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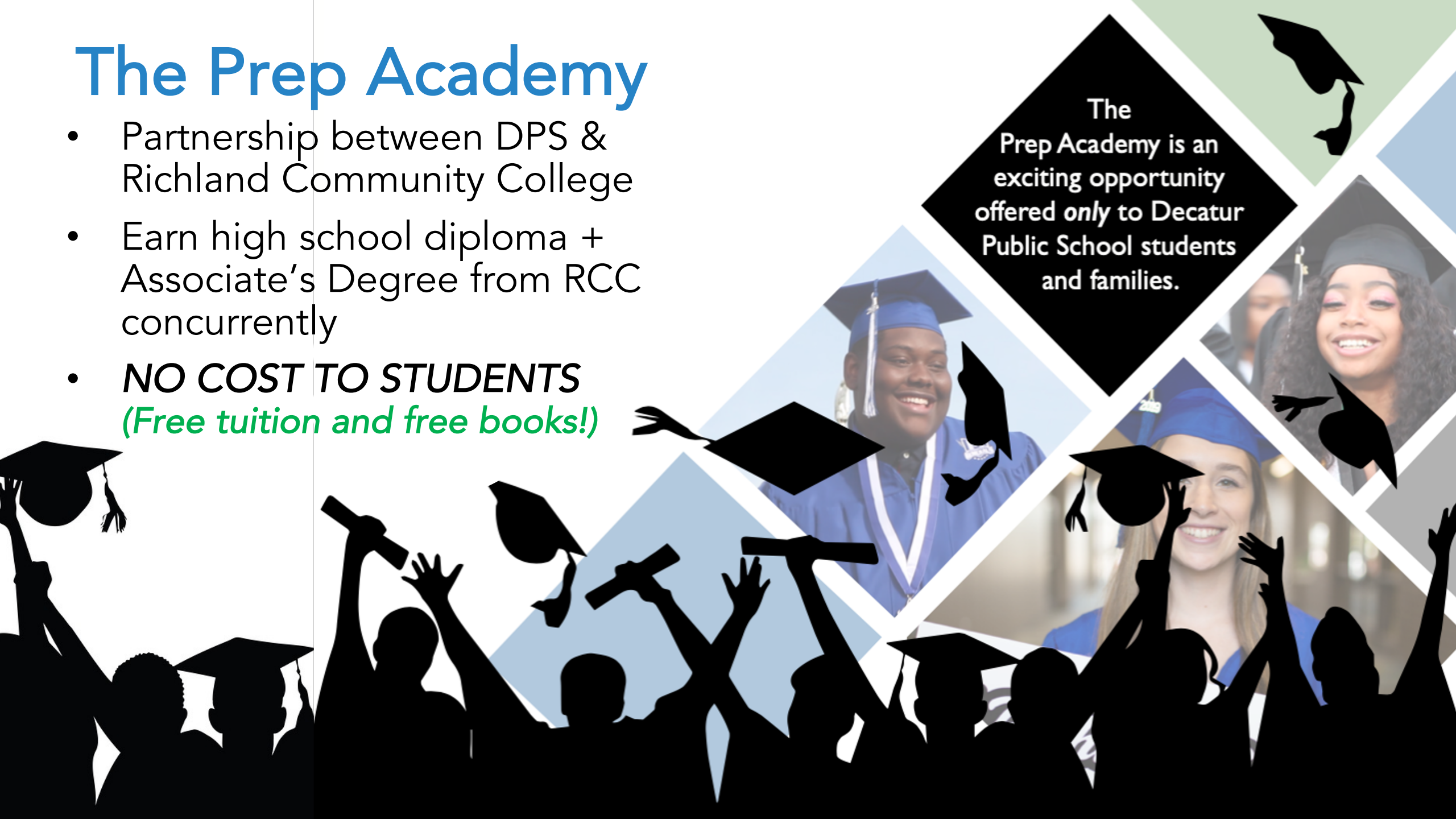


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The Prep Academy

- Partnership between DPS & Richland Community College
- Earn high school diploma + Associate's Degree from RCC concurrently
- **NO COST TO STUDENTS**
(Free tuition and free books!)

