



Rocketship Public Schools

Fully Operational!

After beginning operations in the 2021-22 school year, Vision To Learn's Washington D.C. program was fully operational this year. Partnering with District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Vision To Learn's team provided over 8,000 DCPS students with vision screenings, nearly 2,000 with eye exams, and over 1,300 with glasses.

Additionally, the program led the way for raising awareness about the national student vision health crisis and rallying supporters to address it. Vision To Learn held an event with Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra to raise awareness and support for what experts estimate to be more than 3 million students nationwide that go to school every day unable to see the board or pages of a textbook clearly. At the event, Secretary Becerra highlighted the

“No child should have to learn without being able to see well. These kids should have every chance to learn. Giving them a pair of glasses is just one of those steps.”

— Xavier Becerra
Secretary of Health and Human Services

national need for school-based student vision care as dozens of Noyes Elementary School students tried on their new glasses for the first time. This recognition from Secretary Becerra about the critical role of student vision health in academic success, and the promotion of the use of programs like Vision To Learn to reverse widespread disparities in access to care, further increased awareness of Vision To Learn nationally and has laid the groundwork for the program obtaining new national supporters.

Rocketing to New Heights

Last March, Vision To Learn’s Washington D.C. team celebrated a successful start to our partnership with Rocketship Public School’s DC Region by holding a glasses celebration at Rocketship Rise Academy. This partnership saw Vision To Learn provide vision care services to Rocketship Public Schools’ three locations all at no-cost to the students or their families. The initiative was an overwhelming success with over 900 Rocketeers receiving vision screenings, 278 getting an eye exam and 162 being provided glasses.

At the glasses celebration representatives from Vision To Learn and Rocketship Public Schools took part in a ceremony that provided the final 60 Rocketeers of the school year with a brand-new pair of glasses. We look forward to continuing our partnership with Rocketship Public Schools to work together to ensure that all kids in Washington D.C. have the glasses they need to see clearly in school and in life!

2022 - 2023

Exams and glasses by district

31
SITES
SERVED



Ben's Chili Bowl

WASHINGTON D.C.

DISTRICT

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ROCKETSHIP PUBLIC
SCHOOLS



Exams

1,716

257



Glasses

1,378

162