



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

### GENERAL FAQS

#### **What date are the data reflective of?**

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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. For more information about how to access and navigate the portal visit [www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS](http://www.bit.ly/ParentPortalDCPS).

#### **How often will I receive the Guide?**

The Guide will be available to 9-11<sup>th</sup> graders in the spring of 2019. Going forward, the Guide will be released in the fall semester and in the spring semester.

#### **What languages will the Guide be available in?**

The spring 2019 versions will be available in English, Spanish, and Amharic based on the preferred language indicated in Aspen. Future versions may feature expanded language translations.

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

Please email [DCPSguide@k12.dc.gov](mailto: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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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 do each footprint represent?**

Each footprint 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 February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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](mailto: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).

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## **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 were the colleges chosen?**

All seven colleges in DC are listed. The remaining colleges listed reflect a sample of the most applied to colleges by DCPS students and have been successful at promoting student success.

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

### **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.

### **Where can I access my Naviance page?**

Students can visit their school's Naviance page at <https://connection.naviance.com/auth/fclookup>.

### **What is my Naviance student login information?**

Username: student ID

Password (is the student's birthday): mmddyyyy

## **CAREER PAGE FAQs**

### **How were my career clusters chosen?**

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

### **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 learn about additional careers and colleges?**

Naviance is a great place to start to further explore colleges and careers. You can visit your school's Naviance page at <https://connection.naviance.com/auth/fclookup>.

## **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.

### **How was the student academic goal determined?**

The student academic goal was taken from the student's direct response to their goal survey.

## **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 [ParentPotrtal.DCPS.dc.gov](http://ParentPotrtal.DCPS.dc.gov)

### **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](mailto:DCPSguide@k12.dc.gov).