

Kaplan Aspect Washington, DC

As the capital of United States, Washington, DC is a beautiful city with all of the cultural advantages of a major metropolitan area. We have excellent theatres such as the Kennedy Center, famous monuments, the Smithsonian Museums, and many prestigious universities. International students feel quite at home in Washington's multicultural neighbourhoods. We have a great mix of cultures and backgrounds in the people who come to this area to study, work and travel.

The Washington, DC Kaplan Aspect school offers first-class modern facilities with an extensive library of self-study material to be used in school. The self-study material includes access to the school's video lab with over 25 TVs and VCRs and DVD players, to the computer lab with over 25 computers with free Internet and WiFi access for international students. Additionally, the DC school has an English Language lab with computers for students to practise the TOEFL iBT.



Kaplan Aspect Washington, DC

Kaplan Aspect Educational Programs in the USA are accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training.



Kaplan Aspect is a member of AAIEP (American Association of Intensive English Programmes), TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) and NAESA (Association for International Educators).



Kaplan Aspect Washington DC
2025 M Street
Washington DC 20036
USA

School Facilities

Classrooms

The Washington DC Kaplan Aspect School has 9 classrooms for group classes and two additional small-group/private tutoring rooms. All of our classrooms are clean and spacious with plenty of room for our students to spread out. The classrooms are equipped with tables and chairs – ideal for group and pair work exercises - with a whiteboard for the instructor's presentations. There is also a state of the art auditorium for student use.

Multimedia and IT centre

There are in Kaplan Aspect School 2 computer labs, with more than 25 computers for student use. There is also free Internet and WiFi access for international students.

Library

Our lending library has a wide variety of textbooks, dictionaries, specific-skill texts and reference materials for students to use for additional practice. We also have multimedia materials (CDs, DVDs and CD ROMs) for students to borrow and use during their structured study hours.

Student Lounge

Two microwaves, vending machines and tables are available in the student lounge, which is open while the school is open. There is also a rooftop patio with deck tables and chairs and a shaded seating area

Cafeteria

There is no cafeteria, but students have access to microwaves and vending machines in the student lounge and there are seating areas where they can eat.

Sports facilities

Washington Sports Club - 1835 Connecticut Avenue, NW
Francis Park - 24th and N Streets, NW (basketball courts, volleyball, and an outdoor swimming pool)
Stead Park - 1625 P Street, NW (basketball courts)
Dunbar Pool - 1301 New Jersey Avenue, NW (outdoor swimming pool)

Gym facilities

Bally Total Fitness - 2000 L Street, NW, #1B
Gold's Gym - 1120 20th St., NW

Activities/Social Programme

Kaplan Aspect, Washington DC provides a lively calendar of activities to fill your days. With workshops, parties, walking tours, museum trips, sporting events, and more, you'll discover the best of Washington DC. These activities are lead by a member of the Kaplan Aspect staff and will help you to meet new people and discover the city.



Kaplan Aspect classroom



Computer facilities

Your first day

On the first day of your course you need to report to Kaplan Aspect School, which is located on the 2025 M Street, NW, at 9:45am. Your first day will be a Monday unless there is a national holiday on the Monday - in which case your first day will be Tuesday.

Your course will begin with an all-day introduction, which will include:

- Welcome and Introduction
- Meet the English Programs Staff and New Class mates, Collect Documents
- English Placement Exam
- Lunch
- New Student Orientation, Overview of Washington, DC & The Kaplan Aspect School, Academic Orientation, F-1 Student Orientation, Housing Orientation

Please bring the following with you:

- Passport and I-94 form (Green piece of paper you will receive upon arrival to the USA)
- I-20 form (Certificate of Eligibility), if required
- Proof of health insurance, if required
- Your address in the USA
- Course Payment/Voucher, if available
- Payment for outstanding balances
- All your Kaplan Aspect documents and a pen and paper for notetaking purposes.

At the end of the day you will receive information about your class schedule, classroom number, study level, elective course, and the hours you are to attend class. You will be assigned the most appropriate class for your level of English.

Local Information

Transport - buses and trains

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority offers transportation services by bus and rapid transit rail throughout the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland. Typical fares range from \$1.25 to \$3.90 one-way. The DC Center is serviced by the Red Line at the Dupont Circle Metro stop and by the Orange and Blue Lines at the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.

Banks and Post Office

Regional and international banks such as Chevy Chase, Bank of America, Citibank, and Wachovia are all conveniently located within walking distance of the school.

Restaurants and cafés

There are numerous independent and national cafes and restaurants located around the school. Popular lunch options include Le Baguette, McDonald's, Moby Dick, and Fuddruckers.

