



Dear Family of Sample,

Thank you for choosing DC Public Schools (DCPS) for your child's educational journey. As you begin to prepare for what's next for Sample after they graduate DCPS, we are here to support and partner with you to ensure they are ready for the future.

I am excited to share the DCPS Guide to Graduation, Career, and College. This resource is designed to facilitate ongoing conversations among Sample, Jackson-Reed High School, and your family regarding life beyond our district. The guide includes specific information about your child's progress toward graduation, college, and career readiness.

**What's Inside:**

- **Transcript (Pages 2-3):** Outlines past course performance and academic record.
- **Graduation (Page 4):** Details progress towards high school graduation requirements.
- **College (Page 5):** Explores what colleges seek in candidates and steps to prepare for higher education.
- **Career (Pages 6-8):** Provides information on career pathways aligned with Sample's interests.
- **Next Steps (Page 9):** Highlights additional actions Sample can take to reach their graduation, college, and career-related goals.

**Next Steps:**

- Review this resource with Sample and discuss their graduation progress along with career and college options.
- Visit the Parent and Student Portal to view Sample's most recent attendance, grades, and credits at [www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS](http://www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS).
- Connect with your school's counselor, whose name is at the top of this letter, for questions or additional information.
- Refer to and implement the recommended action plan on Page 9.

Please note that the guide reflects your student's academic progress as of February 2024. While some details may have changed, this information serves as a starting point for discussions at home and in school about academic goals and planning for the future.

We look forward to collaborating to ensure Sample's success in high school and beyond.

In partnership,  
Lewis D. Ferebee, Ed.D.  
Chancellor, DC Public Schools

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRESS

You are on track for all subjects required for graduation. Your graduation progress data was pulled on 09-09-2024 and only reflects what you completed as of that date. Schedule time to meet with your counselor and bring this document with you to see what your progress looks like with your current course schedule. View page 10 for additional resources and recommended next steps.

One checkbox represents .5 credits for all subjects.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Music</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				You are on track in music for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Phys Ed/Health</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Science</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	You are on track in Science for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.

LEGEND

Must Take



Enrolled



Course Passed



## 's Roadmap for College and Beyond

The college application process begins in early Fall. Use this roadmap to stay on track toward college success!

### College Entrance Exams

Test scores from the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) are used by some colleges to assess your academic preparedness for college. Even at test-optional colleges, scores may be used for scholarship and merit aid consideration. Do your research! Some colleges will accept your superscore, the combination of your highest scores from each test section. Testing multiple times allows you to achieve a higher superscore.

- Participate in the free [DCPS SAT Fall School day](#) & if you choose, take an SAT or ACT weekend exam. Ask your counselor about an SAT weekend fee waiver.
- Determine what colleges on your list require testing.
- For test-optional colleges, determine if your scores will support your application.
- Submit your official test scores to your colleges.



### Applying Successfully

Colleges have early application deadlines in the fall, and meeting these deadlines can boost your chances of admission and securing scholarships.

- Apply to at least 2 Smart Colleges.
- Complete application via the [Common App](#), [Common Black Application](#), [Coalition for College](#), or direct to the college.
- Request transcripts and recommendation letters through Naviance.
- Finalize college essay by having it edited by a trusted adult.
- Check email often for missing application materials.
- Write an activities list that showcases your accomplishments and leadership.

You can do it!



### College Success

DCPS is committed to ensuring that students who enroll in college graduate & achieve successful careers. DCPS Persists is an alumni program that provides DCPS students with a support network to succeed in college.

- Register for [DCPS Persists](#), attend orientation and attend Summit & Send-Off event.
- Request final Transcript through Naviance.
- Know amount and due date of first bill.
- Work with the college's Registrar or Transfer Credit Office to ensure your credits from dual enrollment, AP and IB courses are accepted.
- Check your personal and college email regularly.
- Familiarize yourself with campus resources, activities, and career support.



### Exploring Colleges

Smart Colleges are institutions from which you have a higher likelihood of graduating based on your academic profile. You will be recommended to consider certain colleges. The stronger your GPA and test score, the more selective universities you should be applying to.

