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Student Name

Washington, DC 12345

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 Columbia Heights EC (CHEC) 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 on track to graduate. Learn more about Student's progress toward high school graduation.
- **College (Page 5):** Learn more about Student's likelihood for admission to a variety of area colleges and universities based on current GPA and test scores.
- **Career (Page 6-7):** Learn more about career opportunities in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia metro area that are aligned to Student's interests.
- **Next Steps (Page 8):** 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 8.

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

 GOVERNMENT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Student Name

Grade 10 (Based on YOG in Aspen)

ID# 1234567

ISA

N/A

SAT

750

PSAT

770

Community Service Hours

0

Weighted GPA

1.57

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. Schedule time to meet with your counselor and view page 8 for additional resources and recommended next steps.



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS		1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	Your academic record indicates that you have not successfully earned enough credit in community service. Please contact your school counselor to discuss your course schedule.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art	<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"/> Electives	<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"/>	Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	<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 English for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foreign Languages	<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"/> History	<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 history for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Math	<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"/>	Well done! You have completed this requirement.
	<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"/>			You are on track in phys ed/health for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	<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 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

One checkbox represents .5 credits for all subjects. One checkbox represents 12.5 hours for community service.

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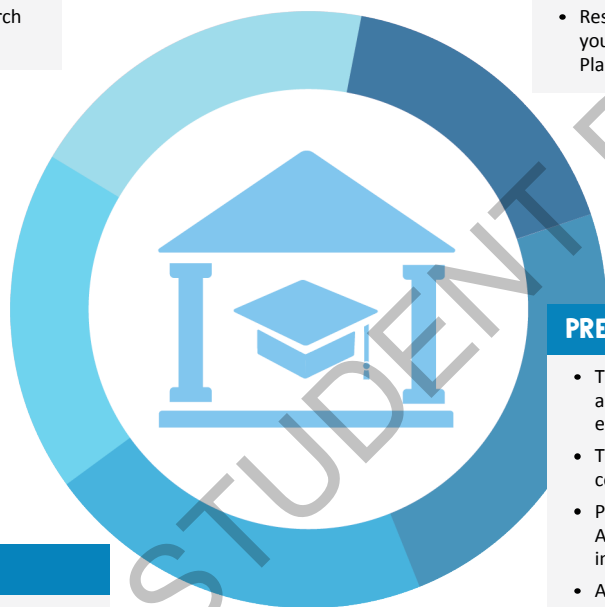
This page of your Guide focuses on what colleges are looking for in you and steps to take to prepare for college.

SMART COLLEGE CHOICES

- 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 College Choices for you.
- Research what rigorous courses are available at your school! (For example - Honors, Advance Placement, IB, and 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.
- Sign-up for DCPS Dollars4College Scholarship and Financial Aid Newsletter

PREPARE FOR PSAT/SAT

- Test Scores are used by some colleges to assess your academic preparedness for college. The PSAT test is an essential precursor to the SAT test.
- 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>
- If you are in 11th grade, some colleges may have gone Test Optional due to COVID-19, which means scores are not considered a part of the admissions process. To learn about 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>



SAMPLE LIST OF SMART COLLEGES



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!

Georgetown University

Howard University

North Carolina A & T State University

Oberlin College

Princeton University

Tufts University

University of California-Los Angeles

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

University of Vermont

Yale University

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

You have not yet completed a postsecondary survey. Below you'll find career information on 3 high wage/high demand fields in the DC metro area. For customized career options, please complete your postsecondary survey in Naviance and updated career fields will appear in your next Guide.

