Partnerships Unit

Nonprofit Montgomery
February 2021

The Partnerships Unit engages with partners from state, county, public, private, volunteer and philanthropic agencies, higher education institutions and faith-based communities working towards a greater collective impact for Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) students, families, and MCPS staff.
Role of Partnerships Unit

Builds partnerships which engage, enhance and expand student learning and success in alignment with strategic priorities of our school system.

Supports student opportunities to learn about workforce development and careers.

Supports access to opportunities for underserved and underrepresented students.

Builds upon and deepens existing partnerships to ensure student success.

Creates and engages new partnerships which support student readiness to attend college or pursue a career.

Expands and enriches learning opportunities particularly in the content areas of Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Mathematics (STEAM).

Partnerships Unit Programs and Projects

- Summer RISE
- Let's Talk Careers
- Summer programming with partners
- MCPS GIVE BACKpacks Campaign

Action Groups
- African American Student Achievement Action Group (AASAAG)
- Asian Pacific American Student Achievement Action Group (APASAAG)
- Latino Student Achievement Action Group (LSAAG)
Summer RISE

Summer career-based learning opportunity
Rising juniors and seniors
July 5th - July 30th

40 hours minimum
In-person, virtual or hybrid

www.MCPS-SummerRise.org

Let’s Talk Careers: Engineering
Wednesday, March 10th from 10-11:30AM
www.MCPSLetsTalkCareers.org

Ms. Melissa Rhoads
Lockheed Martin
Bioengineer

Ms. Venedra Whigham
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
Civil engineer

Mr. Joe Batwinis
Northrop Grumman
Aeronautical engineer

Ms. Jessica Rosenthal
Rivian
Electrical engineer
Tips for Partnering with MCPS

• Clear vision for working with district/school(s)
  • Vision needs to meet a school system strategic priority

• Funding source

• Impact data showing success of program

• Clear vision for implementation and/or tie into curriculum

• Program needs (i.e. use of space)

Tips for Partnering with MCPS

• Point of contact in central office to vet your proposal

• If proposal is accepted, write a Memorandum of Understanding

• Fingerprinting required if interacting unsupervised with students
  https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/security/fingerprint/

• Complete Child Abuse & Neglect Modules (applies for 3 years)
  https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/childabuseandneglect/
Question and Answers

THANK YOU!

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