

Your Principal

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Your Counselor

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Letter From DC Public Schools

Dear Student's Family,

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

What's Inside:

- Transcript (Page 2-3): Learn more about their course performance to date.
- Graduation (Page 4): Learn more about their progress toward high school graduation.
- · College (Page 5): Learn more about what colleges are looking for in a student and the steps to take to prepare for college.
- Career (Page 6-8): Learn more about career pathways aligned to their interests.
- Next Steps (Page 9): Learn more about the steps your student can take to reach their graduation, college, and career-related goals.

What To Do Next:

- Look through this resource together with your 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 your student's success in high school, career, and college.

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



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 02-14-2022 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.

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



GRAD	DUATIO	N REQUIREMENTS	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	HERE'S WHAT IT MEANS
	\otimes	Community Service					Your record indicates that you have not earned enough community service hours. Please contact your school counselor to discuss community service opportunities.
8	\otimes	Art					You are on track in art for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;	\otimes	Capstone					You are on track in capstone for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
₽	\otimes	College Level/Career Prep					You are on track in college level/career prep for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
*	\otimes	Electives	✓ ✓	⊻	⊻ ⊻		You are on track in electives for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	\otimes	English/Humanities	✓				You are on track in English/humanities for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	\otimes	Foreign Languages	✓				You are on track in foreign languages for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	\otimes	History	✓				You are on track in history for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
**************************************	\otimes	Internship					You are on track in internship for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
+ × %	\otimes	Math	✓				You are on track in math for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
8	\otimes	Music					You are on track in music for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
3:	\otimes	Phys Ed/Health					You are on track in phys ed/health for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
	\otimes	Science	✓				You are on track in science for high school graduation. Nice job! Pass your classes to remain on track.
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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 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

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- · The cost of attendance listed on college websites are not always the amount many students pay to
- 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
- · 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.

- . 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

CHALLENGE YOUR SELF 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 on your college applications! (For example - Honors, Advance Placement, IB, Dual Enrollment and/or Dual

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.
- · 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/
- 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





ACTIVITIES TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE

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 you friend. Conset with your good match for your friend. Connect with your counselor and/or college and career coordinator to explore more Smart Colleges!

George Mason University

Marymount University

George Washington University

Old Dominion University

Trinity Washington University

American University

Montgomery College

Washington Adventist University





Work Based Learning

Documented Experiences

Career Exploration # of Events Attended Guest speaker

Industry Site Visit

Career Preparation # of Events Attended **Employability Skills Training** O

Internship

Pre-apprenticeship

CAREER

TECHNICAL

EDUCATION

Certifications

Career Industry



Information Technology

Opportunity

- Coding for Social Good
- Computer Science Summer Institute (CSSI)
- at Google Microsoft High School Internship

Internships

Career Industry



Information Technology

Opportunity

- Information Technology Certification
- Introductory Certification in
- Coding

Participant

Concentrator

Completer



Computer Operators \$25.20

Word Processors & Typists

Annual Income

Careers

\$20.27

\$47,285

Wages

\$36.53

\$26.02

Wages

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

Certifications

Computer Network

Careers

Support Specialists

Audio & Video Equipment

Annual Income \$56,840

4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES

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

PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

Catholic University of America <u>Duke University</u> <u>George Mason University</u>

BA/BS

Careers **Wages Computer Hardware** \$60.72 Engineers **Computer Network** \$57.69

Annual Income

\$99.990

MD/PHD/DD

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Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$77.83

Annual Income

Engineering Managers

Architectural &

\$155,610

\$71.80

ANOTHER CAREER THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IS:

Health Science



Work Based Learning

Career Exploration # of Events Attended O

Industry Site Visit

Career Preparation

Employability Skills Training

of Events Attended

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Pre-apprenticeship

CAREER TECHNICAL **EDUCATION**

Participant

Concentrator

Completer

Certifications

Career Industry

Health Science

Opportunity

- National Institute of Health
- Kaiser Permanente
- LAUNCH Program
 Johns Hopkins CARES Summer Program