CAREER INTEREST



A CAREER RECOMMENDATION IS:
Hospitality and Tourism

View "A Day in the Life" videos for Hospitality and Tourism <http://bit.ly/2BWO0Xs>

	HS Diploma		Associate's Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree or Higher	
Sample Jobs	Reservation & Transport. Ticket Agents & Travel Clerks	Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	Travel Agents	Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	Chefs & Head Cooks	Butchers & Meat Cutters	Food Service Managers	Lodging Managers
Hourly Wage	\$17.45	\$15.91	\$19.97	\$18.37	\$28.02	\$20.36	\$31.34	\$28.43
DC Median Annual Income for the Industry	\$25,505		\$39,880		\$50,305		\$65,190	
Postsecondary Programs to Consider	Generation Prince George's Community College Culinary Arts Center DC Central Kitchen		Montgomery College Northern VA Comm. College PG CC Culinary Center		Morgan State University George Mason University Howard University		American University Howard University NC A&T State University	
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	Generation; Prince Goerge's Community College Culinary Arts Center; DC Central Kitchen		Prince Georges Community College Culinary Center; Montgomery College; NOVA		Morgan State; GMU; Howard		American; Howard; NC A&T	



ANOTHER CAREER THAT YOU MAY WANT 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	

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.

Combining academic and technical skills, CTE courses prepare students for current and emerging professional career opportunities.

CAREER INTEREST (CONTINUED)



A 3RD CAREER THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IS:

Health Science

View "A Day in the Life" videos for Health Science <http://bit.ly/2C8BZiK>

	HS Diploma		Associate's Degree		Bachelor's Degree		Master's Degree or Higher	
Sample Jobs	Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants	Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers	Dental Hygienists	Radiation Therapists	Natural Sciences Managers	Medical & Health Services Managers	Obstetricians & Gynecologists	Physicians & Surgeons
Hourly Wage	\$33.59	\$30.25	\$45.73	\$38.77	\$64.63	\$53.95	\$89.99	\$87.85
DC Median Annual Income for the Industry	\$35,350		\$51,280		\$81,320		\$105,730	
Postsecondary Programs to Consider	UDC-Workforce Development Latin American Youth Center Career Academy Carlos Rosario PCS Career Academy		Montgomery College Northern VA Comm. College College of Southern Maryland		Trinity Washington University Pennsylvania State University Howard University		American University Howard University Pennsylvania State University	
Degrees & Certificates to Consider	UDC Workforce Development; Latin American Youth Center Career Academy; Carlos Rosario PCS Career Academy		Montgomery College; Community College of Southern Maryland; NOVA		Trinity; Penn State; Howard		American; Howard; Penn State	

CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Participant	Concentrator	Completer	Status
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Your pathway is Hospitality. As of 02-04-2021, the courses in your pathway are Hospitality I: Principles of Hospitality & Tourism Hospitality II: Sports or Entertainment & Event Planning Hospitality III: Hospitality & Tourism Management. See your counselor for any questions.

WORK-BASED LEARNING

Documented Experiences	# of Events Attended	# of Events Attended
	25	10
Work-Based Learning	Career Exploration	Career Preparation
	Guest speaker Industry Site Visit Job Shadowing Career Expo	Employability Skills Training Internship

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Student's ACTION STEPS

You are not yet on track to graduate.

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.



Graduation Action Steps

- Please meet with your counselor to discuss opportunities for community service.

- Participate in academic support/ tutoring sessions (before school, during lunch time, and/or after-school) with teachers in subject areas in which you are demonstrating academic challenges.

- If you are behind on credits for your year in school, reach out to your counselor about seeking enrollment in a credit recovery program or Twilight program, and/or participate in Summer School.

College Action Steps

- Use Khan Academy for SAT test prep to prepare for the fall SAT school test day. 20 hours of studying on Khan Academy is associated with a 115 point increase on average.

- Participate in a college visit with your high school or on your own. Contact your school counselor or college and career coordinator for more information.

- Log onto Naviance and explore college options through SuperMatch and Scattergrams, and add at least 5 colleges to your "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list.

Career Action Steps

- Use www.Naviance.com or www.VirtualJobShadow.com to build a resume.

- Sign up for Career Ready Internships (<https://dcpsinternships.org>) and SYEP (<https://summerjobs.dc.gov>) to participate in an internship next summer.

- Explore the Tenacity Employability Skills curriculum to prepare for an internship or scholarship interviews: <https://dcpsinternships.org/information-for-teachers/resources-for-teachers/tenacity-dcps-employability-skills-curriculum/>

Student's Postsecondary Pathway Goal

Work with your school counselor or college and career coordinator to set a postsecondary pathway goal.

Student's Academic Goal

Work with your school counselor to set an academic goal.