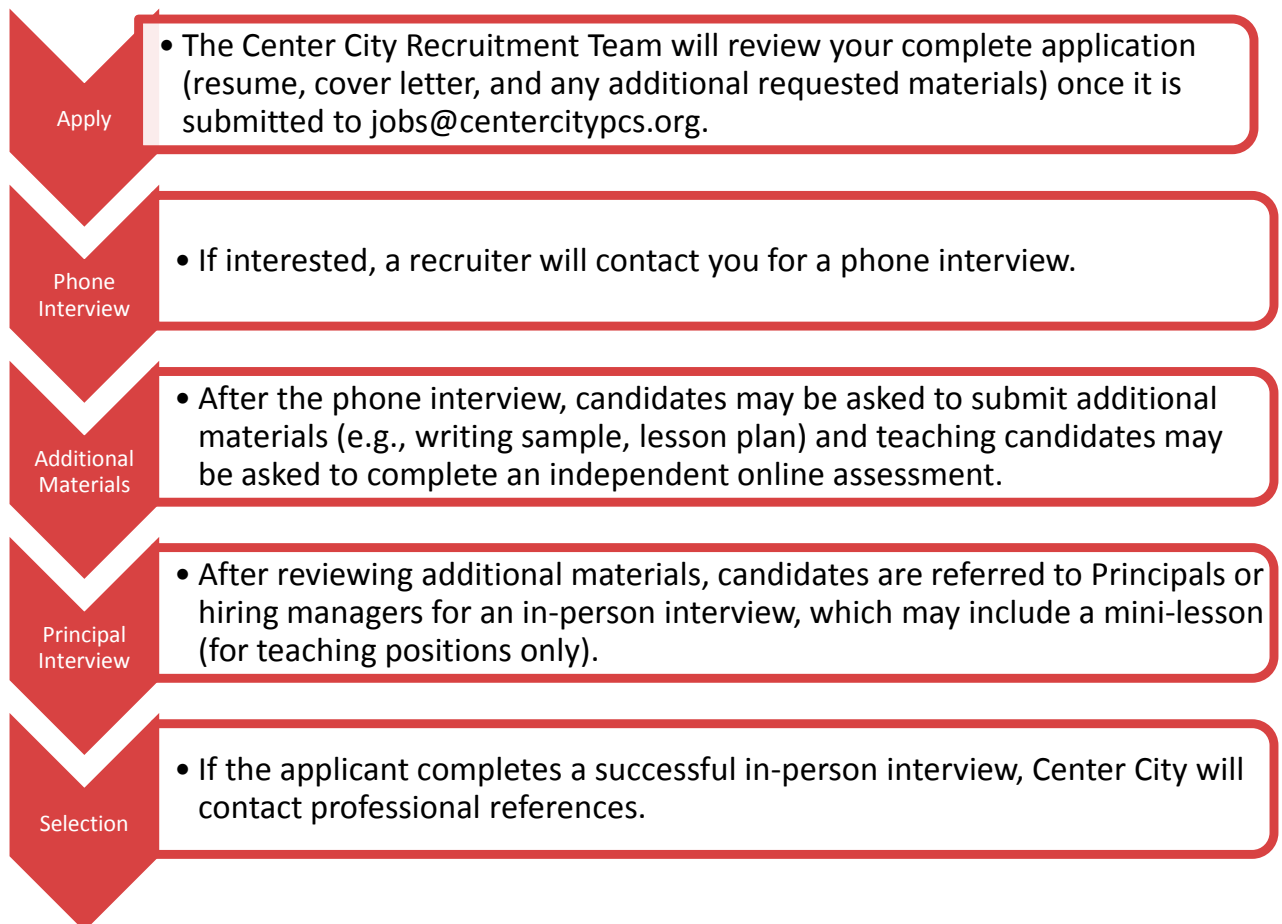
Center City teaches a broad liberal arts and humanities curriculum under the core principle of “Cura Personalis” – care of the whole person: mind, body, and spirit. We believe that an education of the whole child is the best path to success for our students.

About the Application Process

8. How do I apply to work at Center City?

Send your resume and cover letter addressing why you wish to work or teach at Center City Public Charter Schools to jobs@centercitypcs.org. You will receive a confirmation email once your email application has been received.

9. What are the exact steps (school-based positions)?



10. What is the deadline to apply?

Applications are accepted on a *rolling* basis until positions are filled. However, recruitment events are conducted in rounds. Please refer to the table below to better understand Center City's hiring timeline for campus-based positions.

Round	Application Deadline	Notification Deadline
Round 1	March 22 nd	May 3 rd
Round 2	April 30 th	June 4 th
Round 3	May 31 st	July 2 nd
Round 4	June 15 th	July 15 th
Round 5	July 1 st	August 1 st

10. Can I teach at Center City if I don't have a degree in education?

Yes. However, you must have experience working with children and pass the requirements to be a highly qualified teacher.

11. Do I need to have a license to be a Center City PCS teacher?

No. However you must meet **HIGHLY QUALIFIED** standards according to DC's Office of the State Superintendent of Education. Please refer to the OSSE [website](#) for additional information on becoming a highly qualified educator.

12. What exactly does "Highly Qualified Teacher" mean? How do I know if I'm highly qualified?

Highly Qualified Teachers who work for Charter Schools in the District of Columbia meet the following requirements:

- Must have a Bachelor's degree **and**
- Elementary teachers:
 - Pass the Praxis II Elementary content test
- Secondary teachers (math, science, social studies, foreign language, music):
 - Pass the appropriate Praxis II subject test; **or**
 - Have a major or its equivalent in the content area; **or**
 - Have an advanced degree in the content area; **or**
 - Have National Board Certification in the content area



13. How much experience do I need to work at Center City PCS?

Center City PCS values all teachers in the various stages of their educational careers. However, we require all applicants to have experience working with children.

14. Does Center City sponsor international teachers?

Depending on specific hiring needs, Center City PCS may consider a candidate who requires additional authorization (e.g., a work visa) to work in the United States. Center City PCS is under no obligation to fund expenses relating to work visas.

15. How to Contact Us

If you have additional questions, please contact the recruitment office at (202) 589-0202 or email us at jobs@centercitypcs.org. We look forward to receiving your application.