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Street Address
Washington, DC zipcode

Letter From DC Public Schools

Dear Student's Family,

Thank you for partnering with us to support Student's success in DCPS and beyond. We are excited to share Student's Guide to Graduation, Career, and College. The Guide provides personalized information regarding Student's progress toward graduation and college and career readiness. It is meant to support ongoing conversations between Student, your family, and Student's HS about Student's future.

What's Inside:

- **Transcript (Page 2-3):** Learn more about Student's course performance to date.
- **Graduation (Page 4):** Student is off track to graduate. Learn more about Student's progress toward high school graduation.
- **College (Page 5-6):** Learn more about Student's Smart College Choices and the steps to take to prepare for college.
- **Career (Page 7-8):** Learn more about career opportunities in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia metro area that are aligned to Student's interests.
- **Next Steps (Page 9):** Learn more about the steps Student can take to reach their graduation, college, and career-related goals.

What To Do Next:

- Look through this resource together with Student and talk about their graduation progress, and career and college options.
- Write down questions you want to ask your school counselor and reach out to set up a meeting with them.
- Review and take the recommended action steps on Page 9.

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 Student's success in high school, career, and college.

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

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STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PROGRESS

You are not on track yet in the following areas: community service.

There are still opportunities to get fully on track to graduate. Your graduation progress data was pulled on September 3rd, 2021 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 9 for additional resources and recommended next steps.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Career & Technical Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> College Level/Career Prep	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Lab	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			You are on track in community lab for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phys Ed/Health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science	<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 type="checkbox"/> <input 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



One checkbox represents .5 credits for all subjects. One checkbox represents 33.75 hours for community service.

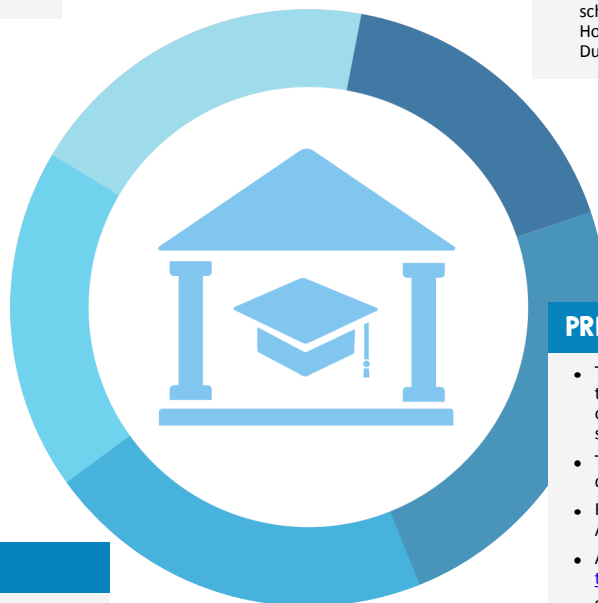
This page of your Guide focuses on what colleges are looking for in you and steps to take to prepare for college.

SMART COLLEGES

- Smart Colleges are institutions at which you have a higher likelihood of being successful and graduating based on your academic profile.
- Meet with your counselor and/or college and career coordinator to identify your Smart College Choices
- Check out our Naviance video on how to research colleges at <http://bit.ly/naviancesupermatch>

CHALLENGE YOURSELF ACADEMICALLY

- The most important admissions factor colleges consider is your academic profile, which includes your GPA, and the challenging courses you are taking throughout high school.
- Your GPA also helps determine which colleges are Smart Colleges for you.
- List all the rigorous courses you took while high school school on your college applications! (For example - Honors, Advance Placement, IB, Dual Enrollment and/or Dual Credit).



PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- The cost of attendance listed on college websites are not always the amount many students pay to attend.
- In addition to the FAFSA, DC Residents may qualify for specific scholarships and grants such as DCTAG and Mayor's Scholars.
- Apply for Scholarships! The monthly DCPS Dollars4College Scholarship and Financial Aid Newsletter provides local and national scholarship for you
- Submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile, if eligible.
- After applying and getting accepted into college, review all financial aid offers and select the one that is best for you and your family.

