



Dear Family of _____

Thank you for partnering with us to support _____ success in DCPS and beyond. We are excited to share _____ Guide to Graduation, Career, and College. The Guide provides personalized information regarding _____ progress toward graduation and resources to support their success after graduation. It is meant to support ongoing conversations between _____, your family, and Jackson-Reed High School about _____'s path to graduation, postsecondary education, and career.

What's Inside:

- **Transcript (Pages 2-3):** Learn more about _____'s course performance to date.
- **Next Steps (Page 4):** Learn more about important resources in the community to promote independent living and career success, and steps that _____ can take on the path to graduation.

What To Do Next:

- Look through this resource together with _____ and talk about their graduation progress, post-secondary education, and career options.
- Write down questions you want to ask your school counselor or case manager and reach out to set up a meeting with them.

Remember that you can check on your student's attendance, grades, and progress toward graduation anytime via the Parent and Student Portal - visit www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS for more information.

We are excited to provide this resource for you as we work together to ensure _____'s success in high school, postsecondary pathway, and career.

In partnership,
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ACTION STEPS

In accordance with your Individual Education Program (IEP), you are enrolled in courses that will lead to you earning a special education certificate. Included in your graduation plan for a special education certificate is a course of study designed to support your postsecondary goals in the area of education or training, employment, and independent living.

Please discuss the below recommendations with your special education case manager and school counselor.

- Project SEARCH prepares DCPS adult students (18-22) with intellectual and other developmental disabilities for competitive employment. Learn more about Project SEARCH at this link: <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/project-search-service> Speak with your case manager about applying for the program.

- River Terrace Education Campus: Workforce Development Center provides DCPS adult students (18-22) with intellectual and developmental disabilities specialized training in the areas of Health Services, Horticulture, or Hospitality. Speak with your case manager about applying for the program.

- The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) provides vocational rehabilitation transition services, for students with disabilities, beginning at age 14, to create a continuum of services leading to long-term employment outcomes. Learn more at this link: <https://dds.dc.gov/page/youth-transition-program>

- The Developmental Disabilities Administration coordinates home and community services for qualified adults with intellectual disabilities so each person can live and work in the neighborhood of his or her choosing. Learn more about this service at this link: <https://dds.dc.gov/service/services-people-idd>

- Supported decision-making is when a student over the age of 18 years retains their rights as the ultimate decision-maker but consents to let parents continue to be involved. More information about supported decision making can be found at this link: <https://dcps.dc.gov/page/supported-decision-making>

- The Mason LIFE Program is an innovative postsecondary program for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who desire a university experience in a supportive academic environment. Learn more about the Mason LIFE Program at this link: <https://masonlife.gmu.edu/>

- VirtualJobShadow.com empowers individuals to discover, plan and pursue their dreams, offering interactive tools to help students and job seekers develop career paths based on choice, not chance. Explore career opportunities through <https://VirtualJobShadow.com>.

- The Common Application is an undergraduate college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of more than 950 member colleges and universities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as in Canada, China, Japan, and many European countries. Visit <https://www.commonapp.org/> to learn more and get started.

- Naviance helps students reach their goals by developing skills critical for college, career, and life by providing students with college planning and career assessment tools. To identify resources that can help you on your journey, visit <https://naviance.com/>.