

Options to MCPS High School Graduation



MCPS Bilingual Hotline:

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Must be age 18 to drop out.

Exception: If student enters Job Corps or FreeState Challenge at age 16 or 17 - student must be accepted/enrolled in the program before he/she can be withdrawn.

Second exception – if student is home schooled. Home school students may take GED at age 16.

MCPS Alternative Programs – offers Personalized Blended Learning with a selection of online courses for graduation, social and behavioral services, small class sizes at three locations; Germantown, Silver Spring, and Rockville. Contact 240-740-5000 to schedule a visit. [Blair G. Ewing Centers](#)

ReEnroll in your High School: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/>

- Credit Recovery
- Online Courses
- Summer School for accelerating course credit
- Connect and combine options below

TranZed Academy for Working Students (TAWs): 410-905-2743 The TranZed Academy for Working Students offers MCPS seniors who have paying jobs a path toward career and college through a combination of flexible academic schedules, career coaching and career preparation.

<https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/career-readiness/taws/index.aspx>

Thomas Edison High School for Technology: 240-740-2000 The mission of Thomas Edison High School of Technology is to provide students with the academic, technological, and interpersonal skills needed to achieve excellence in their chosen careers and to serve as the foundation for their continuing education. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/edison/>

MCPS CREA – offers GED classes at night. Student must be an ESOL student who will age out before earning enough credits for graduation, and enrolled in the CREA

program. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/esol/instruction/crea.aspx>

Call: 240-740-3000 | Spanish Hotline: 240-740-2845

GED offered in English and Spanish. 4 part exam. <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/gedmd/ged.shtml>

Take practice exam. Must have ID

National External Diploma – portfolio based – must be 18 years old - 6 – 12 month process – classes in another county -

<https://www.dllr.state.md.us/gedmd/ged.shtml>

Free State Challenge – for students aged 16 – 18 years old at start of selected class. GED preparation. 22 weeks and then 1 year of mentoring. Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Website <http://freestatemil.maryland.gov/> Check this for documentation needed to enroll. Also excellent videos on YouTube to give students a feel for program (search FreeState Challenge.)



GED support: www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdcc/aclg/ged.htm

The GED Office is located at Wheaton Plaza in the Westfield South Building, Room 210. The number is 240-567-8950. GED classes are offered in English at different sites throughout Montgomery County (see scheduled at www.montgomerycollege.edu/wdce/aclg/ged.htm).

The Montgomery College **Educational Opportunity Center** located on Takoma Park Campus and Rockville Campus -- offers practice tests month, English and Spanish, as well as career and educational counseling. Montgomery College Educational Opportunity Center (240) 567-5644

GED free online practice test: ¼ length of operational tests, 12 -16 questions in each content area, provides correct answers and explanation. Visit:

www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/freepracticetest

Identity: two locations (age 10-25 years) -Upcounty Youth Opportunity Center 415 E. Diamond Ave.

Gaithersburg 20877 301-591-1790 and Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center 7676 New Hampshire Ave. NE #411 Takoma Park, MD 20912 240-670-8122. Periodically GED classes in both English and Spanish. For more information www.identity-youth.org and create a referral online

Job Corps: 16 – 24. Go to website, <https://www.jobcorps.gov> to fill out initial request. Job training/residential/GED preparation. Once initial request in, a JobCorps rep will call student. If found eligible, you are sent to local office (in Wheaton) and complete enrollment. This is a federally funded program so check website for documentation needed.

Lead4Life: Jermaine Arrington, Program Mgr. – 202-712-0040 – The Reengagement Center offers adults between the ages of 18 and 24 the opportunity to be connected to employment and GED/Diploma assistance services. Through the program, you will interact with Peer Connectors, Employment Specialists, and Educational Specialists to develop skills and be directly connected to employment and educational programs. Meet you in the community. To make a referral, go to <http://lead4lifeinc.org/> and go to Washington DC Metro Area and click on the “ReEng. Center” dove icon.

Maryland Multicultural Youth Center: GED classes and Conservation Corps for youth 17 - 24!!! Eligibility is based on citizenship status, income, deficiency in basic literacy skills, and other needs. For information about this program, call 301 495-0441 or <http://www.layc-dc.org/what-we-do/job-readiness>. Referrals available on website or call to get an intake. Other services available. Person does not have to be Spanish but you must be a resident of Montgomery

Street Outreach Network (SON): 240-777-1264 The mission of the Street Outreach Network is to prevent, neutralize, and control hostile behavior in high risk youth and youth gangs through the development of positive relationships between youth/community stakeholders and the outreach workers. The outreach worker will utilize positive youth development programs and leisure time activities as the intervening vehicle for redirecting antisocial and aggressive behaviors.

Division of Rehabilitative Services: Support for post-secondary employment and education if you have a disability and qualify for services. Complete application online or contact local DORS office at Germantown 20010 Century Blv Suite 400 Germantown 20874 301-601-1500 or Wheaton 11002 Veirs Mill Rd. Wheaton MD 20902 and call 301-949-3750