PREPARE FOR SAT

- Test Scores from the SAT or ACT are used by some colleges to assess your academic preparedness for college. DCPS offers the SAT to seniors, FREE of charge, at their home school during the fall (October 13).
- Test Scores may be used for scholarship and merit aid consideration. Do your research!
- Practice! Studying for the SAT for 20 hours using Khan Academy can lead to a 115-point average score increase.
- Access Khan Academy at <https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep>
- Some colleges may not require test scores for admissions, this means they are Test Optional. To view a list of Test Optional schools visit <https://www.fairtest.org/university/optional>

TELL YOUR STORY!

- Colleges want to know you are a well rounded person - not just a GPA or a test score.
- Extracurricular activities, internships, jobs, and family responsibilities give colleges a full picture of who you are.
- Write your personal statement early! DCPS partners with Story2 to help you write powerful college essays.
- Sign up at to <https://storybuilder.story2.com/register>



ACTIVITIES TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
<input type="checkbox"/> Add your college list to Naviance <input type="checkbox"/> Create your Common App account and match it to your Naviance account <input type="checkbox"/> Write college application essays and/or personal statements <input type="checkbox"/> Request letters of recommendations <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to your top colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Begin FAFSA and CSS Profile (Opened Oct 1), if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete at least one college application by Thanksgiving! <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize your activity list/resume <input type="checkbox"/> Check for email updates from colleges regarding your application status <input type="checkbox"/> Finish your FAFSA and/or CSS Profile <input type="checkbox"/> Senior year grades matter. Stay focused. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for Scholarships!	<input type="checkbox"/> Apply for DCTAG! <input type="checkbox"/> Complete remaining college applications <input type="checkbox"/> Resolve any admission or financial aid problems, if documents are missing, send them! <input type="checkbox"/> Check email frequently	<input type="checkbox"/> Review all financial aid awards prior to committing to a college. <input type="checkbox"/> Decide which college you are attending. Visit them if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> Pay the enrollment deposit (or request a waiver) of the college you plan to attend <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for DCPS Persists <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college

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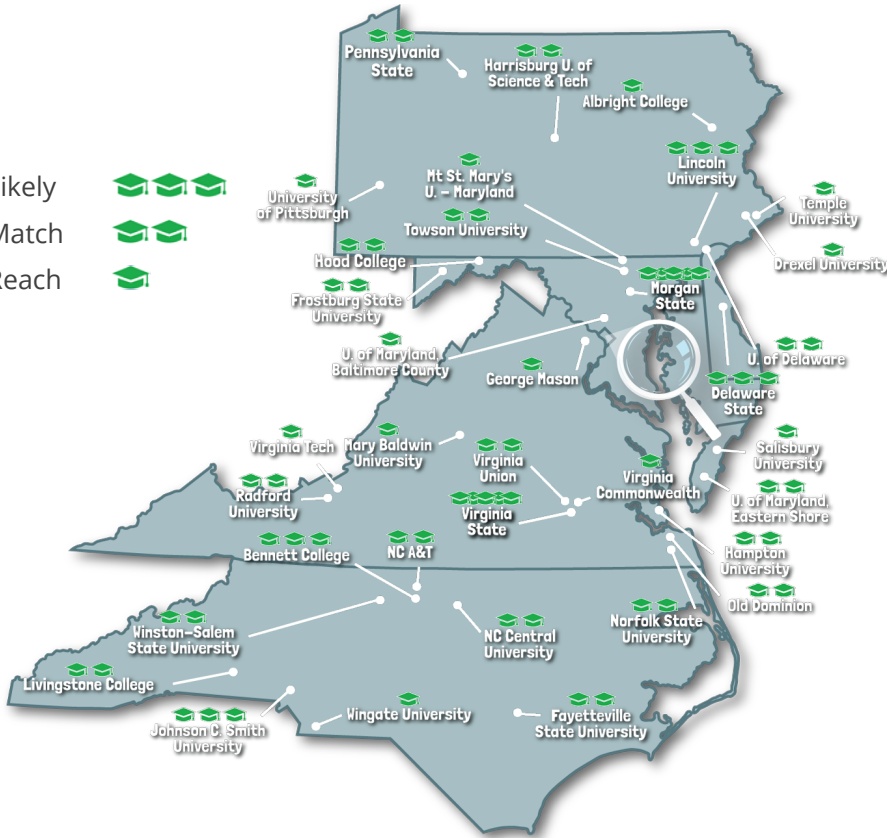
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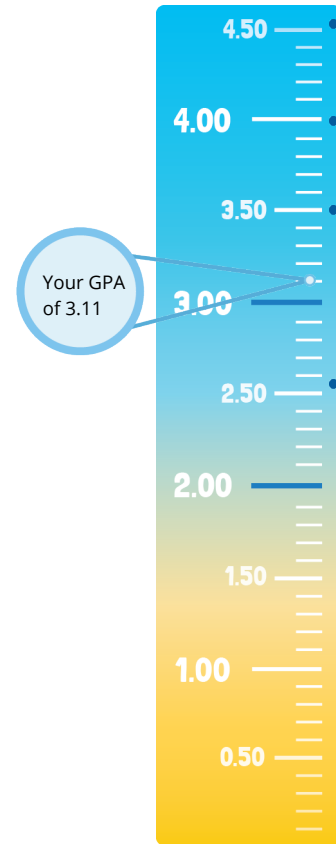
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Likely Match Reach