Department stores and supermarkets

The local Department Store is Macy's with locations at Metro Center and Pentagon City. Safeway, Giant, Trader Joe's, and Whole Foods all have multiple supermarket locations in the District of Columbia.

Church / Mosque

The Washington National Cathedral is located 3 miles from the DC Kaplan Aspect Center. The Islamic Mosque and Cultural Center is located 2 miles from the DC Kaplan Aspect Center.



Washington monument



Jazz concert



Capitol building



White house

Cost of Living

Approximate prices in USD

Sandwich	\$6
Lunch	\$8
Meal in a restaurant	\$25
Tea/Coffee	\$1.75
Tickets:	
Movie	\$10
Bus	\$1.25
Metrobus Weekly Pass	\$11
7-Day Short Trip Pass	\$22
7-Day Fast Pass	\$32.50

Sample Activities Schedule

Please note that this is a sample programme and activities may change. See a current activities schedule at: www.kaplanaspect.com

Week one

Monday	Welcome new students!
Tuesday	Shopping
Wednesday	Movie night
Thursday	River boat cruises on the Potomac River
Friday	Major league baseball games

Week two

Monday	Barbeque night
Tuesday	Visit to coffee house
Wednesday	Shopping
Thursday	Visit to Theatre
Friday	Visit to local restaurants
Saturday	Festivals and celebrations on the National Mall

The Team

Kaplan Aspect Washington, DC



English Programs Director:
Suzanne Jayaraman
 Suzanne has been the English Programs Director for 10 years. She has been involved in the field of International Education for the past 20 years. Her great experience will definitely help you to solve any problems you might have.



Student Services Manager:
Joseph Burrow
 Joseph is always happy to answer any questions or solve concerns during your studies with Kaplan Aspect. Additionally, for those of you who have booked accommodation through Kaplan Aspect he is your contact for any problems that may arise.

Course Information

Courses

- Vacation English
- General English
- Intensive English
- TOEFL iBT and Academic English
- iGMAT/iGRE
- General Academic Year
- Intensive Academic Year
- General Academic Semester
- Intensive Academic Semester

Services

- University Placement

Transfer Information

Kaplan Aspect transfers

Depending on your airport and flight your driver will pick you up either in front of the row of telephones in the International Arrivals Terminal or at Baggage Claim. A confirmation of the meeting point, drop-off location and driver will be e-mailed to you before arrival. Your driver will be holding a sign with the Kaplan Aspect logo and your name.

Independent Transfers

There are three airports that service the Metro Washington, DC area Dulles, National and BWI. Rates vary depending on distance to the drop-off location for most car and shuttle services.

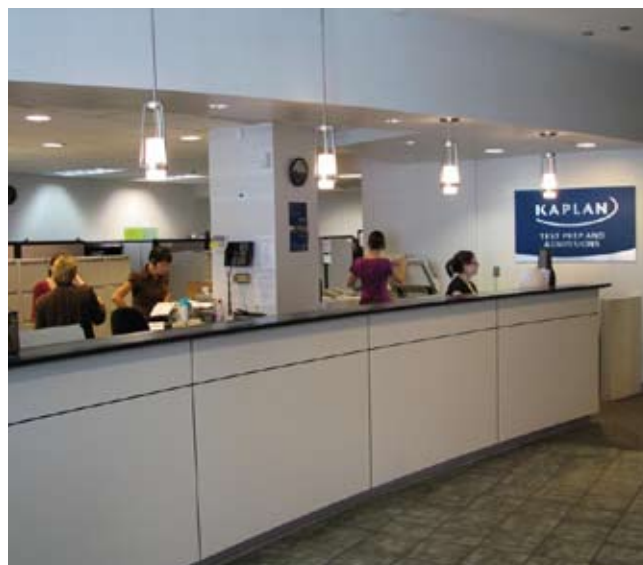
Washington Flyer Taxi offer rates between \$51 and \$58 one-way to/from Dulles International Airport. Call 703 661 6655 to book a transfer.

Super Shuttle offers service between all three airports and points throughout the Washington, DC area. Rates are typically cheaper than taxis but the trip usually takes longer as it is a ride share service. Book online at www.supershuttle.com.

Washington Flyer Coach Service offers transfer from Dulles to the West Falls Church Metro Stop. This is a good option for those whose final destination is located close to a Metro stop. One-way fares are \$9. Visit www.washfly.com for more information.

You can take a MARC train from BWI to Washington DC's Union Station for \$4. Visit www.mtamaryland.com for more information.

Reagan National Airport is conveniently connected to Washington, DC by Metro.



Kaplan Aspect school reception