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What Was the Purpose of the Survey?

Since 1983, the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has gathered information from graduating seniors regarding their postsecondary education plans. Results are used to advise sophomores and juniors regarding postsecondary school plans. Detailed school-by-school and districtwide results were provided to high school principals in September 2002. High school counselors may share this information with students and their parents as they make decisions about future school and career plans. This report summarizes the districtwide results of the survey (the survey instrument is included in Appendix A).

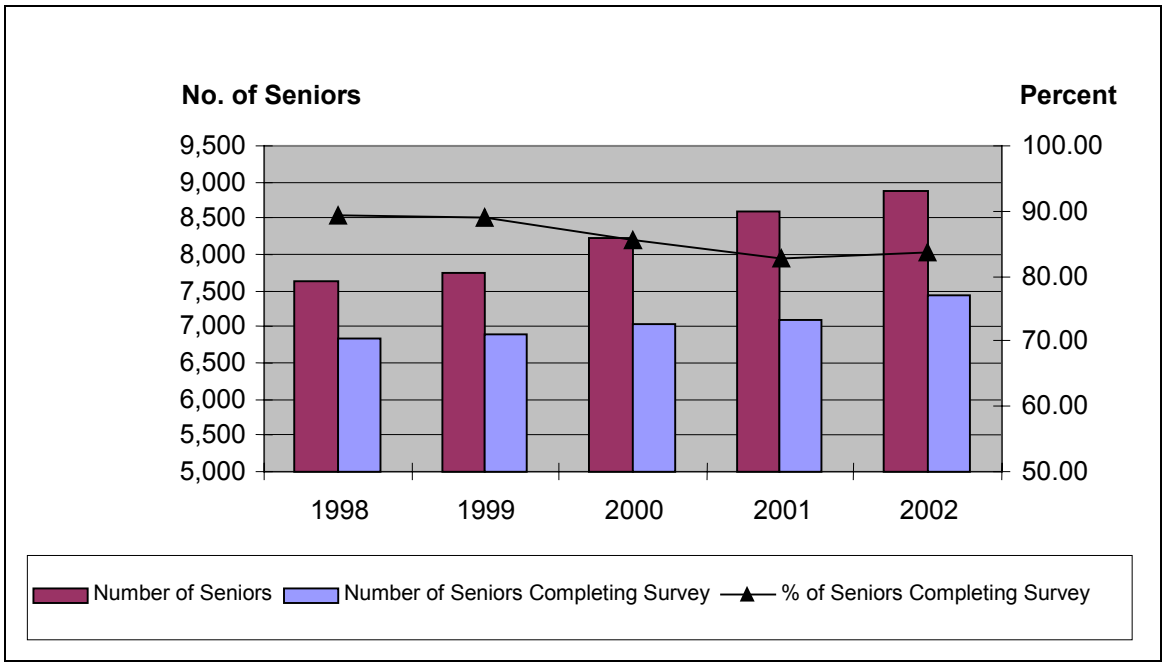
Who Participated?

The MCPS senior survey asked seniors about their plans after graduation, including applications to two-year and four-year colleges. Seniors were asked to list postsecondary colleges and universities to which they applied, whether they were accepted or rejected, and state whether or not they received financial aid. Of 8,885 eligible seniors in 2002, 7,426 (84 percent) completed the survey (Table 1 and Chart 1). The completion rate was similar to that in previous years. Completion rates by race/ethnicity, gender, and program/category are shown in Appendix C, Table C-1.0. Program/category includes Special Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), and Free and Reduced-price Meals System (FARMS).

TABLE 1
Completion Rates for Senior Surveys

Survey Year	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of Seniors	7,645	7,740	8,232	8,590	8,885
Number of Seniors Who Completed Surveys	6,827	6,896	7,047	7,096	7,426
Percent of Seniors Who Completed Surveys	89.3	89.1	85.6	82.6	83.6

CHART 1
Completion Rate for Senior Surveys



Highlights of Results

Seniors' Plans After High School

Table 2 outlines the postsecondary plans of seniors since 2000. Appendix C, Tables C-2.1, C-2.2, and C-2.3 provide information on postsecondary plans for the Class of 2002 by race/ethnicity, gender, and program/category (Special Education, ESOL, and FARMS), respectively. Graduating seniors were asked to respond to all applicable questions relating to their postsecondary college and work plans (e.g., planning to attend college, planning to work, or both).

Many graduating seniors planned to attend college, primarily four-year colleges, and full time. More than two-thirds of the seniors planned to attend four-year colleges full time (64 percent) or part time (4 percent). About one-quarter of the seniors planned to attend two-year colleges, either full time (17 percent) or part time (7 percent). Few seniors planned to enter trade, business, or technical school full time or part time (3 percent); approximately the same number planned to enter full-time employment, either related (2 percent) or unrelated (5 percent) to their high school curriculum; and full-time or part-time military service (4 percent). Only about 3 percent of the seniors were undecided about their future plans.

TABLE 2
Seniors' Postsecondary Plans, 2000–2002

	2000 (%) n=7,047	2001 (%) n=7,096	2002 (%) n=7,426
Survey Item: What will you do next year?			
Attend four-year college full time	65.9	60.7	63.7
Attend four-year college part time	3.8	4.5	3.5
Attend two-year college full time	15.8	17.4	16.8
Attend two-year college part time	6.6	7.0	7.4
Attend trade, business, technical school full time	1.7	1.6	1.5
Attend trade, business, technical school part time	1.4	1.6	1.5
Enter employment unrelated to high school trade/business/technical courses			
Full time	5.7	6.0	5.4
Part time	16.2	19.5	18.1
Enter employment related to high school trade/business/technical courses			
Full time	2.1	1.9	1.7
Part time	5.9	5.5	5.0
Enter military service, full time and part time	3.3	4.3	3.8
Undecided	3.6	3.2	3.4

Note: Respondents answered each postsecondary plan option separately. Therefore, column percentages may exceed 100.0%.

