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Check out these Washington Neighborhoods

Our school's close proximity to Washington, D.C. offers the opportunity to experience the urban built environment first hand. These four neighborhoods developed from different backgrounds and for different purposes resulting in their own unique character. So hop on the metro, grab a bite to eat in one of these neighborhoods and explore.

DUPONT CIRCLE

Metro: Red Line Dupont Circle

Dupont Circle is located at the intersection of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut Avenues and has its own metro stop on the Red line. Named for Admiral Samuel Francis Dupont in 1882, the circle is now one of Washington's highest activity areas due to its mix of housing, offices, commercial, retail and restaurants. Be sure to check out 15 DuPont Circle where Charles Lindbergh made his famous balcony address. Just a short walk away, on Massachusetts Avenue, is Embassy Row where countries such as Brazil, Finland and Greece have located their Embassies.



LOGAN CIRCLE

Metro: Green Line U Street

As a major element of L'Enfant's 1791 plan for Washington, D.C., Logan Circle quickly became one of the most fashionable addresses in the city. The intersection of the city's grid streets and diagonal avenues with the circle created the irregularly shaped building lots that led to the imaginately designed houses found around the circle. Most of the three- to four- story brick and stone houses were built between 1874 and 1887 when the Second Empire, High Victorian Gothic and Romanesque Revival styles were in vogue. Although diverse in style these houses share a common scale, height, texture and setback.



U STREET

Metro: Green Line U Street

A community entrenched in cultural heritage, U Street (between 12th and 16th Streets) is currently undergoing extensive urban renewal. In its heyday in the 1920s entertainers such as Nat King Cole and Red Foxx played the clubs along U Street. In addition, Duke Ellington grew up in the neighborhood. However, in the 50s, U Street became overcome with crime and poverty and remained off the radar for some time. The completion of the metro station in 1992 stimulated a renewed interest in the community, increasing the value of the homes in the area and encouraging businesses to locate there. Be sure to stop by Ben's Chilli Bowl and then check out the numerous construction projects going on in this area.

EASTERN MARKET

Metro: Blue and Orange Line Eastern Mkt

Eastern Market is located on North Carolina Avenue and 7th Street, SE on Capitol Hill and can be accessed by the blue and orange line metro train. The market has been in continuous operation since 1873 and is DC's last public fresh food and farmer's market. Its South Hall houses a variety of fresh-food stalls as well as Market Lunch and is best known for its homemade bread, blueberry pancakes and crabcakes. The North Hall is occupied by Market Five Gallery, Inc., a non-profit organization to promote the arts.



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