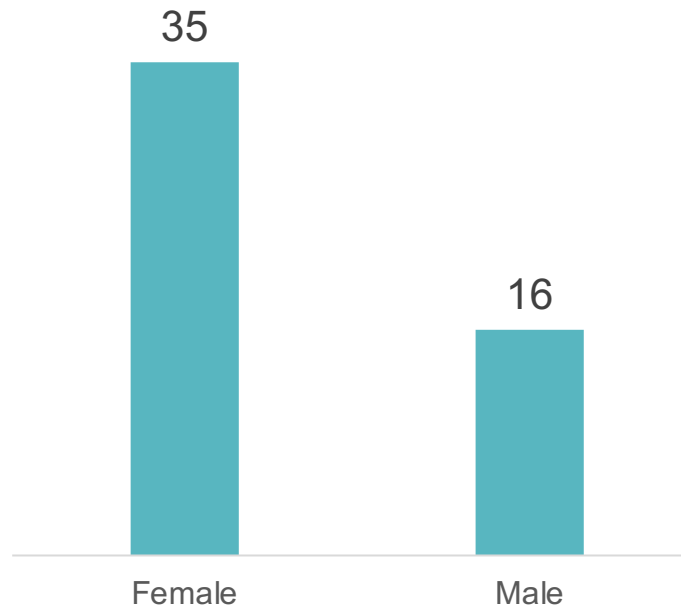
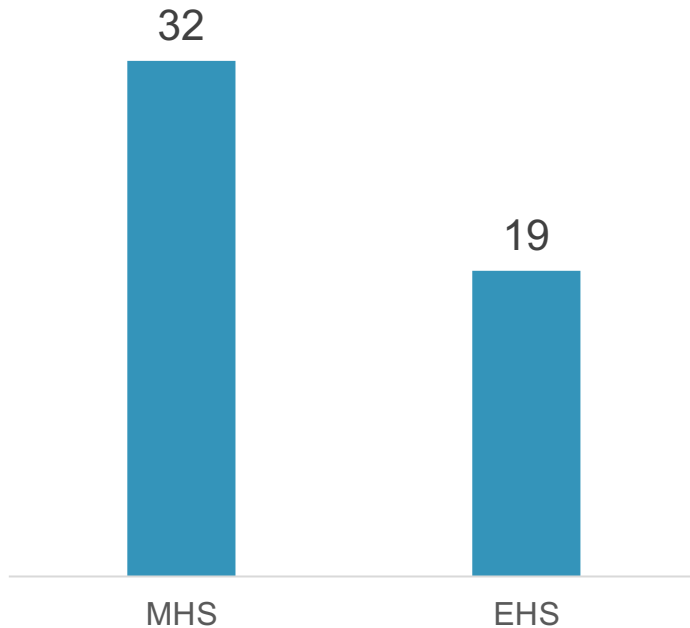
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Cohort #1 Demographics

51 students



1st Semester:
Student Develop 101

2nd Semester:
Student Develop 102

Strategic Plan Alignment

Strategy #1

"We will ensure unique, innovative learning experiences for all students."