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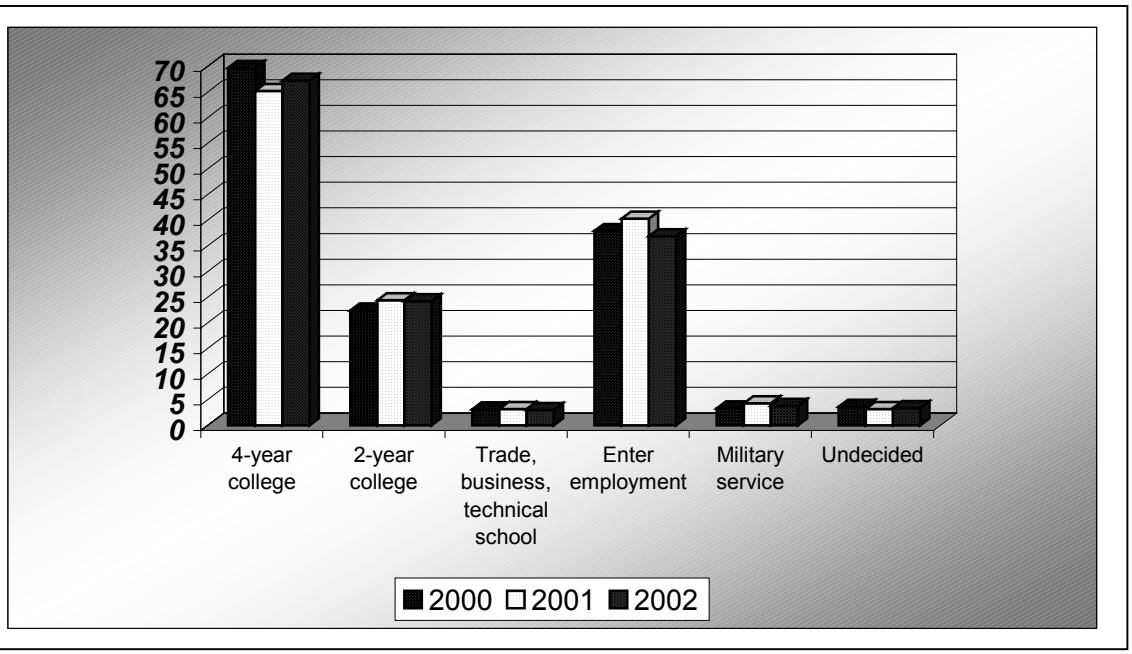

A substantial percentage of seniors (18 percent) reported planning to enter part-time employment unrelated to their high school courses. For the most part, these graduates were those who planned to attend two-year colleges full time or part time. Additionally, among the small number of graduates who planned to attend trade, business, or technical schools, a substantial percentage planned to work part time in areas unrelated to their high school course work. Finally, many graduates who planned to attend four-year colleges also planned to work part time in areas unrelated to their high school course work. It is therefore apparent that a large percentage of high school seniors planning to continue their education need or desire to maintain employment while attending college or trade school.

Seniors Applying to Colleges and Universities

The percent of seniors who applied to postsecondary colleges and universities in 2002 was slightly smaller than in 2001—from 78 percent in 2001 to 74 percent in 2002 (see Table 3). The average number of colleges and universities to which seniors applied remained at about three. Appendix C, Tables C-3.1, C-3.2, and C-3.3, includes postsecondary application information by race/ethnicity, gender, and program/category (Special Education, ESOL, and FARMS), respectively.

TABLE 3
Postsecondary School Applications, 1999–2002

	1999	2000	2001	2002
Number of responding seniors	6,896	7,047	7,096	7,426
Number of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	5,347	5,557	5,511	5,517
Percent of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	77.5	78.8	77.7	74.3
Number of applications	14,621	16,589	16,014	16,225
Mean number of applications[a]	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.9
Median number of applications[a]	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

[a] Based on only those students who had applied to at least one college or university.

Colleges and Universities Most Popular with Seniors

Appendix B shows the top 25 universities and colleges to which seniors in the class of 2002 most frequently applied. Over the survey years, the list of colleges and universities to which seniors most frequently applied has changed only slightly. For example, in each of the survey years—1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002—all but one of the first 10 colleges and universities were the same: University of Maryland—College Park, Montgomery College, Towson University, University of Maryland—Baltimore County, Pennsylvania State University, Salisbury State University, Frostburg State University, University of

Delaware, and Virginia Polytechnic University. In 2002, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor replaced James Madison University among the 10 most popular schools. The number of seniors applying to the most popular universities varied slightly from 2001 to 2002, thereby affecting the rank order of colleges and universities.

New entries in 2002 to the 25 most popular colleges and universities included Duke University, East Carolina University, Morgan State University, Howard University, and West Virginia University. Four universities that had been among the 25 most popular in 2001 no longer ranked among the top 25 in 2002. These included Washington University, University of Maryland—Eastern Shore, University of Wisconsin—Madison, and Harvard University.

The data for the top 25 universities and colleges in the districtwide analysis are also shown in Appendix C, Tables C-4.1 through C-4.10, for the various subgroups of students that were described above. The rank order of university/college popularity for each subgroup differs from the districtwide rank order presented in Appendix B. For consistency, the subgroup listings are shown in the same order as the districtwide presentation. Tables C-4.1 through C-4.10 provide descriptive data. Inferences drawn from comparisons between or among groups may be unreliable where the number of students reporting "acceptance" at a university falls below 30 students. Such comparisons may prove more reliable if replicated over several years.

Acceptance Rates of MCPS Graduates Compared with National Rates

Appendix B lists the number of seniors applying to specific colleges and universities, acceptance rates of MCPS seniors (based on self-report), and acceptance rates of all freshmen applying to specific colleges (based on data on www.Petersons.com). National acceptance rates were not available for the subgroup presentations included in Appendix C.

For those colleges and universities most popular with high school seniors, MCPS applicants' acceptance rates were higher in almost all cases than the national rates of freshmen applying. While it is possible that students may have underreported rejection rates, the results are nonetheless noteworthy. Only Howard University's national acceptance rate (69 percent) exceeded the acceptance rate for Montgomery County high school seniors (57 percent).

Also, Appendix B reports the percentage of MCPS seniors who applied to a particular college or university and received financial aid from that school. Among the 25 most popular schools, the percentages of MCPS seniors who reported being accepted and having received financial aid ranged from 22 percent (James Madison University) to 59 percent (St. Mary's College).

Finally, Appendix B reports the average SAT scores and the weighted and unweighted grade point averages (GPAs) of MCPS seniors who applied and reported being accepted by the colleges and universities. High school counselors may use these data to help

students and their parents make decisions about whether or not to apply to specific colleges and universities.

Appendix A. Questionnaire

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EXIT SURVEY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Student Name:

High School Code:

Student Number:

1. Which of the following experiences in your MCPS education would you rate as excellent or good? MARK ALL ANSWER CHOICES THAT APPLY.

Academic Experiences
- ○ Math instruction
- ○ Science instruction
- ○ Social science instruction
- ○ English instruction
- ○ Foreign language instruction
- ○ Technology instruction
- ○ Career education instruction

Educational Support Experiences
- ○ Development of your 4 year career plan
- ○ Guidance and counseling
- ○ Flexibility to select courses
- ○ Variety of courses offered
- ○ Grading procedures
- ○ Textbooks and instructional materials

Extra-curricular Experiences
- ○ Being with friends
- ○ Participating in school clubs
- ○ Participating in musicals, plays, etc.
- ○ Attending sports events
- ○ Participating in sports

2. What interfered with your education in MCPS? MARK ALL ANSWER CHOICES THAT APPLY.
- ○ Family obligations
- ○ Job outside of school
- ○ Activities outside of school
- ○ Worries about not having enough money
- ○ Parents who don't care how I do in school
- ○ No place to study
- ○ Poor study habits
- ○ Difficulty speaking English
- ○ Being sick frequently
- ○ Peer pressure
- ○ Not getting along with others
- ○ Not feeling part of the school
- ○ Not fitting into any peer group
- ○ Difficult courses
- ○ Poor class instruction
- ○ Teachers who don't encourage me
- ○ Not having choices of courses I want
- ○ Worries about my safety at school
- ○ Time spent watching TV, videos, etc.
- ○ Other, please write here: _____
- ○ Nothing interfered with my education in MCPS.