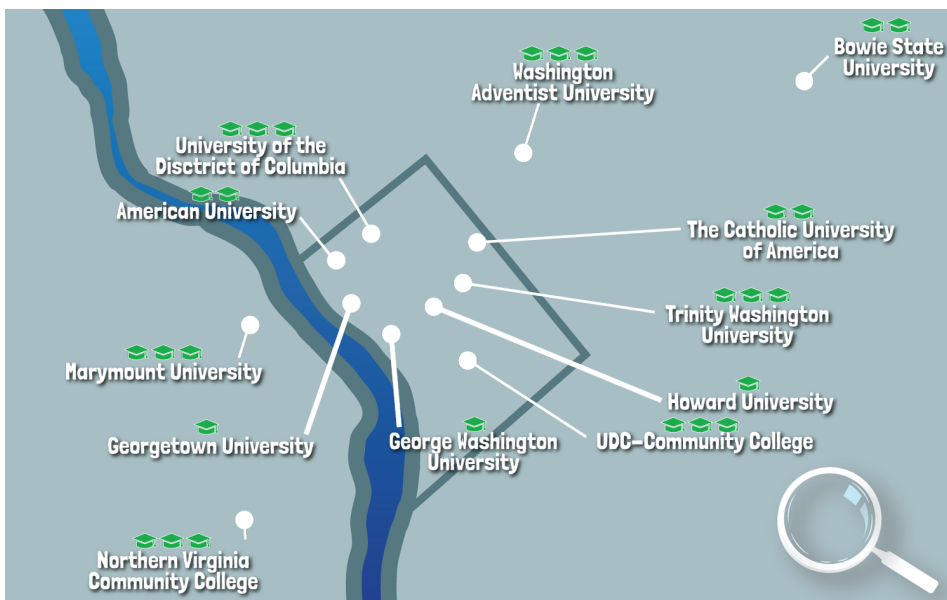
HOW DOES YOUR GPA COMPARE?



Highly Selective: Colleges and Universities that admit less than 30% of their applicants can be considered highly selective. These schools have competitive application processes and tend to look for strong characteristics across academics, extracurriculars, writing, and fit.

Selective: Any school that does not accept all their applicants are considered selective colleges. These schools may admit most of their applicants but require that students meet their admissions standards, which can include GPA minimums, course requirements, and testing.

Colleges with open admissions accept all students provided they have a high school diploma or GED, regardless of GPA and/or standardized test scores. These schools span all types and regions.



Sample Smart College List



This sample college list are both popular among students from your school and have a strong track record of student success. Depending on your GPA and Test Score, 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!