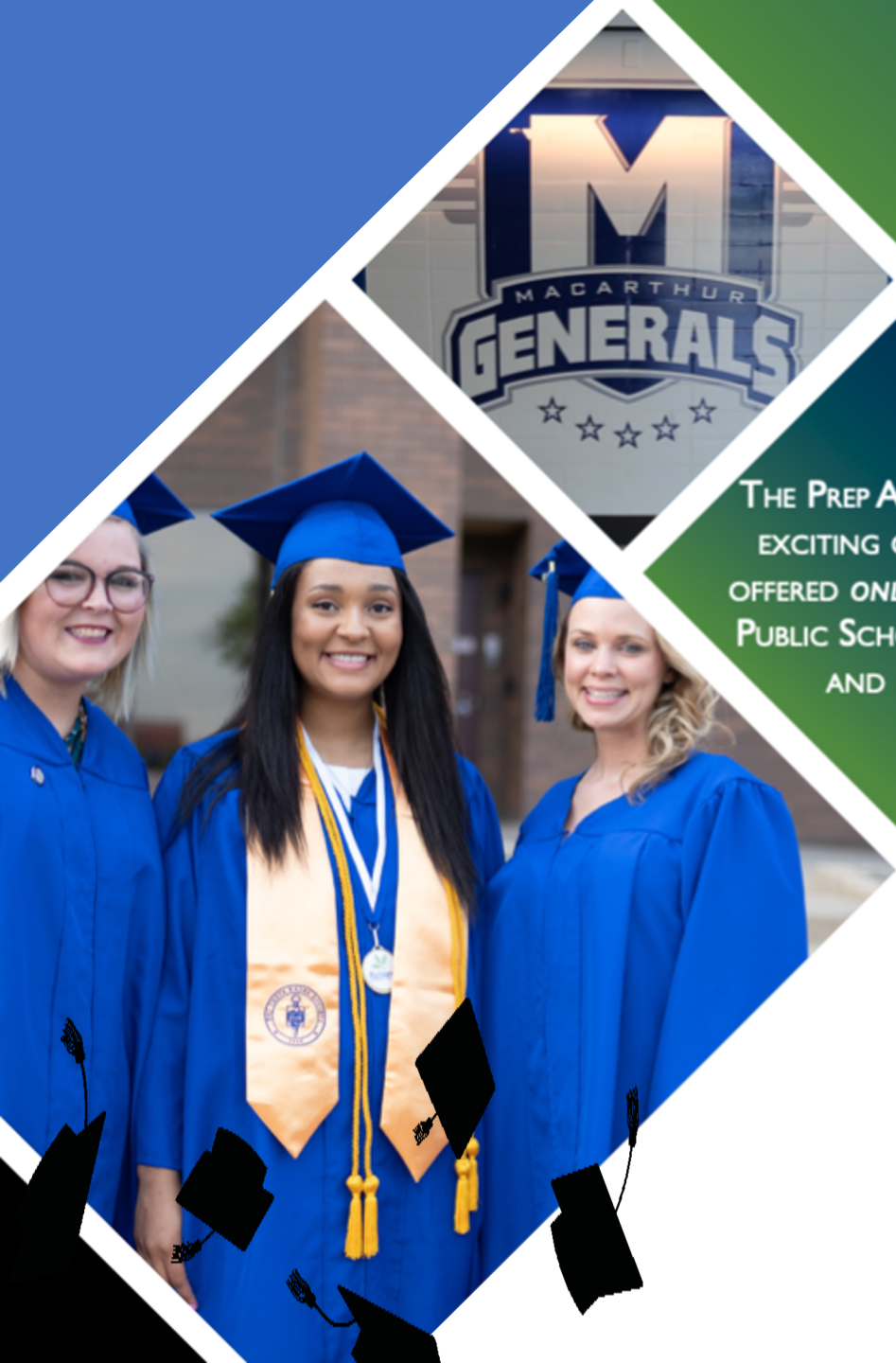
Results Statement 1:

- Develop a sequential program that builds from Pre-K through 12 to result in all students following a learning pathway toward specific employable skills or education that supports their individual interests, passions, and choice.

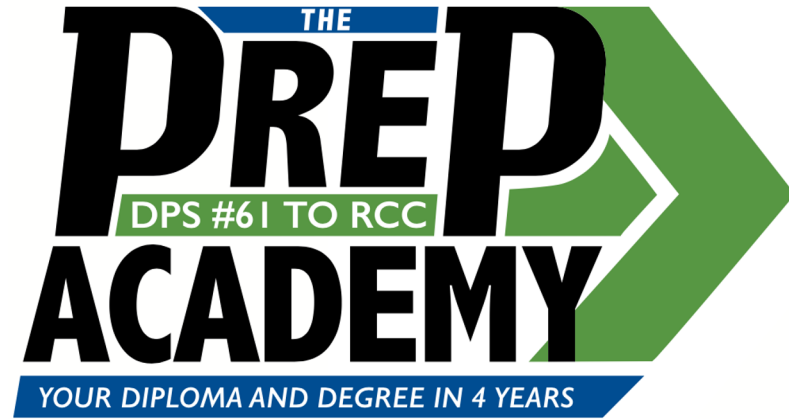
Action Step:

- Implement intentional learning experiences that develop each student's core academics, personal strengths, and individual interests with the development of an Associate's Degree upon graduation.

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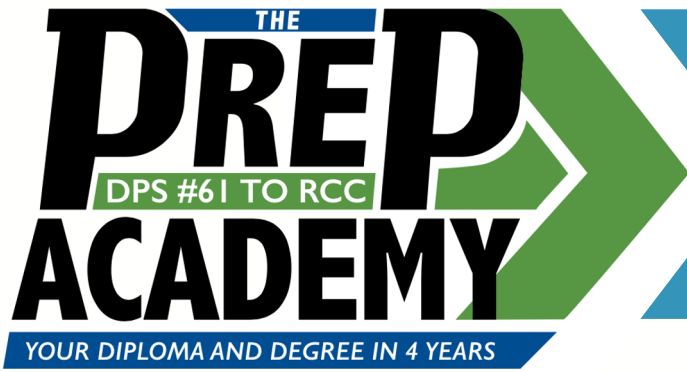


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What is Dual Credit and an Associate's Degree?