Internships

Career Industry



Health Science

Opportunity

- National Health Science Certificate
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Certification
- STNA Certification



GED/HS

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

Workers

Annual Income

Careers

\$35,350

Wages

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Montgomery College; Community College of Southern Maryland; NOVA

PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

Montgomery College Northern VA Comm. College College of Southern Maryland

Certifications

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Dental Hygienists	\$45.73
Radiation Therapists	\$38.77

Annual Income

\$51.280

4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES

Montgomery College; Community College of Southern Maryland; NOVA

PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

Trinity Washington University Pennsylvania State University **Howard University**

BA/BS

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

Annual Income

\$81.320

MD/PHD/DD

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Obstetricians & Gynecologists	\$89.99

Annual Income

Physicians & Surgeons

\$105,730

\$87.85

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

Business, Management and Administration





Work Based Learning

Documented Experiences

Career Exploration # of Events Attended
Guest speaker 0

Participant

Concentrator

Completer

Industry Site Visit

Career Preparation # of Events Attended
Employability Skills Training 0

Internship

Pre-apprenticeship

CAREER

TECHNICAL

EDUCATION

Certifications

Career Industry

Business, Management and Administration

Opportunity

- Hacking Entrepreneurship
- Social-Impact
- Companies/NGOs Virtual Internship
- Business & Finance
 Virtual Internship

Internships

Career Industry



Business, Management and Administration

Opportunity

- Non-Profit Management Certificate
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business Certification
- Yale University Certification Course on Financial Markets



Careers Wages

Executive Secretaries & \$33.59
Executive Administrative
Assistants
Supervisors of Production
& Operating Workers
\$30.98

Annual Income

Careers

\$42,160

Wages

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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

PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

Montgomery College College of Southern Maryland CC of Baltimore County

Certifications

Transport., Storage, & \$55.63
Distribution Managers
Supervisors of Mechanics, \$35.50
Installers, & Repairers

Annual Income

Careers

\$73,830

Wages

4-YEAR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITIES

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

PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER

Catholic University of America George Washington University Howard University

BA/BS

Public Relations & \$72.74 Fundraising Managers
Financial Managers \$70.69

Annual Income

Careers

\$97,950

Wages

\$77.83

MD/PHD/DD

Computer & Information	
Systems Managers	

Sales Managers \$74.87

Annual Income

\$118,160

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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.

N/A

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Graduation Action Steps

College Action Steps

Career Action Steps

- Please meet with your counselor to discuss opportunities for community service.
- College can be affordable and some colleges cover 100% of financial need, depending on your GPA and SAT score. Similarly, the higher your GPA and SAT score, the greater chance you'll have for admission. Use Khan Academy test prep as you prepare for the PSAT and, ultimately, the SAT.
- ☐ Use www.Naviance.com or www.VirtualJobShadow.com to build a resume.

- Set a goal to complete all scheduled courses with an academic mark of B or higher. The cumulative average of these course marks should support your efforts of raising your GPA.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Sign up for Career Ready Internships (https://dcpsinternships.org) and SYEP (https://summerjobs.dc.gov) to participate in an internship next summer.

- ☐ Study! Commit to dedicating 1 hour a week to studying course notes. You may enhance this practice by reviewing study notes with peers that have reputations of performing at high academic levels.
- Check out https://dcpsgoestocollege.org with your family to learn more about the college process and to explore resources for achieving success.
- Skills curriculum to prepare for an internship or scholarship interviews: https://dcpsinternships.org/

☐ Explore the Tenacity Employability

https://dcpsinternships.org/ information-for-teachers/resources-forteachers/tenacity-dcps-employabilityskills-curriculum/

Postsecondary Pathway Goal	Academic Goal
Work with your school counselor or college and career coordinator to set a postsecondary pathway goal.	Work with your school counselor to set an academic goal.