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District of Columbia Students Post Steady Gains with *Eureka Math*[®]

Friday, Sept. 27, 2019—District of Columbia Public School students once again made significant math gains in almost every grade level on the end-of-year PARCC [test](#) with *Eureka Math*, the curriculum in use across district schools.

On the test administered this past spring, 32.4 percent of students [achieved](#) a Level 4 or Level 5—the highest scores. That’s up from 23.9 percent hitting those marks in the 2015–2016 school year, the year before *Eureka Math* was adopted.

DCPS students have made improvements in each of the three years the curriculum has been in place. *Eureka Math* is written through a collaboration of teachers and mathematicians and published by the Washington, D.C.-based firm Great Minds.

DCPS also saw the percentage of students struggling in math, scoring at Level 1 or Level 2, drop, meaning more students are making progress across achievement levels.

Some of the biggest gains were seen in high school students, with a 5.4 percentage point [increase](#) on the latest assessment in students performing at the proficient level in Geometry and Algebra II.

Neighboring Montgomery County Public Schools is rolling out *Eureka Math* this [fall](#) after a Johns Hopkins University review found the district’s outgoing curriculum wasn’t adequately aligned with college- and career-ready learning standards.

Great Minds developed *Eureka Math* and its predecessor, EngageNY Math, working with classroom teachers and mathematicians from higher education. The creators sought to produce a math curriculum that would meet more rigorous learning standards; improve students’ understanding of mathematics as a body of knowledge rather than simply a set of skills; help students better apply math toward solving real-world problems; and provide teachers with detailed instructional methods.

Independent reviewers, including EdReports.org, have given *Eureka Math* high scores for alignment with standards and usability in the classroom. *Eureka Math* is available for Prekindergarten through Grade 12.

About Great Minds: Great Minds provides the highest quality curricula to schools and districts nationwide, inspiring joy in teaching and learning. Great Minds is the only curriculum creator to have earned three Tier 1 ratings, the highest possible, from the Louisiana Department of Education, highly respected for its curricular leadership. Curricula earning the Tier 1 ratings were *Wit & Wisdom*, *Eureka Math*, and *PhD Science*[™]. A 2016 RAND Corporation report [found Eureka Math](#) and its original version, EngageNY Math, to be the most widely used elementary school math curricula in the nation. *Geodes*[®], a library of beautifully illustrated, content-rich books with phonics practice for emerging readers, is the latest Great Minds offering to delight teachers and students. Learn more at greatminds.org.