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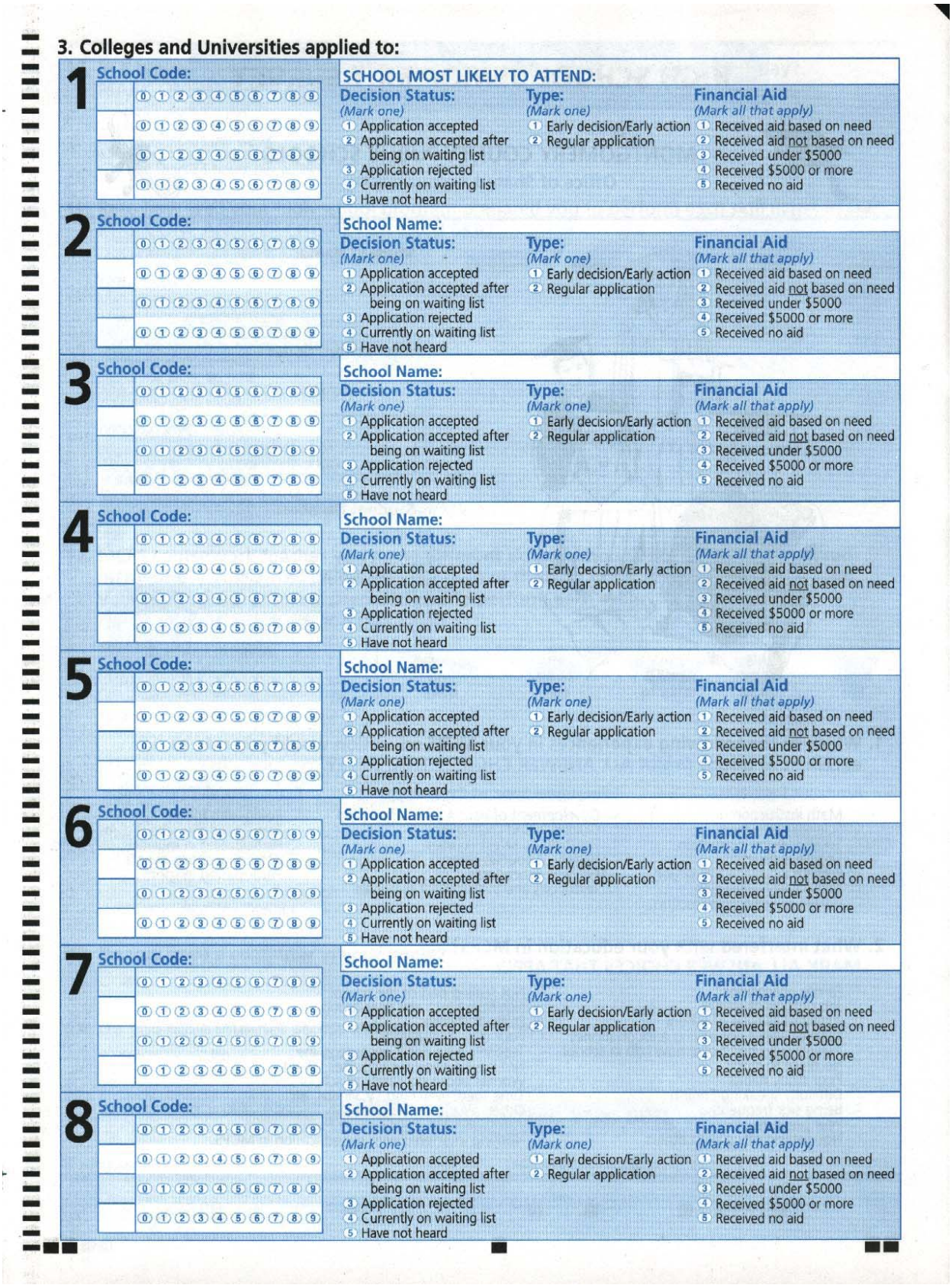

3. Colleges and Universities applied to:

1 School Code: (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9) (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9) (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9) (0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9)

SCHOOL MOST LIKELY TO ATTEND:

Decision Status: *(Mark one)*
1 Application accepted
2 Application accepted after being on waiting list
3 Application rejected
4 Currently on waiting list
5 Have not heard

Type: *(Mark one)*
1 Early decision/Early action
2 Regular application

Financial Aid *(Mark all that apply)*
1 Received aid based on need
2 Received aid not based on need
3 Received under $5000
4 Received $5000 or more
5 Received no aid

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4. What will you do after high school graduation (Fall 2002)?
MARK ALL ANSWER CHOICES THAT APPLY.

- ○ Attend a 2-year college full-time
- ○ Attend a 2-year college part-time
- ○ Attend a 4-year college or university full-time
- ○ Attend a 4-year college or university part-time
- ○ Attend a trade, technical, or business school full-time
- ○ Attend a trade, technical, or business school part-time
- ○ Work full-time in job related to high school courses
- ○ Work part-time in job related to high school courses
- ○ Work full-time in job unrelated to high school courses
- ○ Work part-time in job unrelated to high school courses
- ○ Enter military full-time
- ○ Enter military part-time
- ○ Undecided
- ○ Other, please specify: _____

5. What is the highest degree you expect to receive?
MARK ONE ANSWER CHOICE.

- ○ High school diploma
- ○ Associate's or trade/business/technical degree
- ○ Bachelor's degree
- ○ Master's degree
- ○ Doctorate (Ph.D.) degree or professional degree (M.D., J.D.)

6. Which of the following best describes your field of study or work that you will do after high school graduation? MARK ALL ANSWER CHOICES THAT APPLY.

- ○ Agriculture, forestry, or fishing
- ○ Biotechnology
- ○ Construction
- ○ Education
- ○ Engineering
- ○ Finance, accounting, insurance, or real estate services
- ○ Health services
- ○ Information technology or computer services
- ○ Legal services
- ○ Manufacturing
- ○ Public administration or government
- ○ Social services
- ○ Transportation, utilities, or communication services
- ○ Wholesale or retail trade
- ○ I have not decided on a specific field of study or work. **(Skip to Question 10)**

7. When did you decide on this field of study or work?
MARK ONE ANSWER CHOICE.

- ○ Elementary school
- ○ Middle school
- ○ High school, (before grade 12)
- ○ Within the last year
- ○ I have not decided on a specific field of study or work. **(Skip to Question 10)**

8. Who helped you decide on this field of study or work?
MARK ALL ANSWER CHOICES THAT APPLY.

- ○ Parents
- ○ Family members other than parents
- ○ Elementary school teachers
- ○ Middle school teachers
- ○ High school teachers
- ○ Middle school counselor
- ○ High school counselor
- ○ High school career information coordinator
- ○ Private career counselor
- ○ Other students
- ○ School or community coach
- ○ Work supervisor
- ○ Internship supervisor
- ○ Youth group leader, e.g., scout leader
- ○ Religious leader
- ○ No one

9. What information and/or activities helped you decide on this field of study or work?
MARK ALL ANSWER CHOICES THAT APPLY.

