



DCPS Student's Guide to Graduation, Career, and College Frequently Asked Questions

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GENERAL FAQS

What date are the data reflective of?

September 3rd, 2021. Information, including assessment scores, after this date are not reflected in the Guide.

Where did the student data on the guide come from? The data are populated from Aspen, Naviance, and the postsecondary surveys.

Where can I find the digital version of the Guide?

The digital versions are available on Aspen. Parents and family may visit the Aspen Parent Portal at www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS.

How often will I receive the Guide?

The Guide will be available to seniors in the fall and students in grades 9-11 in the spring semester.

What languages will the Guide be available in?

The guide is available in Amharic, Chinese, English, French, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Every family will also receive a copy in English.

What should I do if there's incorrect information on my Guide?

Please email DCPSguide@k12.dc.gov and contact your counselor. Your school counselor will have your most up to date information.

Who has access to my Guide? Counselors, College and Career Coordinators, Teachers, and School Administrators. Additionally, school-based partner organizations who are serving DCPS students and have signed a Data Security Pledge will also have access but only to the specific students they serve.

TRANSCRIPT AND GRADUATION PAGE FAQS

Is the transcript in the Guide an official transcript? No. An official transcript must be signed by a school official (administrator or counselor). Many receiving institutions require the transcript to be sealed to be considered official.

What if there is no transcript in the Guide?

Students who did not have a transcript in their guide did not have an educational record on file at the time the data were pulled on **September 3rd, 2021**. Students should connect with their school counselor.

How is my on-track/off-track status determined on the graduation page?

This status is determined by whether the student has passed or is currently enrolled in a key course to satisfy a subject requirement for an on-time graduation. A student may be "off-track" if they did not pass or have not taken a key class within a subject requirement.

How many course credits does each check mark represent?

Each check mark represents .5 credits.

How is my grade level determined?

The grade level is pulled directly from Aspen and is reflective of the grade level as of **September 3rd, 2021**. It also reflects the number of credits earned and key classes passed, such as English or Math.

What if my transcript or grade is incorrect?

You should first connect with your school counselor. Please also email DCPSguide@k12.dc.gov.

Do fall semester grades appear on the transcript? While the course name and course code will appear on the transcript for any scheduled courses, grades will not appear until the course is complete, this includes 0.5 (half year courses).

COLLEGE PAGE FAQs

How is admission likelihood at each college established and can that change?

The likelihood of admission is based on the student's GPA and (P)SAT score compared against previous DCPS student application data in Naviance. Remember: many factors go into admission and there is always time to increase admission competitiveness!

How do I use the new college prep page?

This new college prep page was created to support you and your family to better understand the major components of the college admission process. Understanding how your GPA, test scores, extracurriculars and course loads through your 4 years of high school impact your likelihood of being accepted to various colleges is the first step towards developing your college plan.

Where is my PSAT/SAT score?

Due to COVID-19, DCPS was not able to offer the PSAT and SAT to its students. If health conditions allow DCPS is planning to offer the exam in October 2021.

How were the colleges chosen?

This is a sample list of colleges based on historic popularity in applications among students from each high school with a strong track record of student success. Check out our Naviance video to learn more about how to research colleges at <http://bit.ly/naviancesupermatch>

**Note, the colleges listed do not reflect the complete range of options for any given student.*

CAREER PAGE FAQs

How were my career clusters chosen?

The career clusters were based on the student's response to the postsecondary survey. If a student did not complete a survey, 3 DC area high wage/high demand career clusters were populated: Business Administration, Information Technology (IT), and Health Sciences.

Are the colleges and programs highlighted on the career page the only ones available to me?

No. The colleges highlighted on the career page offer programs connected to the career clusters. These offerings are just a sample and do not reflect the complete range of options.

How were wage and salary information determined? The wage and salary information were taken from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) for the DC metro area.

Where can I access my Naviance page and how do I login?

Go to: www.clever.com

Username: studentIDnumber@students.k12.dc.us

Password: (is the student's birthday): mmddyy

*click on Naviance Icon to be brought to your Naviance page

Where can I learn about additional careers and colleges?

Naviance is a great place to start to further explore colleges and careers.

ACTION STEP PAGE FAQs

How was the student postsecondary pathway goal determined?

The postsecondary pathway goal was determined by the student's responses to their postsecondary survey. *NOTE: Students who did not complete a postsecondary survey will not have a pathway goal listed.*

Why am I shown all pathways and steps?

We want every student to be prepared for their next steps after graduation. On the action step page, every student receives key action steps for any pathway they wish to pursue. The steps are tailored to seniors.

NEXT STEPS FAQs

How can I continue to monitor student progress after receiving the guide?

For students: you can go to your Aspen and Naviance portal for the most up to date information. You may also connect with your counselor.

For parents: you may visit the Aspen Parent Portal at www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS

Where can I access additional resources for the Guide? For additional resources, please visit:

<https://dcpsgoestocollege.org/guide-resources/>

If I have additional questions about the Guide or my postsecondary pathway who should I talk to?

You should first reach out to the counselor or college and career coordinator listed on the opening page of the Guide.

General questions about the Guide may be directed to DCPSguide@k12.dc.gov.



DCPS Student's Guide to Graduation, Career, and College Frequently Asked Questions for Certificate Track Version

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Where can I find the digital version of the Guide?

The digital versions are available on Aspen. Parents and family may visit the Aspen Parent Portal at www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS.

How often will I receive the Guide?

The Guide will be available to C4 pathway students in the fall and students C1-C3 pathways in the spring semester.

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The grade level is pulled directly from Aspen and is reflective of the grade level as of **September 3rd, 2021**. It also reflects the student's graduation pathway as identified on the Individualized Education Program (IEP) in SEDS.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FAQS

How were the postsecondary education programs chosen?

All programs listed are local and available to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Project SEARCH and the River Terrace: Workforce Development Center are DCPS application only vocational training programs that provide specialized training in the fields of hospitality, health sciences, and horticulture.

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Where can I learn about additional supports for entering the workforce and/or postsecondary training?

The Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) is an agency that provides career readiness supports to adults with disabilities. Students should connect with their IEP case manager to receive assistance with signing up for RSA services.

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