- Meet with your counselor and/or college and career coordinator to identify your Smart College target.
- Use [Naviance](#) and [BigFuture](#) to research colleges.
- Visit colleges by going to campus tours, fly-ins, and open houses.
- Finalize your college list. It should include a mix of likely, match, and reach colleges & universities.



### Paying for College

Each student's cost of attendance will differ; you will not know your cost of attendance until you submit your financial aid applications. As a family, discuss whether and how much your family can contribute toward the cost of college. Complete financial aid applications early! The FAFSA is scheduled to open December 1. It will require input from both students and families.

- Explore [colleges that meet 100% financial need](#).
- If eligible, submit the [FAFSA](#) and the [CSS Profile](#).
- Complete [Net Price Calculators](#) to estimate what your family may be expected to pay toward tuition.
- If qualified, apply for DC grants and scholarships like [DCTAG](#) and [Mayor's Scholars](#).
- Apply for scholarships starting now! Sign up for the [DCPS Dollars4College Scholarship and Financial Aid Newsletter](#).

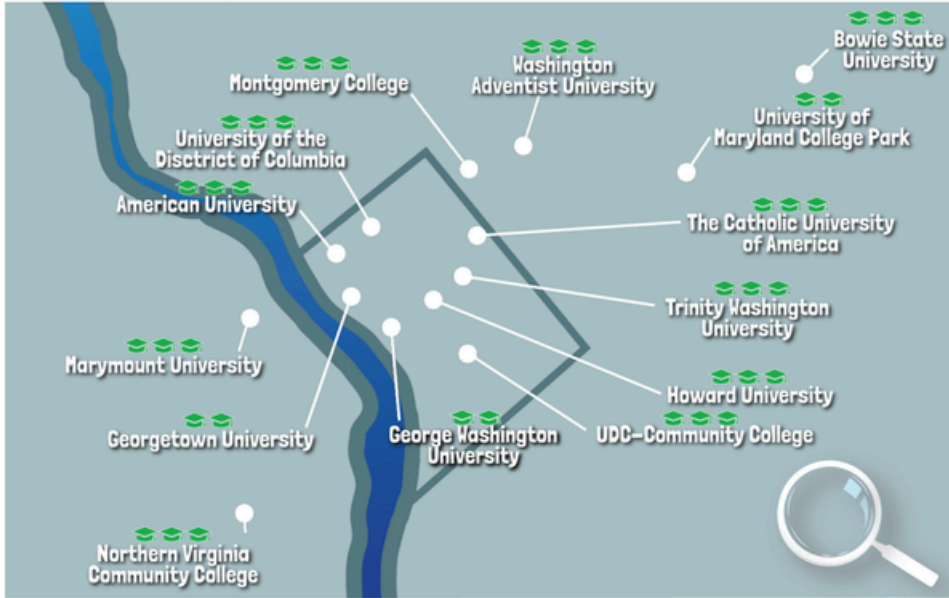
### College Decisions & Enrollment

After being admitted to colleges, you will receive a financial aid award letter from each school, upon successful submission of FAFSA and if applicable, the CSS profile. Compare the financial aid packages offered, then make the best financial, academic & social choice.

- Compare financial aid award letters. Use a [cost comparison tool](#) and your school's counselor or college and career counselor for support.
- By May 1, accept your admissions offer & pay your deposit; some colleges may offer fee waivers if needed. Choose a college based on the best financial, academic, and social match.
- Ensure you submit required college documents including housing applications, health forms, and orientation registration.

This map shows colleges in the region that could be a good fit. Depending on your GPA and standardized test scores, colleges may be reach, match or likely options for you. A good match for you may not be a good match for your friend. Connect with your counselor and/or college and career coordinator to explore more Smart Colleges!

### DC Area Colleges



### Explore Options for College

What determines whether a school is a likely, match, or reach? It is largely determined by your GPA. Based on your academic profile a school may be considered in one of the three categories:

**Likely:** Colleges that you are very likely to be accepted to based on your academic profile and/or the acceptance rate of the college. Students should always have a few of these schools on their college list. Students should apply to likely colleges that they would attend if accepted, meaning they should still consider cost, location, and fit.