- North Carolina A & T State University
Howard University
Temple University
George Mason University
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University—Main Campus
George Washington University
University of Maryland—College Park

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. To read more on community colleges visit: www.dcpsgoestocollege.org.

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STUDENT'S CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA METRO AREA

Based on your postsecondary survey responses, your career interests are: Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications and Human Service.

See table on the next page for an industry with growth potential. Create a college and career plan with majors and corresponding colleges.

CAREER INTEREST



YOUR #1 CAREER CHOICE ON YOUR SURVEY WAS:

Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications

View "A Day in the Life" videos for Arts, Audio/Video Technology and Communications <http://bit.ly/2C02CFk>

	HS Diploma		Associate's Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree or Higher	
Sample Jobs	Comp., ATM, & Office Machine Repairers	Data Entry Keyers	Broadcast Technicians	Telecomm. Equipment Installers & Repairers	TV, Video, & Motion Picture Camera Operators	Producers & Directors	Historians	Writers & Authors
Hourly Wage	\$22.02	\$16.62	\$37.44	\$29.18	\$40.38	\$39.10	\$48.61	\$41.97
DC Median Annual Income for the Industry	\$51,790		\$60,380		\$69,220		\$94,205	
Postsecondary Programs to Consider	Montgomery College Northern VA Comm. College College of Southern Maryland		Montgomery College Northern VA Comm. College CC of Baltimore County		American University Bennett College Morgan State University		George Mason University Virginia Tech American University	
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	Community College of Southern Maryland; Montgomery College; NOVA		Community College Baltimore County; Montgomery College; NOVA		American; Bennett; Morgan State		GMU; Virginia Tech; American	



YOUR #2 CAREER CHOICE ON YOUR SURVEY WAS:

Human Service

View "A Day in the Life" videos for Human Service <http://bit.ly/2AQcClr>

	HS Diploma		Associate's Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree or Higher	
Sample Jobs	Tailors, Dressmakers, & Custom Sewers	Childcare Workers	Makeup Artists, Theatrical & Performance	Preschool Teachers	Sales Managers	Natural Sciences Managers	Physicians & Surgeons	Marketing Managers
Hourly Wage	\$14.69	\$13.35	\$47.82	\$17.14	\$74.87	\$64.63	\$87.85	\$75.90
DC Median Annual Income for the Industry	\$26,260		\$32,280		\$78,475		\$94,360	
Postsecondary Programs to Consider	Community College of Baltimore County Northern VA Comm. College Guilford Technical Community College		Montgomery College Northern VA Comm. College CC of Baltimore County		George Mason University Morgan State University Radford University		Howard University American University Catholic University of America	
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	Roosevelt STAY Cosmetology and Barbering; Ballou STAY Cosmetology and Barbering; NOVA		Community College Baltimore County; Montgomery; NOVA		GMU; Morgan State; Radford		Howard; American; Catholic	

Sources: Projections Central, Bureau of Labor Statistics, National Center for Education Statistics, Advance CTE.

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Below you will find information on a third career cluster. If you have a Career Technical Education (CTE) pathway, a table will reflect your progress. If you have Work Based Learning (WBL) a table will display your recorded experiences and other opportunities.

CAREER INTEREST (CONTINUED)



ANOTHER CAREER TO CONSIDER IS:
Information Technology

View "A Day in the Life" videos for Information Technology <http://bit.ly/2Bh1kw>

	HS Diploma		Associate's Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree or Higher	
Sample Jobs	Computer Operators	Word Processors & Typists	Computer Network Support Specialists	Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	Computer Hardware Engineers	Computer Network Architects	Computer & Information Systems Managers	Architectural & Engineering Managers
Hourly Wage	\$25.20	\$20.27	\$36.53	\$26.02	\$60.72	\$57.69	\$77.83	\$71.80
DC Median Annual Income for the Industry	\$47,285		\$56,840		\$99,990		\$155,610	
Postsecondary Programs to Consider	Year Up Per Scholas UDC-WDLL		CC of Baltimore County College of Southern Maryland Montgomery College		Catholic University of America Duke University George Mason University		Catholic University of America Duke University George Mason University	
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	Year Up; Per Scholas; UDC Workforce Development		Community College Baltimore County; Community College of Southern Maryland; Montgomery College		Catholic; Duke; GMU		Catholic; Duke; GMU	

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STUDENT'S ACTION STEPS

You are not yet on track to graduate.

