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College & Career Support

Perspectives Charter Schools are committed to continuing to live A Disciplined Life® by being positive and supportive during these very unique times. We want to continue to effectively communicate with students and families, as our scholars continue to work on their post-secondary plans. Be assured we are here to assist, as our scholars take concrete steps towards planning for life after Perspectives.

Post Secondary Counselors at each high school will continue to be available to scholars to offer support. Each Post Secondary Counselor will be available weekly, and offer individual meeting times to assist scholars with completion of the application, award letter review, financial aid verification process and/or the admission on-boarding process. Please find resources for financial support and inquiries, as you begin to explore financing options: [FAFSA](#), [IL Alternative Application](#), and [private scholarships](#).

It is our hope each scholar will take full advantage of the support being offered during these very stressful times. While we are separated by distance, we are still here to support you on your academic journey and your plans to lead a successful post graduation. Please be sure to check your email and remain in contact with your assigned counselor.

- **Who can students and families *email* with questions about Learn.Plan.Succeed. and other college and career planning and application issues?**

Students should contact his/her respective counselor should they have questions about Learn. Plan. Succeed. and other college and career planning and application issues. Please see counselors' information listed below:

Perspectives Leadership Academy:

Dr. Stefan Fisher - sfisher@pcsedu.org

Perspectives School of Technology:

Ms. Tynesha Parker - tparker@pcsedu.org

Perspectives Charter School - Rodney D. Joslin Campus:

Mrs. Doriene Pendleton-Canada - dpendleton@pcsedu.org

Perspectives Math & Science Academy:

Mrs. Jane Choice - jchoice@pcsedu.org



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If a school counselor cannot be reached, send questions to Tiffany L Harston at tharston@pcsedu.org. Or for general questions you can contact CPS at LearnPlanSucceed@cps.edu.

The team of College and Career Specialists at *CPS Office of School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising* are available to answer questions about applications, resumes, financial aid processes, scholarships, and other processes related to getting ready for life after high school graduation.

- **What is Learn. Plan.Succeed.?**

Learn. Plan. Succeed. is a graduation requirement to ensure every scholar has a plan. Every scholar must have a plan in place and must have **concrete evidence** of their plan.

- **What concrete evidence is required from my scholar to validate s/he has a post-secondary plan?**

College - Financial Aid Letter

Military - Enlistment Letter

Job Training Program - Acceptance Letter

Trade/Pre-Apprenticeship// Apprenticeship - Acceptance Letter

Gap Year Program - Acceptance Letter

Employment - Offer Letter OR Confirmation of Continuation of Employment

- **Who can students and families call with questions about Learn.Plan.Succeed. and other college and career planning and application issues?**

Contact the student's Post Secondary Counselor. If your Post Secondary counselor does not reply within 2 business days, please contact Tiffany L Harston, Director of Post Secondary Planning at tharston@pcsedu.org.

- **How can students request an official high school transcript?**

Transcripts can be requested through Parchment, Naviance or email. School counselors will be teleworking to remain in touch with students. Students can request transcript requests electronically via [Naviance](#) along with a follow-up email to their school counselor. If in 48 hours a school counselor has not responded, students may submit a transcript request to tharston@pcsedu.org

- **What is the status of college admission worldwide?**

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As a service to students and families, *National Association for College Admission Counseling* (NACAC) is providing an online tool as a central resource for information about changes in college admission events, deposit dates, and more.

This chart includes updates from colleges and universities worldwide:

<https://www.nacacnet.org/college-admission-status-coronavirus>

To narrow your search, select the “+” symbol in any of the four categories. To sort your results, click on the column title (for example, click on "Institution Name" to sort alphabetically by college name). This tool will update in real-time as they receive input from colleges and universities. Please also double check college websites.

We hope this resource will make it easier for students and others to navigate the college admission process during this unprecedented time.

- **How can students and families learn of webinars and other events that colleges, career organizations and other trusted sources are making available during COVID-19?**

Students and families can find information about college, career and financial aid inquiries on the website of the college/university of interest.

- **Where can 12th grade scholars save evidence of their Learn.Plan.Succeed. plan for life after high school?**

To ensure school counselors at each school are able to best assist grade 12 students and families with completing their Learn.Plan.Succeed. plan, refer to [Naviance](#) – the official college and career readiness platform used at Perspectives Charter School.

- Step 1: Go to CPS.edu/Naviance
- Step 2: Using your CPS username and password, log into [Naviance at CPS](#)
- Step 3: At top, right side of screen, click on “My Planner”
- Step 4: Select “Tasks”
- Step 5: Look for **“ILP / LPS Concrete Plan Step 1 – Survey**

In this [Naviance](#) activity grade 12 students will answer 4 questions. They will be asked to declare the pathway that best describes their plan for life beyond high school.

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- Step 6: Look for “[ILP / LPS Concrete Plan Step 2 – Evidence Upload](#)”

In support of each grade 12 student’s Learn.Plan.Succeed. plan, in this [Naviance](#) activity students will be prompted to upload evidence of what they plan to do next year. Evidence of a concrete postsecondary plan must be loaded to [Naviance](#) no later than May 31, 2020.

- **My student is undecided or not sure what pathway to pursue after high school. How can a student start planning for life beyond high school?!**

It’s never too early—or too late—to explore postsecondary options! Students will have to take time to research and understand their options, but they don’t have to do it alone. Students can contact their school counselor or Director of Post-Secondary Planning, Tiffany Harston (tharston@pcsedu.org) to make it easier for students.

Additionally, all students at Chicago Public Schools can use the Learn.Plan.Succeed. Website at CPS.edu/LearnPlanSucceed to explore a variety of options for life after high school, including:

- [College](#)
- [Military](#)
- [Employment](#)
- [Apprenticeship Programs](#)
- [Job Training Programs](#)
- [Gap Year Programs](#)