**Match:** Colleges that you are likely to get into based on your academic profile. A college is considered a match if your GPA and/or test scores fall between the 25th-75th percentile of students enrolled at the college. This means that you fall into the middle of students who are accepted into that specific college and/or university.

**Reach:** Colleges that are highly selective, or that you are less likely to get accepted to based on your academic profile and/or the acceptance rate of the college. Generally, a college is considered a reach if your GPA and/or test score fall below the 25th percentile of students enrolled at the college.

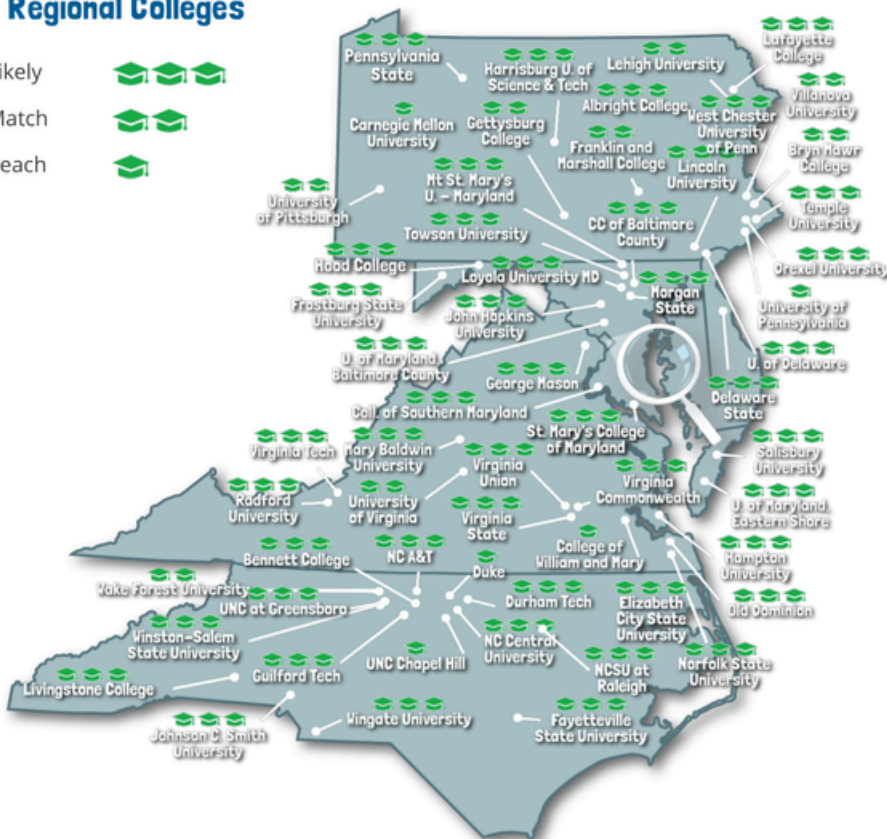
### Sample Smart College List

The colleges listed below are both popular among students from your high school and have a strong track record of student success.

- University of the District of Columbia
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Temple University
- North Carolina Central University
- Morgan State University
- Pace University
- Howard University
- George Mason University
- Towson University
- North Carolina A & T State University

### Regional Colleges

- Likely
- Match
- Reach



**COMMUNITY COLLEGES** give you an opportunity to build up your college transcript and transfer to a 4-year university when you are ready. There are various community colleges in the DC area with strong transfer programs such as Northern Virginia Community Colleges in VA, and Montgomery College in MD.