- ○ ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)
- ○ Interest inventory, e.g., Self-directed Search
- ○ Occupational Outlook Handbook
- ○ High school internship
- ○ Job outside school
- ○ High school mentoring program
- ○ Job shadowing; followed an employee at his(her) work
- ○ Summer program
- ○ Job or career fair at school
- ○ Guest career speaker at school
- ○ Course you took in high school
- ○ Field trips to local businesses and industries
- ○ Admiration of person in chosen field of study
- ○ 4-year high school plan
- ○ Having completed a college application
- ○ Availability of financial aid to assist training for my chosen field of study
- ○ Information I got about the availability of jobs in my chosen field of study
- ○ Media event I saw or read about, e.g., television program
- ○ Book like a biography I read
- ○ Other, please specify: _____

10. In a typical week during the school year, how many hours do you work for pay?
MARK ONE ANSWER CHOICE.

- ○ I don't work for pay
- ○ Less than 8 hours per week
- ○ 8 to 16 hours per week
- ○ 17 to 24 hours per week
- ○ More than 24 hours per week

11. Rate how well your high school program prepared you to perform each skill listed below:
MARK ONE ANSWER CHOICE FOR EACH SKILL.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Can't say
Work Skills					
Write so others understand	○	○	○	○	○
Speak so others understand	○	○	○	○	○
Perform number computations	○	○	○	○	○
Act appropriately in business settings	○	○	○	○	○
Come to work everyday	○	○	○	○	○
Report to work on time	○	○	○	○	○
Make good decisions at the workplace	○	○	○	○	○
Creatively solve problems	○	○	○	○	○
Working with Others					
Accept supervision from others	○	○	○	○	○
Take the initiative to complete a task	○	○	○	○	○
Work as a team member	○	○	○	○	○
Work with others from diverse backgrounds	○	○	○	○	○
Provide structure and guidance to others in the workplace	○	○	○	○	○

12. MCPS coursework teaches you many different skills. Although you may have acquired many of the skills listed below on your own or through other activities, rate how well your high school program prepared you to perform each skill:
MARK ONE ANSWER CHOICE FOR EACH SKILL.

My high school program prepared me to . . .	Without any help	With some help	With a lot of help	Not able to do	Can't say
Computer Technology Skills					
Use a spreadsheet to analyze data	○	○	○	○	○
Locate, analyze, and sort information on a database	○	○	○	○	○
Format documents using a word-processor (e.g., inserting bullets, changing margins, changing fonts)	○	○	○	○	○
Use multimedia software (e.g., PowerPoint) to create slide presentations	○	○	○	○	○
Use e-mail for communication, including sending and receiving attachments	○	○	○	○	○
Use the Internet to find information for a specific project	○	○	○	○	○
Assess the accuracy of information obtained from the Internet	○	○	○	○	○

13. Do you have a computer in your home?

○ Yes ○ No

14. Do you have Internet access at home?

○ Yes ○ No ○ Don't know

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APPENDIX B
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges

2002 Rank Order	University/College	2001 Rank Order	# Applying	% Applicants Accepted[a]		% Financial Aid[b]	Total SAT[c]	GPA[d]	
				MCPS	Nationally			Weighted	Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	1	2,085	66	55	42	1,287	4.1	3.5
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	2	1,354	Open admissions		28	941	2.7	2.6
3.	Towson University	4	691	70	59	43	1,118	3.6	3.2
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	3	636	77	66	45	1,195	3.7	3.3
5.	Pennsylvania State University	5	359	92	57	29	1,202	3.8	3.4
6.	Salisbury University	5	312	73	52	33	1,100	3.5	3.2
7.	Frostburg State University	7	291	81	75	30	1,033	3.1	2.9
8.	University of Delaware	9	248	62	53	46	1,214	4.0	3.5
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	8	236	85	66	30	1,229	3.9	3.4
10.	University of Michigan	11	195	60	52	23	1,373	4.3	3.7
11.	George Washington University	13	189	65	48	47	1,250	4.1	3.5
12.	University of Pennsylvania	12	185	24	22	27	1,380	4.3	3.7
13.	St. Mary's College	25	184	72	71	59	1,253	3.9	3.4
14.	Cornell University	16	174	46	27	48	1,426	4.5	3.8
15.	New York University	13	170	48	28	46	1,334	4.2	3.6
16.	University of Virginia	19	163	44	38	35	1,401	4.4	3.7
17.	James Madison University	10	158	65	64	22	1,195	3.9	3.4
18.	Boston University	21	153	80	48	37	1,287	4.1	3.5
19.	Johns Hopkins University	18	146	57	34	46	1,427	4.4	3.7
20.	American University	17	139	71	68	50	1,162	3.8	3.4
20.	Georgetown University	13	139	35	21	47	1,379	4.4	3.8
22.	Duke University	e	136	35	26	42	1,467	4.6	3.8
23.	East Carolina University	e	129	92	78	26	1,070	3.3	3.1
23.	Morgan State University	e	129	63	35	47	906	2.8	2.7
25.	Howard University	e	128	57	68	26	1,053	3.3	3.0
25.	West Virginia University	e	128	96	94	35	1,028	2.9	2.8

[a] MCPS acceptance rates are based on self-reported acceptance. Acceptance rates for 2002 freshmen applicants are from www.Petersons.com. Select College Search, then enter school name to view acceptance rates and other facts and figures.

[b] Percentage of applicants *accepted* who said that they received financial aid.

[c] Average (mean) highest total SAT for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college.*

[d] Unweighted and weighted GPA for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college*.

[e] Not ranked among the universities/colleges most popular with seniors in 2001.

