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
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.

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**Legend:**
- Must Take
- Enrolled
- Course Passed
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.

**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.

**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.

**ACTIVITIES TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE**
- Sample Smart College List
  - George Mason University
  - Marymount University
  - George Washington University
  - Old Dominion University
  - Trinity Washington University
  - American University
  - Montgomery College
  - Washington Adventist University

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!
CAREER INTEREST
A CAREER RECOMMENDATION IS: Information Technology

Work Based Learning

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CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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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

GED/HS

Career Industry
Opportunity

Computer Operators
$25.20
Word Processors & Typists
$20.27

Annual Income
$47,285

Careers
Wages

Computer Network Support Specialists
$36.53
Audio & Video Equipment Technicians
$26.02

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
Duke University
George Mason University

BA/BS

Computer Hardware Engineers
$60.72
Computer Network Architects
$57.69

Annual Income
$99,990

Careers
Wages

Computer & Information Systems Managers
$77.83
Architectural & Engineering Managers
$71.80

Annual Income
$155,610

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ANOTHER CAREER THAT YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IS: Health Science

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### Community Colleges

- Montgomery College
- Community College of Southern Maryland
- NOVA

### Programs to Consider

- Montgomery College
- Northern VA Comm. College
- College of Southern Maryland

### 4-Year College/Universities

- Montgomery College
- Community College of Southern Maryland
- NOVA

### Programs to Consider

- Trinity Washington University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Howard University

### CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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### Certifications

#### Career Industry: Health Science
- National Institute of Health
- Kaiser Permanente LAUNCH Program
- Johns Hopkins CARES Summer Program

#### Internships

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

### Careers Wages

#### GED/HS
- Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants: $33.59
- Supervisors of Office & Administrative Support Workers: $30.25
- Annual Income: $35,350

#### BA/BS
- Natural Sciences Managers: $64.63
- Medical & Health Services Managers: $53.95
- Annual Income: $81,320

#### MD/PHD/DD
- Obstetricians & Gynecologists: $89.99
- Physicians & Surgeons: $87.85
- Annual Income: $105,730

**Note:** The wages and annual incomes shown are illustrative and may vary.
A 3rd Career That You May Want to Consider Is: Business, Management and Administration

Work Based Learning

**Documented Experiences**

**Career Exploration**
- Guest speaker
- Industry Site Visit

**Career Preparation**
- Employability Skills Training
- Internship
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CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

**Participant**

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Certifications

**Career Industry**
- Business, Management and Administration

**Opportunity**
  - Hacking
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Social-Impact Companies/NGOs
  - 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

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

GED/HS

- Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants
- Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers

Annual Income

- $42,160

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 & Fundraising Managers
- Financial Managers

Annual Income

- $97,950

MD/PHD/DD

- Computer & Information Systems Managers
- Sales Managers

Annual Income

- $118,160

Careers Wages

- Transport, Storage, & Distribution Managers
- Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers

Annual Income

- $73,830

Careers Wages

- Executive Secretaries & Executive Administrative Assistants
- Supervisors of Production & Operating Workers

Annual Income

- $42,160

Careers Wages

- Public Relations & Fundraising Managers
- Financial Managers

Annual Income

- $97,950

Careers Wages

- Computer & Information Systems Managers
- Sales Managers

Annual Income

- $118,160
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.
- 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.
- 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.

**College Action Steps**
- 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.
- 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.
- Check out [https://dcpsgoestocollege.org](https://dcpsgoestocollege.org) with your family to learn more about the college process and to explore resources for achieving success.

**Career Action Steps**
- 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/](https://dcpsinternships.org/information-for-teachers/resources-for-teachers/tenacity-dcps-employability-skills-curriculum/)

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

**Academic Goal**
- Work with your school counselor to set an academic goal.