- Dual credit allows high school students the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school.
- Associate degrees are foundational degrees that can help students achieve academic and professional goals in less time than it takes to earn bachelor's degrees.
- Gain a head start toward their college education
- Increased competitive edge when it's time to apply for their first job



Program Performance Indicators

Program Targets:

- 51 Freshmen cohort in progress since Fall 2021
- 50 Incoming freshmen cohort begin Fall 2022
- By 2025, graduate 200 DPS students through the Prep Academy
- Metrics being monitored:
 - # of students enrolled
 - # of college credits earned
 - College grade point average
 - Diversity and inclusion metrics

Guiding Principles

- Inclusion and diversity
- Accessibility for all students
- Real world applications
- Cost savings
- Personal coaching
- College preparedness
- Early career exposure
- Increased future employment opportunities



Year	Semester	Course	Location	Date/Time	Credit Hours
Freshman	Fall	STDEV 101	DPS	TBD	1
	Spring	STDEV 102	DPS	TBD	1
				Freshman Total	2
Sophomore	Fall	ENGL 101	DPS	TBD	3
		AFAM 100	DPS	TBD	3
	Spring	ENGL 102	DPS	TBD	3
		AFAM 120	DPS	TBD	3
				Sophomore Total	12
Junior	Fall	COMM 101	DPS or RCC	TR 8:30-9:45	3
		Major Crs	DPS or RCC	TR 10:00-11:15	3
		SOCIO 110	DPS or RCC	MWF 8:00-8:50	3
		P ED 110	DPS or RCC	MF 10:00-10:50	1
	Spring	Elective	DPS or RCC	TR 8:30-9:45	3
		Major Crs	DPS or RCC	TR 10:00-11:15	3
		BIOL 101	DPS or RCC	MF 8:00-9:15, W 8-9:50	4
		PSYCH 110	DPS or RCC	MWF 10:00-10:50	3
		P ED 110	DPS or RCC	MF 11:00-11:50	1
			DPS or RCC	Junior Total	24
Senior	Fall	CHEM 106	DPS or RCC	TR 8:30-9:45 (hybrid)	4
		Major Crs	DPS or RCC	TR 10-11:15	3
		MUSIC 100	DPS or RCC	MWF 8:00-8:50	3
		P ED 110	DPS or RCC	MF 9:00-9:50	1
		STDEV103	DPS or RCC	W 10:00-10:50	1
	Spring	HIST 111	DPS or RCC	TR 8:30-9:45 (hybrid)	4
		Major Crs	DPS or RCC	TR 10:00-11:15	3
		MATH 113	DPS or RCC	MWF 9:00-10:10	4
		P ED 110	DPS or RCC	MF 10:30 - 11:20	1
				Senior Total	24
				AA Total	62

Prep Academy 4-Year plan

Student Name: _____

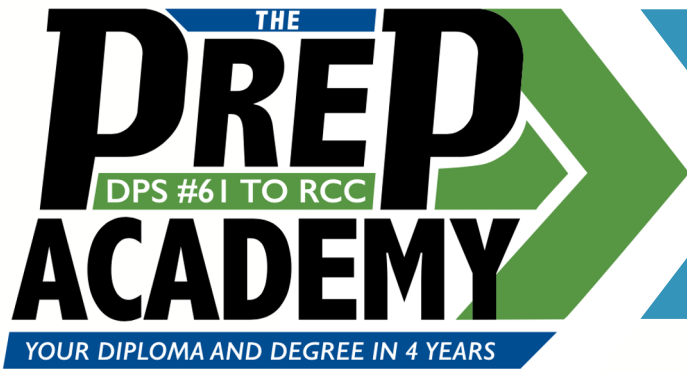
SAMPLE

9th	Semester 1	Semester 2
	English 1	English 1
	Algebra 1	Algebra 1
	Biology	Biology
	Spanish 1	Spanish 1
	Health	Drivers Ed
	Elective	Elective
	Student Dev 101	Student Dev 102