Appendix C
Presentation by Demographic Composition and Special Program/Categories

Table #	Table Name
C-1.0	Demographic Composition and Special Programs/Categories High School Seniors: Class of 2002
C-2.1	High School Seniors' Postsecondary Plans: Class of 2002 by Race/Ethnic Group
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C-4.1-C4.5	Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges by Race/Ethnic Group
C-4.6-C4.7	Top Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges by Gender
C-4.8-C4.10	Top Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges by Program/Category (Special Education, ESOL, FARMS)

TABLE C-1.0
Demographic Composition and Special Programs/Categories
High School Seniors: Class of 2002

	All Seniors		Survey Respondents		
	Number	**Percent**	**Number**	**Percent of Respondents**	**Percent of All Students**
All High School Seniors	8,885	100.0%	7,426	100.0%	83.6%
Race/Ethnic Group					
African American	1,828	20.6%	1,432	19.3%	78.3%
American Indian	23	0.3%	19	0.3%	82.6%
Asian American	1,369	15.4%	1,179	15.9%	86.1%
Hispanic	1,156	13.0%	865	11.7%	74.8%
White	4,490	50.6%	3,919	52.9%	87.3%
Gender					
Male	4,573	51.6%	3,770	50.8%	82.4%
Female	4,293	48.4%	3,644	49.1%	84.9%
Received Special Education Services during 2001-2002	958	10.8%	611	8.2%	63.8%
Received ESOL Services during 2001-2002	410	4.6%	273	3.7%	66.6%
Participated in Free and Reduced-price Meals Program during 2001-2002 (FARMS)	868	9.8%	638	8.6%	73.5%

TABLE C-2.1
High School Seniors' Postsecondary Plans:
Class of 2002 by Race/Ethnic Group

		Race/Ethnic Group				
Survey Item 4: **What will you do after high school graduation (Fall 2002)?**	**All Survey Respondents**	**African Amer.**	**Amer. Indians**	**Asian Amer.**	**Hispanics**	**Whites**
	n=7,426	**n=1,432**	**n=19**	**n=1,179**	**n=865**	**n=3,919**
	%	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**	**%**
Attend four-year college full time	63.7	53.8	52.6	71.5	36.3	71.2
Attend four-year college part time	3.5	4.3	5.3	3.4	6.9	2.5
Attend two-year college full time	16.8	20.8	26.3	17.5	25.3	13.2
Attend two-year college part time	7.4	11.2	15.8	4.5	14.8	5.2
Attend trade, business, technical school						
Full time	1.5	3.2	--	0.9	2.2	0.9
Part time	1.5	2.2	--	0.6	3.1	1.2
Enter employment unrelated to high school trade, business, technical courses						
Full time	5.4	6.3	5.3	3.3	8.3	5.1
Part time	18.1	16.8	31.6	17.8	19.7	18.3
Enter employment related to high school trade, business, technical courses						
Full time	1.7	2.7	--	1.1	3.7	1.1
Part time	5.0	7.1	--	5.9	7.3	3.4
Enter military service Full time and part time	3.8	4.8		2.3	7.9	2.8
Undecided	3.4	4.1	5.3	3.1	6.8	2.4
Note: Respondents answered each postsecondary plan option separately, and may have responded to more than one option. Therefore, column percentages may exceed 100.0%.						

TABLE C-2.2
High School Seniors' Postsecondary Plans
Class of 2002 by Gender

	Gender		
Survey Item 4: What will you do after high school graduation (Fall 2002)?	**All Survey Respondents**	**Females**	**Males**
	n=7,426	**n=3,644**	**n=3,770**
	%	**%**	**%**
Attend four-year college full time	63.7	68.4	59.3
Attend four-year college part time	3.5	3.1	3.9
Attend two-year college full time	16.8	16.1	17.5
Attend two-year college part time	7.4	6.4	8.3
Attend trade, business, technical school			
Full time	1.5	.9	2.1
Part time	1.5	.8	2.2
Enter employment unrelated to high school trade, business, technical courses			
Full time	5.4	4.8	6.0
Part time	18.1	19.9	16.4
Enter employment related to high school trade, business, technical courses			
Full time	1.7	1.4	2.0
Part time	5.0	5.3	4.6
Enter military service Full time and part time	3.8	1.8	5.8
Undecided	3.4	2.9	3.8

TABLE C-2.3
High School Seniors' Postsecondary Plans
Class of 2002 by Program/Category

		2002 Classification by Program/Category		
Survey Item 4: What will you do after high school graduation (Fall 2002)?	**All Survey Respondents**	**Special Education**	**ESOL**	**FARMS**
	n=7,426	**n=611**	**n=273**	**n=638**
	%	**%**	**%**	**%**
Attend four-year college full time	63.7	38.5	24.9	39.8
Attend four-year college part time	3.5	5.1	8.4	4.4
Attend two-year college full time	16.8	25.5	32.6	25.5
Attend two-year college part time	7.4	14.6	15.8	17.2
Attend trade, business, technical school				
Full time	1.5	4.1	1.1	2.5
Part time	1.5	2.3	4.0	3.9
Enter employment unrelated to high school trade, business, technical courses				
Full time	5.4	7.7	5.9	10.8
Part time	18.1	14.2	13.2	20.1
Enter employment related to high school trade, business, technical courses				
Full time	1.7	5.7	7.0	4.5
Part time	5.0	8.2	9.5	9.4
Enter military service Full time and part time	3.8	4.8	4.7	4.9
Undecided	3.4	4.7	11.0	6.4

TABLE C-3.1
Postsecondary School Applications
Class of 2002 by Race/Ethnic Group

		Race/Ethnic Group				
Survey Item 3: **College or university applied to**	**All Survey Respondents**	**African Amer.**	**Amer. Indians**	**Asian Amer.**	**Hispanics**	**Whites**
Number of responding seniors	7,426	1,432	19	1,179	865	3,919
Number of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	5,517	895	14	1,010	491	3,103
Percent of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	74.3	62.5	73.7	85.7	56.8	79.2
Total Number of applications	16,225	2,194	35	3,316	1,003	9,669
Mean number of applications[a]	2.9	2.5	2.5	3.3	2.0	3.1
Median number of applications[a]	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	1.0	3.0
[a] Based on only those students who had applied to at least one college or university.						

TABLE C-3.2
Postsecondary School Applications
Class of 2002 by Gender

		Gender	
Survey Item 3: **College or university applied to**	**All Survey Respondents**	**Females**	**Males**
Number of responding seniors	7,426	3,644	3,770
Number of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	5,517	2,913	2,600
Percent of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	74.3	79.9	69.0
Number of applications	16,225	9,089	7,128
Mean number of applications[a]	2.9	3.1	2.7
Median number of applications[a]	2.0	3.0	2.0

[a] Based on only those students who had applied to at least one college or university.

TABLE C-3.3
Postsecondary School Applications
Class of 2002 by Program/Category

		2002 Classification by Program/Category		
Survey Item 3: **College or university applied to**	**All Survey Respondents**	**Special Education**	**ESOL**	**FARMS**
Number of responding seniors	7,426	611	273	638
Number of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	5,517	325	139	364
Percent of responding seniors who applied to at least one postsecondary school	74.3	53.2	50.9	57.1
Number of applications	16,225	678	243	747
Mean number of applications[a]	2.9	2.1	1.8	2.1
Median number of applications[a]	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
[a] Based on only those students who had applied to at least one college or university.				

