

# Postsecondary Planning Timeline for Parents and Families

## 9th Grade



### First Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Assist your child in setting the tone for high school which includes the importance of balancing academics, extracurricular activities, community involvement and mental wellness.
- Encourage your child to explore extracurricular activities and discuss the benefits of being more involved in the school and community.
- Discuss academic and future goals with your child.
- Familiarize yourself with your child's counselors and college advisor.
- Help your child learn time management skills by using a system for keeping track of their schedule and homework.
- Participate in the school's open house event to get acquainted with teachers and understand expectations.
- Assist your child in creating a system for tracking activities and achievements.
- Learn about the requirements for the Florida Bright Futures scholarship.
- Create a Scoir Parent Profile.
- Attend local college fairs in the community and at your child's school site.
- Attend M-DCPS' College Month Virtual Workshop series in October.
- Learn about scholarship platforms such as RaiseMe.
- Connect with the school's ESE team to learn about postsecondary transition programs available for students with IEPs as they begin to formulate their postsecondary goals.

#### Resources

- [M-DCPS Student Services Site](#)
- [Florida Bright Futures Scholarship](#)
- [Parents - RaiseMe](#)
- [Scoir: Creating a Parent Account](#)
- [Standard Diploma- What Parents & Students Need to Know](#)
- [The Benefits of Extracurricular Activities](#)
- [Scoir Webinar for Parents- English](#)
  - [Scoir Webinar for Parents- Haitian Creole](#)
  - [Scoir Webinar for Parents- Spanish](#)
- [Transition Services](#)



### Second Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Review your child's first quarter report card to reinforce good study habits and provide assistance where necessary.
- Arrange a meeting with teachers/counselor to discuss academic progress and tutoring options, if needed.
- Learn about the options available to your child after high school, including technical colleges and career pathways.
- Encourage your child to participate in extracurriculars and/or community-based programs.
- Explore Scoir resources with your child such as updating their student profile, researching college preferences, and exploring various postsecondary options.
- Begin researching scholarship opportunities and encourage your child to begin this process by using sites like RaiseMe.
- Become familiar with M-DCPS Diploma Pathways to support your child in earning various diploma designations.
- Make plans to attend the Miami National College Fair.

#### Resources

- [M-DCPS Student Services- CAP Paying for College Webpage](#)
- [Students and Families | Scoir Network](#)
- [M-DCPS Technical Colleges](#)
- [Career Pathway Programs](#)
- [Diploma Pathways](#)