You selected College Bound (4-Year college/ 2-Year college) pathway(s) in your Naviance postsecondary survey. Below you'll find action steps on graduation and postsecondary pathways to ensure success in high school and beyond.

Fall (September- November)

Winter (Dec- Feb) Spring (March- May)

Graduation Action Steps (All Students/ All Pathways)

- 1 Meet with Counselor to discuss graduation progress, verify schedule is correct and sign Letter of Understanding (LOU).
- 2 Create a plan to complete community service hours inclusive of winter and spring break options, if needed.
- 3 Meet with Counselor to reassess graduation progress and enroll in course recovery as necessary.
- 4 Complete all graduation obligations inclusive of community service form submission and Senior Exit Survey in Naviance.
- 5 Register for the selective service (males only- within 30 days of 18th birthday).
- 6 Complete Senior Exit Survey in Naviance.



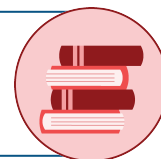
Apprenticeship Action Steps

- 1 Explore DC apprenticeship programs: <https://dcpsinternships.org/post-secondarypathway-resources/apprenticeship/>.
- 2 Speak with your College & Career Coordinator or Counselor about participating in the Spring DCPS Pre-Apprenticeship program.
- 3 Prepare for relevant apprenticeship exams.
- 4 Complete apprenticeship program applications (note: IBEW electrical application due in March 2022).



Career Education Action Steps

- 1 Explore DC Career Education programs: <https://dcpsinternships.org/post-secondarypathway-resources/career-education/>.
- 2 Fall 2021: Prepare for and take the CASAS exam at your school. Achieve a 231 on Reading and a 221 on Math.
- 3 Spring 2022: Complete program applications.



Early Fall (Sept-Nov)

Winter (Dec-Feb)

College Action Steps

- 1 Finalize College Application List in Naviance. (Sept.)
- 2 Finalize Essays. (Sept.)
- 3 Sign up for the DCPS Scholarship email and apply for all eligible scholarships and grants. (Sept.)
- 4 Take the SAT. (Oct. 13th in-school)
- 5 Submit FAFSA and CSS Profile. (Oct.)
- 6 Complete all Early Action/ Decision Applications. (Nov.)
- 7 Submit all college applications. (Dec.)
- 8 Start DC TAG Application (beginning in Feb. <https://osse.dc.gov/dctag>). (Feb.)

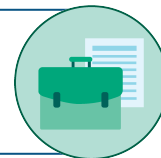
Spring (Mar- May)

- 9 Complete community college applications. (Mar.)
- 10 Complete verification and submit supplemental financial aid information at each university. (Apr.)
- 11 Receive and review financial aid award letters and college admissions decisions. (Apr.)
- 12 Apply for all local scholarships and grants (Mayor's Scholars, DC CAP Last Dollar, etc.). (May)
- 13 Finalize college Enrollment by May 1 (National College Decision Day), submit deposit, and register for classes. (May)
- 14 Your University will give you a new email, check it daily. (May)
- 15 Submit DC TAG Application and confirm final enrollment plans by June 30. (Jun.)



Employment Action Steps

- 1 Explore employment resources at the following link: <https://dcpsinternships.org/post-secondary-pathway-resources/employment/>.
- 2 Students with disabilities (IEP or 504 plan) can apply for adult services through the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) by October 31, 2021.
- 3 Complete resume.
- 4 Complete employment application.
- 5 Prepare for interviews with employers.



Military Action Steps

- 1 Explore all branches of the military using this link: <https://dcpsinternships.org/post-secondary-pathway-resources/military/>.
- 2 Take ASVAB at school and achieve AFQT score of at least 31.
- 3 Meet with military recruiter and submit required documents along with ASVAB scores.
- 4 Pass physical fitness evaluation at Military Entrance Processing Station.