Table C-4.1
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Race/Ethnicity: African Americans

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications		African Americans Accepted	% African Americans Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e]	
		All MCPS Respondents	African Americans					Weighted	Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	183	94	51.4	45.7	1,135	3.7	3.2
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	282	Open Admissions		33.0	841	2.4	2.3
3.	Towson University	691	79	41	51.9	68.3	1,037	3.4	3.1
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	69	43	62.3	60.5	1,175	3.7	3.3
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	36	30	83.3	56.7	1,030	3.2	3.0
6.	Salisbury University	312	34	24	70.6	41.7	1,044	3.0	2.8
7.	Frostburg State University	291	56	28	50.0	46.4	960	2.9	2.7
8.	University of Delaware	248	10	5	50.0	60.0	1,100	3.6	3.1
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	10	7	70.0	85.7	1,089	3.5	3.1
10.	University of Michigan	195	4	2	50.0	50.0	1,275	3.5	3.2
11.	George Washington University	189	31	23	74.2	47.8	1,106	3.8	3.3
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	11	4	36.4	50.0	1,228	3.8	3.4
13.	St. Mary's College	184	14	13	92.9	53.8	1,028	3.5	3.2
14.	Cornell University	174	8	5	62.5	60.0	1,298	4.4	3.7
15.	New York University	170	13	6	46.2	50.0	1,120	3.3	2.9
16.	University of Virginia	163	13	9	69.2	77.8	1,298	4.1	3.5
17.	James Madison University	158	4	2	50.0	0.0	1,070	3.8	3.4
18.	Boston University	153	6	3	50.0	0.0	1,203	4.0	3.4
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	5	4	80.0	75.0	1,295	4.4	3.6
20.	American University	139	31	23	74.2	43.5	1,081	3.7	3.3
20.	Georgetown University	139	16	3	18.8	66.7	1,227	4.0	3.4
22.	Duke University	136	9	3	33.3	0.0	1,297	4.3	3.6
23.	East Carolina University	129	6	3	50.0	66.7	1,185	3.0	2.8
23.	Morgan State University	129	121	77	63.6	45.5	903	2.8	2.7
25.	Howard University	128	119	68	57.1	25.0	1,044	3.2	2.9
25.	West Virginia University	128	7	5	71.4	20.0	954	2.8	2.6

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[b] MCPS acceptance rates are based on self-reported acceptance.

[c] Percentage of applicants *accepted* who said that they received financial aid.

[d] Includes the average (mean) highest total SAT for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college.*

[e] Includes the unweighted and weighted GPA for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college*.

Table C-4.2
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Race/Ethnicity: American Indians

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications		American Indians Accepted	% American Indians Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e]	
		All MCPS Respondents	American Indians					Weighted	Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	4	2	50.0	0.0	1,130	4.2	3.8
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	8	Open Admissions		28.6	976	2.6	2.4
3.	Towson University	691							
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	1	1	100.0	100.0	1,300	3.6	3.1
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359							
6.	Salisbury University	312							
7.	Frostburg State University	291							
8.	University of Delaware	248	1	1	100.0	100.0	1,260	4.4	3.7
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	1	1	100.0	0.0	1,300	3.6	3.1
10.	University of Michigan	195							
11.	George Washington University	189	1						
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185							
13.	St. Mary's College	184							
14.	Cornell University	174							
15.	New York University	170							
16.	University of Virginia	163	2	1	50.0	100.0	1,300	3.6	3.1
17.	James Madison University	158							
18.	Boston University	153							
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146							
20.	American University	139	1	1	100.0	0.0	1,000	4.0	3.8
20.	Georgetown University	139							
22.	Duke University	136	1	1	100.0	100.0	1,160	4.0	3.6
23.	East Carolina University	129							
23.	Morgan State University	129							
25.	Howard University	128							
25.	West Virginia University	128							

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[c] Percentage of applicants *accepted* who said that they received financial aid.

[d] Includes the average (mean) highest total SAT for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college.*

[e] Includes the unweighted and weighted GPA for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college*.

Table C-4.3
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Race/Ethnicity: Asian Americans

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications		Asian Americans Accepted	% Asian Americans Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e]	
		All MCPS Respondents	Asian Americans					Weighted	Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	617	403	65.3	51.9	1,317	4.2	3.6
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	251	Open Admissions		33.0	947	3.0	2.8
3.	Towson University	691	118	80	67.8	50.0	1,104	3.7	3.3
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	295	231	78.3	43.7	1,189	3.8	3.3
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	73	70	95.9	27.1	1,186	3.7	3.3
6.	Salisbury University	312	29	24	82.8	62.5	1,082	3.7	3.3
7.	Frostburg State University	291	28	23	82.1	34.8	1,011	3.2	3.0
8.	University of Delaware	248	8	4	50.0	100.0	1,103	3.9	3.5
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	53	43	81.1	30.2	1,230	3.9	3.4
10.	University of Michigan	195	67	37	55.2	35.1	1,386	4.4	3.7
11.	George Washington University	189	66	42	63.6	59.5	1,297	4.3	3.6
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	68	9	13.2	33.3	1,446	4.5	3.8
13.	St. Mary's College	184	32	19	59.4	57.9	1,259	3.8	3.3
14.	Cornell University	174	76	37	48.7	56.8	1,478	4.6	3.8
15.	New York University	170	56	28	50.0	42.9	1,376	4.4	3.7
16.	University of Virginia	163	53	24	45.3	25.0	1,433	4.4	3.7
17.	James Madison University	158	8	2	25.0	0.0	1,170	3.8	3.4
18.	Boston University	153	30	22	73.3	45.5	1,281	4.1	3.5
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	64	30	46.9	46.7	1,446	4.5	3.8
20.	American University	139	24	13	54.2	38.5	1,139	3.7	3.4
20.	Georgetown University	139	52	21	40.4	61.9	1,440	4.6	3.9
22.	Duke University	136	38	20	52.6	55.0	1,518	4.7	3.9
23.	East Carolina University	129	8	7	87.5	14.3	1,120	3.8	3.3
23.	Morgan State University	129	3	2	66.7	100.0	1,010	2.7	2.5
25.	Howard University	128	3	3	100.0	66.7	1,197	4.2	3.6
25.	West Virginia University	128	5	5	100.0	20.0	1,013	2.8	2.5

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[e] Includes the unweighted and weighted GPA for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college*.

Table C-4.4
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Race/Ethnicity: Hispanics

