

NORTHWESTERN BUILDING SCHOOL USE

An important change is happening at a building near you.

Starting this school year, the Northwestern Building will serve as the temporary home of **Frederick Douglass High School** while their permanent building undergoes a full renovation to improve the quality of education for its students. Located at **6900 Park Heights Avenue**, the Northwestern Building is maintained by Baltimore City Public Schools and will play a role similar as it recently did for Cross Country Elementary/Middle School.

As valued community members, we want to connect with you, address potential concerns, and be a direct source for your ideas and questions. **Please be assured that we are committed to working with you.**

Effective Dates: Douglass will occupy the Northwestern Building during the **2024-25 & 2025-26 school years** (Aug 2024-June 2026).

Site Improvements & School Updates:

- We've **expanded parking** to accommodate Frederick Douglass faculty and students
- We've designated a **school police officer to be on-site** to support school safety
- We've made many **improvements to the building and grounds**, including restoration of the fields to playable condition and use of the school's pool

Working with the Community:

- We've started a **Community Advisory Board** made of your surrounding community associations and other stakeholders.
- Visit the school's website or use the QR code below to find the **school's schedule for fall athletic events**, including those happening on **Fridays**.
- If you or your organization are **interested in using the school's recreational space** during the summer and non-school hours, submit requests here: bit.ly/schoolpermit
- Use the QR Code on this page for more information or email 21stCenturyBuildings@bcps.k12.md.us
- See the reverse side of this document for school contact info.



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FREDERICK DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL FACTS

- Frederick Douglass enrolls about **700 students** per year
- **Opening to closing bells:** 8:00 AM- 2:50 PM
- Comprehensive HS that offers AP Courses, College Credits, and Career and Technology Education programs, such as Emergency Medical Technicians, Law and Leadership, JROTC, etc.
- Established in 1883 for African American students in Baltimore, Douglass is one of the oldest high schools in the nation. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, a graduate of the class of 1926, is one of Douglass' most notable alumni.

MEET THE PRINCIPAL



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NORTHWESTERN BUILDING FUTURE SCHOOL USE

Northwestern building will be in use for swing space for two additional schools, Western High School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, starting at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year through the end of the 2029-30 school year. We'll continue to expand spaces and address other needs as they arise.

Why is Frederick Douglass the first to use the building?

The progression of the three High Schools into the space was done intentionally, with the smallest school to swing first, while the largest school will be the last to use the building. Considering the community impacts, we arranged to increase in size gradually, rather than all at one time.

Who do I contact with questions?

During Frederick Douglass' time using the building, please contact their staff. See their contact information above. You can also reach out to **Ivy McNeill** from the 21st Century Schools Office at 21stCenturyBuildings@bcps.k12.md.us

Western High School Facts:

- Western High School enrolls about **1200 students in grades 9-12** per year
- **Opening to closing bell:** 8:00 AM- 2:55 PM
- School will occupy the Northwestern Building starting in **SY2026-27 thru 2027-28**
- College preparatory school founded in 1844; the oldest all-girls public high school in the nation and is one of the city's most distinguished institutions of learning.

Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Facts:

- Baltimore Polytechnic Institute enrolls about **1500 students in grades 9-12** per year
- **Opening to closing bell:** 8:00 AM- 2:50 PM
- School will occupy the Northwestern Building starting in **SY2028-29 thru 2029-30**
- Programming is centered around **STEM** education and the humanities.
- Founded in 1883, established as Baltimore's premier engineering program.

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