

Request for a De-identified Naviance Student Account

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In Grades 6–12, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) promotes college and career readiness through an array of curricular programs that help connect academic achievement to students' long-term goals. Beginning in Grade 6, MCPS expects each student to develop an individualized college and career plan that is refined throughout middle and high school. MCPS staff assist students with exploring college and career pathways that will allow students to realize their strengths, goals, skills, knowledge, values, and interests in future careers, and to help them make better academic decisions. MCPS' approach to college and career readiness is aligned with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), MCPS strategic plan, and the MCPS School Counseling Student Standards.

A critical tool for MCPS college and career planning is the Naviance College and Career Readiness online platform, which provides a variety of tools for students to explore careers and also facilitates the college search and application process. MCPS students are required to utilize the tools provided by Naviance as part of classroom lessons provided by MCPS counseling staff in Grades 6–12. MCPS provides a secure account with unique log-in credentials for each student. Parents/guardians can monitor their child through their own parent/guardian account that is linked with their child's account. MCPS has a data-sharing agreement with Naviance that provides robust safeguards for data privacy and security.

There are significant advantages to these accounts because students can save and build their profiles throughout their middle and high school careers. However, MCPS does allow parents/guardians the option to choose for their child to use a deidentified account.

If you choose for your child to have a de-identified account:

- 1. Your student will continue to participate in classroom lessons that make use of the Naviance online platform. Your student's identifying information, such as the student's name or MCPS student identification number, and select academic elements will not be uploaded to the Naviance System. Your student will be provided a de-identified account which will be deleted at the end of each school year.
- 2. The de-identified account process will continue only for the school year in which it is requested. You will need to submit another request for subsequent years in which your child is enrolled in MCPS.

Please sign and return this form to the counseling office in your child's school if you want your child to obtain a de-identified student account. It is important to understand that your decision to eliminate access may significantly affect your child's ability to access educational resources and opportunities. For example, a de-identified account might impact a student's ability to gain valuable information needed for choosing a career pathway in high school as well as educational and potential scholarship opportunities as students prepare for their post-secondary careers.

For more information regarding Naviance, see the MCPS Naviance Student page on the MCPS website: www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/naviance-family-connection.aspx

REQUEST FOR A DE-IDENTIFIED MCPS STUDENT NAVIANCE ACCOUNT

Student Name (Please print)___

MCPS Student ID #

School Name

As the parent, or guardian of the student named above, I have carefully reviewed the information provided and I am requesting that my child have a de-identified Naviance student account.

I understand this also means my child will **NOT** have access to the full array educational resources and opportunities associated with MCPS' college and career readiness programming.

Parent Name (Please print)_____

Parent Signature ____

Date ____/___/