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications All MCPS Respondents	# of Applications Hispanics	Hispanics Accepted	% Hispanics Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e] Weighted	GPA[e] Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	156	92	59.0	48.9	1,156	3.8	3.4
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	268	Open Admissions		33.6	857	2.7	2.6
3.	Towson University	691	48	30	62.5	53.3	1,094	3.6	3.2
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	38	25	65.8	48.0	1,127	3.7	3.3
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	18	15	83.3	60.0	1,128	3.8	3.3
6.	Salisbury University	312	17	9	52.9	55.6	1,118	3.4	3.1
7.	Frostburg State University	291	22	16	72.7	31.3	1,013	3.0	2.9
8.	University of Delaware	248	5	3	60.0	66.7	1,130	3.8	3.3
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	15	14	93.3	42.9	1,237	3.9	3.4
10.	University of Michigan	195	3	3	100.0	33.3	1,243	4.1	3.6
11.	George Washington University	189	14	6	42.9	0.0	1,114	4.2	3.6
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	3	3	100.0	33.3	1,425	3.6	3.1
13.	St. Mary's College	184	12	7	58.3	85.7	1,190	3.8	3.3
14.	Cornell University	174	5	2	40.0	50.0	1,405	4.5	3.7
15.	New York University	170	7	3	42.9	66.7	1,325	4.3	3.7
16.	University of Virginia	163	2	1	50.0	0.0	1,370	4.6	3.9
17.	James Madison University	158	7	5	71.4	80.0	1,130	3.8	3.4
18.	Boston University	153	3	2	66.7	100.0	1,385	4.2	3.7
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	2	1	50.0	100.0	1,230	4.2	3.5
20.	American University	139	14	7	50.0	57.1	1,086	3.8	3.4
20.	Georgetown University	139	4	1	25.0	0.0	1,080	4.2	4.0
22.	Duke University	136	2	2	100.0	0.0	1,375	4.7	4.0
23.	East Carolina University	129	10	9	90.0	22.2	1,062	3.2	3.0
23.	Morgan State University	129	2						
25.	Howard University	128	4						
25.	West Virginia University	128	9	9	100.0	66.7	1,042	3.1	3.0

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[e] Includes the unweighted and weighted GPA for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college*.

Table C-4.5
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Race/Ethnicity: Whites

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications		Whites Accepted	% Whites Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e]	
		All MCPS Respondents	Whites					Weighted	Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	1125	789	70.1	35.9	1,305	4.1	3.5
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	545	Open Admissions		19.8	1,007	2.8	2.7
3.	Towson University	691	446	332	74.4	36.7	1,133	3.6	3.2
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	233	189	81.1	42.3	1,214	3.7	3.3
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	232	214	92.2	22.9	1,237	3.9	3.4
6.	Salisbury University	312	232	171	73.7	25.7	1,123	3.5	3.2
7.	Frostburg State University	291	185	169	91.4	26.6	1,049	3.1	2.9
8.	University of Delaware	248	224	140	62.5	43.6	1,223	4.0	3.5
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	157	135	86.0	25.9	1,235	3.9	3.4
10.	University of Michigan	195	121	74	61.2	16.2	1,374	4.3	3.7
11.	George Washington University	189	77	51	66.2	41.2	1,291	4.0	3.5
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	103	29	28.2	20.7	1,377	4.4	3.8
13.	St. Mary's College	184	126	93	73.8	58.1	1,287	4.0	3.5
14.	Cornell University	174	85	36	42.4	36.1	1,390	4.4	3.7
15.	New York University	170	94	45	47.9	46.7	1,338	4.2	3.6
16.	University of Virginia	163	93	36	38.7	30.6	1,411	4.5	3.8
17.	James Madison University	158	139	94	67.6	20.2	1,202	3.9	3.4
18.	Boston University	153	114	95	83.3	34.7	1,289	4.1	3.5
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	75	48	64.0	41.7	1,431	4.3	3.7
20.	American University	139	69	55	79.7	54.5	1,215	3.9	3.4
20.	Georgetown University	139	67	24	35.8	33.3	1,356	4.3	3.7
22.	Duke University	136	86	22	25.6	36.4	1,466	4.5	3.8
23.	East Carolina University	129	105	99	94.3	26.3	1,065	3.3	3.1
23.	Morgan State University	129	3	2	66.7	50.0	955	3.0	2.9
25.	Howard University	128	2	2	100.0	0.0	1,100	3.6	3.2
25.	West Virginia University	128	107	104	97.2	33.7	1,032	2.9	2.8

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[e] Includes the unweighted and weighted GPA for MCPS students who applied and *were accepted to the college*.

Table C-4.6
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Gender: Females

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications All MCPS Respondents	# of Applications Females	Females Accepted	% Females Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e] Weighted	GPA[e] Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	1,094	726	66.4	40.4	1,268	4.1	3.6
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	671	Open Admissions		29.8	916	2.8	2.7
3.	Towson University	691	420	307	73.1	45.0	1,110	3.7	3.3
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	334	251	75.1	50.2	1,180	3.9	3.4
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	189	177	93.7	31.6	1,189	3.9	3.4
6.	Salisbury University	312	179	130	72.6	31.5	1,099	3.6	3.3
7.	Frostburg State University	291	144	114	79.2	33.3	1,014	3.2	3.0
8.	University of Delaware	248	166	105	63.3	50.5	1,205	4.0	3.5
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	94	80	85.1	32.5	1,212	4.0	3.5
10.	University of Michigan	195	88	58	65.9	25.9	1,362	4.4	3.8
11.	George Washington University	189	126	80	63.5	56.3	1,247	4.2	3.6
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	96	21	21.9	33.3	1,383	4.4	3.7
13.	St. Mary's College	184	110	77	70.0	63.6	1,232	4.0	3.5
14.	Cornell University	174	84	43	51.2	44.2	1,414	4.5	3.8
15.	New York University	170	106	51	48.1	37.3	1,329	4.2	3.6
16.	University of Virginia	163	94	38	40.4	31.6	1,418	4.5	3.8
17.	James Madison University	158	101	67	66.3	17.9	1,200	4.0	3.5
18.	Boston University	153	113	97	85.8	38.1	1,291	4.1	3.5
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	77	37	48.1	51.4	1,433	4.4	3.7
20.	American University	139	95	70	73.7	58.6	1,172	3.9	3.5
20.	Georgetown University	139	101	34	33.7	47.1	1,370	4.4	3.7
22.	Duke University	136	71	24	33.8	45.8	1,474	4.6	3.9
23.	East Carolina University	129	85	78	91.8	20.5	1,067	3.4	3.1
23.	Morgan State University	129	82	53	64.6	47.2	899	2.9	2.7
25.	Howard University	128	86	49	57.0	30.6	1,040	3.4	3.1
25.	West Virginia University	128	62	59	95.2	37.3	1,007	3.0	2.9

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Table C-4.7
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Race/Ethnicity: Males

