

College Readiness Resources and Support

This document is a quick reference guide for support around key college readiness tasks that may occur during this period of school closure. Our office is here to support schools, our students, and our families. Students and families that need support can reach out to Mavis Jackson, Director of College Readiness at mjjackson@bcps.k12.md.us.

Question: I need my transcripts sent to a college or scholarship provider, what do I do?

Answer: Please contact our [virtual counselors](#) and we can assist you with your request. You can also email your college advisor at your school. We are all here to help.

Question: Our SAT was cancelled, what is the new test date?

Answer: We are working with the College Board to reschedule our school-day SAT. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to practice for the SAT by using Khan Academy. Simply by practicing on Khan Academy, you can be considered for a \$1000 scholarship. <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

Question: I am looking for scholarships to help pay for my 2-year, 4-year, or certificate/trade program?

Answer: Please check out the City Schools high school Day 1 lessons. Each has a 33-page list of scholarships that you might be eligible for. You can also [click here](#). You do not need to be in the 12 grade to apply for scholarships. There are a number of scholarships starting very early. Check out our list.

Question: Is it too late to complete a FAFSA?

Answer: No. You can use this time to complete your FAFSA. If you need assistance, you can reach out to your school counselor/college advisor at your school or you can reach out to our [virtual counselors](#) to get assistance. Remember, you can use your FAFSA to pay for traditional 2 and 4 year college opportunities, but you can also use your FAFSA to help pay for some certificate and trade programs. Completing the FAFSA also helps you to qualify for scholarships. Another resource is www.studentaid.gov.

Question: I submitted my FAFSA, am I done?

Answer: No. Once you submit your FAFSA, often you will have to complete a process called verification with the college you plan on attending. Verification means you have to verify the information that you submitted on your FAFSA. This is an important step. If you are selected for verification and you ignore it, you will not receive your money for college. We are here to assist you. Please reach out to your school counselor/college advisor or our office and the [virtual counselor](#) to assist you.

Question: Is it too late to apply to college?

Answer: No. You can use this time to explore colleges and apply. You can reach out to your school counselor/college advisor or you can also reach out to our [virtual counselors](#) to assist you. You can take advantage of this time to “visit” some colleges virtually. Some websites where you can do virtual college tours include: <https://www.youvisit.com/collegesearch/>, <https://campustours.com/>. You can also check out the college’s website. It is never too early to start.

Question: I do not want to go to a traditional 2-year or 4-year college, what are my options?

Answer: There are free and low-cost workforce and apprenticeship programs in health care fields, technology, construction, and more. Check out our lessons for grades 11 and 12, you might find some resources. You can also reach out to our [virtual counselors](#) for some additional assistance. You can also check out Grads Careers at www.bmoreG2C.org to learn more about your options.