**Work Based Learning**

Documented Experiences	
<b>Career Exploration</b> Guest speaker Industry Site Visit	<b># of Events Attended</b> 0
<b>Career Preparation</b> Internship Pre-apprenticeship	<b># of Events Attended</b> 0

**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Participant (earned 1+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concentrator (earned 3+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completer (earned 4+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Certifications**

Career Industry	Opportunity
Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coding for Social Good</li> <li>Computer Science Summer Institute (CSSI) at Google</li> <li>Microsoft High School Internship</li> </ul>

**Internships**

Career Industry	Opportunity
Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Technology Certification</li> <li>Introductory Certification in Coding</li> <li>CompTIA</li> </ul>



**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Community College Baltimore County;  
Community College of Southern Maryland;  
Montgomery College

**PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER**

[CC of Baltimore County](#)  
[College of Southern Maryland](#)  
[Montgomery College](#)

GED/HS

**Careers**

**Wages**

Computer Operators	\$25.20
Word Processors & Typists	\$20.27

**Annual Income**

**\$47,285**

**FOUR YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

Catholic; GMU; UDC

**PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER**

[Catholic University of America](#)  
[George Mason University](#)  
[UDC](#)

BA/BS

**Careers**

**Wages**

Computer Hardware Engineers	\$60.72
Computer Network Architects	\$57.69

**Annual Income**

**\$99,990**

MD/PHD/DD

**Careers**

**Wages**

Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$77.83
Architectural & Engineering Managers	\$71.80

**Annual Income**

**\$155,610**



**Work Based Learning**

Documented Experiences	
<b>Career Exploration</b>	<b># of Events Attended</b>
Guest speaker Industry Site Visit	0
<b>Career Preparation</b>	<b># of Events Attended</b>
Internship Pre-apprenticeship	0

**Certifications**

Career Industry	Opportunity
Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Institute of Health</li> <li>Kaiser Permanente LAUNCH Program</li> <li>Johns Hopkins CARES Summer Program</li> </ul>

**Internships**

Career Industry	Opportunity
Health Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Health Science Certificate</li> <li>Phlebotomy Technician Certification</li> <li>STNA Certification</li> </ul>

**CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Participant (earned 1+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concentrator (earned 3+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completer (earned 4+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>



**COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Montgomery College;  
Community College of Southern Maryland; NOVA

**PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER**

- [Montgomery College](#)
- [Northern VA Comm. College](#)
- [College of Southern Maryland](#)

GED/HS

**Careers**

**Wages**

Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants	\$33.59
Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	\$30.25

**Annual Income**

**\$35,350**

**FOUR YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES**

Trinity; Penn State; Howard

**PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER**

- [Trinity Washington University](#)
- [Pennsylvania State University](#)
- [Howard University](#)

CERTIFICATE

**Careers**

**Wages**

Dental Hygienists	\$45.73
Radiation Therapists	\$38.77

**Annual Income**

**\$51,280**

BA/BS

**Careers**

**Wages**

Natural Sciences Managers	\$64.63
Medical & Health Services Managers	\$53.95

**Annual Income**

**\$81,320**

MD/PHD/DD

**Careers**

**Wages**

Obstetricians & Gynecologists	\$89.99
Physicians & Surgeons	\$87.85

**Annual Income**

**\$105,730**

# CAREER INTEREST

A 3RD CAREER THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IS:  
Business, Management and Administration



## Work Based Learning

Documented Experiences	
<b>Career Exploration</b> Guest speaker Industry Site Visit	<b># of Events Attended</b> 0
<b>Career Preparation</b> Internship Pre-apprenticeship	<b># of Events Attended</b> 0

## Certifications

Career Industry	Opportunity
Business, Management and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hacking Entrepreneurship</li> <li>Social-Impact Companies/NGOs</li> <li>Virtual Internship</li> <li>Business &amp; Finance</li> <li>Virtual Internship</li> </ul>

## CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Participant (earned 1+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Concentrator (earned 3+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Completer (earned 4+ CTE credits)	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Internships

Career Industry	Opportunity
Business, Management and Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Profit Management Certificate</li> <li>Entrepreneurship and Small Business Certification</li> <li>Yale University Certification Course on Financial Markets</li> </ul>



### COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Community College  
Baltimore County;  
Montgomery College; UDC  
CC

### PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

[Montgomery College](#)  
[CC of Baltimore County](#)  
[UDC CC](#)

GED/HS

Careers	Wages
Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants	\$33.59
Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers	\$30.98
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>\$42,160</b>

CERTIFICATE

Careers	Wages
Transport., Storage, & Distribution Managers	\$55.63
Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers	\$35.50
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>\$73,830</b>

### FOUR YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

Catholic; Howard; GWU

### PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

[Catholic University of America](#)  
[George Washington University](#)  
[Howard University](#)

BA/BS

Careers	Wages
Public Relations & Fundraising Managers	\$72.74
Financial Managers	\$70.69
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>\$97,950</b>

MD/PHD/DD

Careers	Wages
Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$77.83
Sales Managers	\$74.87
<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>\$118,160</b>


**ACTION STEPS**

You are on track for graduation.