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications All MCPS Respondents	# of Applications Males	Males Accepted	% Males Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e] Weighted	GPA[e] Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	991	654	66.0	43.9	1,309	4.0	3.5
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	683	Open Admissions		25.6	963	2.7	2.6
3.	Towson University	691	271	176	64.9	38.6	1,131	3.4	3.1
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	302	238	78.8	39.5	1,210	3.6	3.2
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	170	152	89.4	25.0	1,217	3.7	3.3
6.	Salisbury University	312	133	98	73.7	33.7	1,125	3.3	3.0
7.	Frostburg State University	291	147	122	83.0	27.0	1,050	3.0	2.8
8.	University of Delaware	248	82	48	58.5	37.5	1,235	3.9	3.4
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	142	120	84.5	28.3	1,241	3.8	3.4
10.	University of Michigan	195	107	58	54.2	20.7	1,384	4.3	3.7
11.	George Washington University	189	63	42	66.7	28.6	1,256	3.9	3.4
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	89	24	27.0	20.8	1,377	4.3	3.7
13.	St. Mary's College	184	74	55	74.3	52.7	1,283	3.7	3.3
14.	Cornell University	174	90	37	41.1	51.4	1,439	4.5	3.8
15.	New York University	170	64	31	48.4	61.3	1,342	4.1	3.5
16.	University of Virginia	163	69	33	47.8	39.4	1,382	4.3	3.7
17.	James Madison University	158	57	36	63.2	30.6	1,187	3.8	3.4
18.	Boston University	153	40	25	62.5	32.0	1,273	4.0	3.5
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	69	46	66.7	41.3	1,422	4.4	3.7
20.	American University	139	44	29	65.9	27.6	1,139	3.6	3.3
20.	Georgetown University	139	38	15	39.5	46.7	1,397	4.4	3.8
22.	Duke University	136	65	24	36.9	37.5	1,460	4.5	3.8
23.	East Carolina University	129	44	40	90.9	37.5	1,075	3.1	2.9
23.	Morgan State University	129	47	28	59.6	46.4	918	2.7	2.6
25.	Howard University	128	42	24	57.1	16.7	1,082	3.0	2.7
25.	West Virginia University	128	66	64	97.0	32.8	1,047	2.9	2.7

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Table C-4.8
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Program/Category: Special Education

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications		Special Education Accepted	% Special Education Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e]	
		All MCPS Respondents	Special Education					Weighted	Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	42	9	21.4	44.4	1,118	3.5	3.2
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	169	Open Admissions		26.2	799	2.5	2.5
3.	Towson University	691	38	16	42.1	43.8	1,076	3.5	3.3
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	21	10	47.6	20.0	1,174	3.3	3.0
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	4	3	75.0	33.3	1,020	3.2	3.0
6.	Salisbury University	312	19	9	47.4	22.2	1,069	3.3	3.1
7.	Frostburg State University	291	30	23	76.7	39.1	1,017	3.0	2.9
8.	University of Delaware	248	8	4	50.0	50.0	1,108	3.8	3.6
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	3	1	33.3	100.0	1,340	4.3	3.8
10.	University of Michigan	195	1						
11.	George Washington University	189	3	1	33.3	0.0	1,120	3.2	2.9
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185							
13.	St. Mary's College	184	13	6	46.2	50.0	1,188	3.7	3.3
14.	Cornell University	174	1	0					
15.	New York University	170	3	2	66.7	50.0	1,305	3.8	3.4
16.	University of Virginia	163							
17.	James Madison University	158	4	2	50.0	0.0	1,020	3.2	3.2
18.	Boston University	153							
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	3	1	33.3	100.0	.	2.1	2.1
20.	American University	139	5	3	60.0	33.3	1,130	3.4	3.2
20.	Georgetown University	139	2	1	50.0	0.0	1,340	4.2	3.6
22.	Duke University	136	1						
23.	East Carolina University	129	7	5	71.4	40.0	995	2.8	2.8
23.	Morgan State University	129	9	5	55.6	20.0	660	2.1	2.1
25.	Howard University	128	1						
25.	West Virginia University	128	10	10	100.0	40.0	952	2.8	2.7

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Table C-4.9
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Program Category: ESOL

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications All MCPS Respondents	# of Applications ESOL	ESOL Accepted	% ESOL Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e] Weighted	GPA[e] Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	27	6	22.2	33.3	1,025	3.3	3.2
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	105	Open Admissions		26.7	787	2.9	2.9
3.	Towson University	691	3	3	100.0	33.3	1,000	3.5	3.4
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	19	5	26.3	20.0	1,050	3.4	3.3
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	3	3	100.0	33.3	957	3.2	3.1
6.	Salisbury University	312	3	1	33.3	0.0	1,030	3.5	3.4
7.	Frostburg State University	291	2	1	50.0	100.0	.	3.2	3.2
8.	University of Delaware	248							
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	1	1	100.0	0.0	1,220	3.4	3.4
10.	University of Michigan	195	1	1	100.0	0.0	1,040	2.9	2.8
11.	George Washington University	189	3						
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185							
13.	St. Mary's College	184	2						
14.	Cornell University	174							
15.	New York University	170							
16.	University of Virginia	163	1						
17.	James Madison University	158							
18.	Boston University	153							
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146							
20.	American University	139	6	2	33.3	0.0	915	3.4	3.3
20.	Georgetown University	139							
22.	Duke University	136							
23.	East Carolina University	129	1						
23.	Morgan State University	129	2						
25.	Howard University	128	4	1	25.0			2.5	2.5
25.	West Virginia University	128	1	1	100.0	100.0	930	3.5	3.4

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Table C-4.10
Twenty-Five Most Popular Universities and Colleges[a] by Program/Category: FARMS

2002 Rank Order	University/College	# of Applications All MCPS Respondents	# of Applications FARMS	FARMS Accepted	% FARMS Accepted[b]	% Financial Aid[c]	Total SAT[d]	GPA[e] Weighted	GPA[e] Unweighted
1.	Univ. of Maryland—College Park	2,085	101	40	39.6	62.5	1,146	3.9	3.5
2.	Montgomery College—all campuses	1,354	207	Open Admissions		43.4	865	2.8	2.7
3.	Towson University	691	27	19	70.4	78.9	1,102	3.8	3.4
4.	Univ. of Maryland—Baltimore Co.	636	49	34	69.4	58.8	1,121	3.8	3.4
5.	Pennsylvania State University	359	10	10	100.0	60.0	1,035	3.5	3.2
6.	Salisbury University	312	9	4	44.4	50.0	1,090	3.2	3.0
7.	Frostburg State University	291	16	11	68.8	63.6	933	3.1	2.9
8.	University of Delaware	248	1						
9.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute	236	8	6	75.0	33.3	1,220	4.0	3.5
10.	University of Michigan	195	3	1	33.3	100.0	1,510	4.7	4.0
11.	George Washington University	189	13	5	38.5	20.0	1,314	4.3	3.7
12.	University of Pennsylvania	185	2	2	100.0	0.0	1,510	3.6	3.2
13.	St. Mary's College	184	4	4	100.0	100.0	1,163	3.8	3.4
14.	Cornell University	174	3	2	66.7	0.0	1,380	4.5	3.7
15.	New York University	170	2	2	100.0	50.0	1,375	4.5	3.8
16.	University of Virginia	163	5	1	20.0	0.0	1,480	4.6	3.9
17.	James Madison University	158							
18.	Boston University	153	1						
19.	Johns Hopkins University	146	5	2	40.0	100.0	1,380	4.5	3.7
20.	American University	139	5	2	40.0	0.0	915	3.7	3.5
20.	Georgetown University	139	8	2	25.0	50.0	1,410	4.7	4.0
22.	Duke University	136	3	1	33.3	100.0	1,510	4.7	4.0
23.	East Carolina University	129							
23.	Morgan State University	129	16	7	43.8	57.1	809	2.7	2.6
25.	Howard University	128	18	6	33.3	16.7	1,000	3.1	2.9
25.	West Virginia University	128							

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