You did not select any pathways in your Naviance postsecondary survey. Below you'll find action steps on graduation and postsecondary pathways to ensure success in high school and beyond.

**Next Steps by Postsecondary Pathway**

Your postsecondary pathway will determine your next steps! Review the steps below with your family, counselor, and CCC to create your individual plan for postsecondary success.

<b>Graduation Action Steps</b>	<p><b>1</b> Meet with Counselor to discuss graduation progress, verify schedule, and sign Letter of Understanding.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Create a plan to complete community service hours, inclusive of winter and spring break options, if needed.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Enroll in academic recovery options as necessary to remain on track for graduation.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Complete all graduation obligations, including submitting community service forms and completing the Senior Exit Survey in Naviance.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Register for the selective services (males only) within 30 days of 18th birthday.</p>	
<b>Apprenticeship Action Steps</b>	<p><b>1</b> Review common requirements for Apprenticeship Programs: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/postsecondary-pathways/">https://dcpscareready.org/postsecondary-pathways/</a>.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Explore DMV area apprenticeship programs by industry: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/search/">https://dcpscareready.org/search/</a>.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Prepare for opportunity by completing a resume and mock interview. Resources Available: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/for-educators/resume-resources/">https://dcpscareready.org/for-educators/resume-resources/</a>.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Complete apprenticeship program applications (note: many programs have different deadline throughout the calendar year).</p>		
<b>Career Education Pathway</b>	<p><b>1</b> Review common requirements for Career Education Programs: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/postsecondary-pathways/">https://dcpscareready.org/postsecondary-pathways/</a>.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Explore DMV area career education programs by industry: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/search/">https://dcpscareready.org/search/</a>.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Prepare for opportunity by taking the CASAS entrance exam, completing a resume, and mock interview. Resources Available: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/for-educators/resume-resources/">https://dcpscareready.org/for-educators/resume-resources/</a>.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Complete Career Education applications and upload copy of submission in Naviance (See school staff to support with this step).</p>		
<b>Military Pathway</b>	<p><b>1</b> Explore all branches of the military.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Take ASVAB exam at your school (if offered) or local recruitment office. Aim to achieve AFQT score of at least a 31.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Meet with military recruiter and submit required documents along with ASVAB scores.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Pass physical fitness evaluation at Military Entrance Processing Station.</p>		
<b>Direct Employment Pathway</b>	<p><b>1</b> Identify industry in which you are interested in pursuing a job. Explore employment opportunities by industry: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/search/">https://dcpscareready.org/search/</a>.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Students with disabilities (IEP or 504 plan) can apply for adult services through Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) by the end of October 2024.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Complete resume and prepare for interviews with employers. Resources Available: <a href="https://dcpscareready.org/for-educators/resume-resources/">https://dcpscareready.org/for-educators/resume-resources/</a>.</p>	<p><b>4</b> Complete an employment application and upload copy of submission in Naviance (See school staff to support with this step).</p>		
<b>College Application Action Steps</b>	<p><b>1</b> Log in to Naviance via Clever to explore and apply to College.</p>	<p><b>2</b> Use the Common App, Common Black App &amp; other application platforms to apply by the Early Action deadline.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Complete financial aid forms including the <a href="#">FAFSA</a>, <a href="#">CCS Profile</a> (if needed) and DC Financial Aid.</p>	<p><b>4</b> By May 1, choose &amp; enroll in a college that is a financial, academic, &amp; social match.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Join DCPS Persists to ensure a support network &amp; college success.</p>	