11th	Semester 1	Semester 2
	English 3	English 3
	Algebra 2	Algebra 2
	Consumer Ed	RCC_____ - 3
	RCC _____ - 3	RCC_____ - 3
	Comm 100 - 3	Psyc 110 - 3
	Socio 110 - 3	Bio 101 - 4
	P ED 110 - 1	P ED 110 - 1

10th	Semester 1	Semester 2
	Geometry	Geometry
	World History	World History
	Chemistry	Chemistry
	Spanish 2	Spanish 2
	PE	PE
	English 101	English 102
	AFAM 100	AFAM 120

12th	Semester 1	Semester 2
	English 4	English 4
	US History	US History
	PDev 100 - 1	Civics
	Music 100 - 3	Math 113 - 4
	RCC _____ - 3	RCC_____ - 3
	Chem 106 - 4	Hist 111 - 4
	P ED 110 - 1	P ED 110 - 1



APPLICATION

Required for Acceptance

Completed application includes:

- Attendance required at Student informational session
- Attendance required at Parent informational session
- One letter of recommendation
- Five paragraph essay

Completed application, along with supporting documents, may be turned in to student counselors or the main office.

- Reviewing committee will review grades and student assessment data (FastBridge and IAR) on each fully completed application submitted
- Building level recommendations will also be considered
- **Final program acceptance will be determined by the review committee week of February 28, 2022**

AS A PREP ACADEMY APPLICANT, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ Submitted Application for The Prep Academy with Parent Signature
- ☐ At least one Letter of Reference
- ☐ A five-paragraph essay explaining why you want to be accepted into this program
- ☐ Attendance of one Information Session, both student and parent

APPLICATION*

STUDENT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Student ID: _____ High School: _____
 Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ School Counselor: _____
 Grade in School: _____ Career Interest: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

PARENT

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone (Home): _____ Phone (Cell): _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

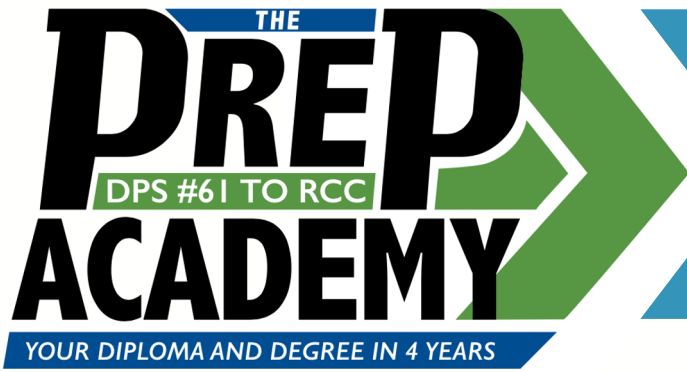
Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Full Application Completion Date: _____
 Student Achievement Data: _____
 Reviewed by:
☐ Building Level Administrator and ☐ Counselor
☐ Executive Director or ☐ Director of Secondary Curriculum
 Acceptance _____ Denial _____

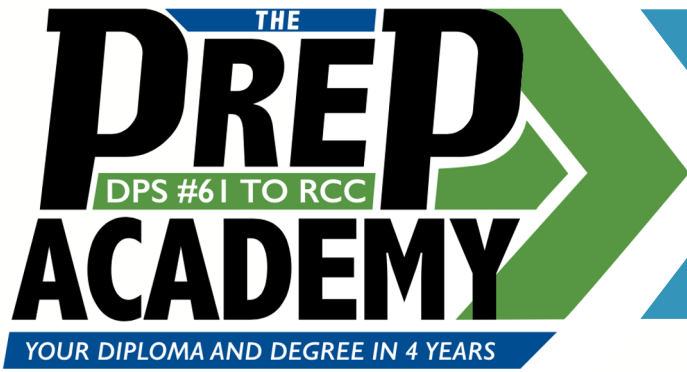
*COMPLETED APPLICATION DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY GAIN ADMISSION TO THIS PROGRAM.





Next Steps for Rollout

February 7	Student informational sessions at Stephen Decatur Middle School and all K-8 buildings
February 15 - 21	Parent informational opportunities via webinar (see next slide)
February 25	APPLICATION DEADLINE
Week of February 28	Committee reviews applications
By March 4	Accepted student list sent to Richland Community College
By March 11	Acceptance letters mailed to students <i>**All students accepted must complete RCC online application; support will be given once students are at that point**</i>

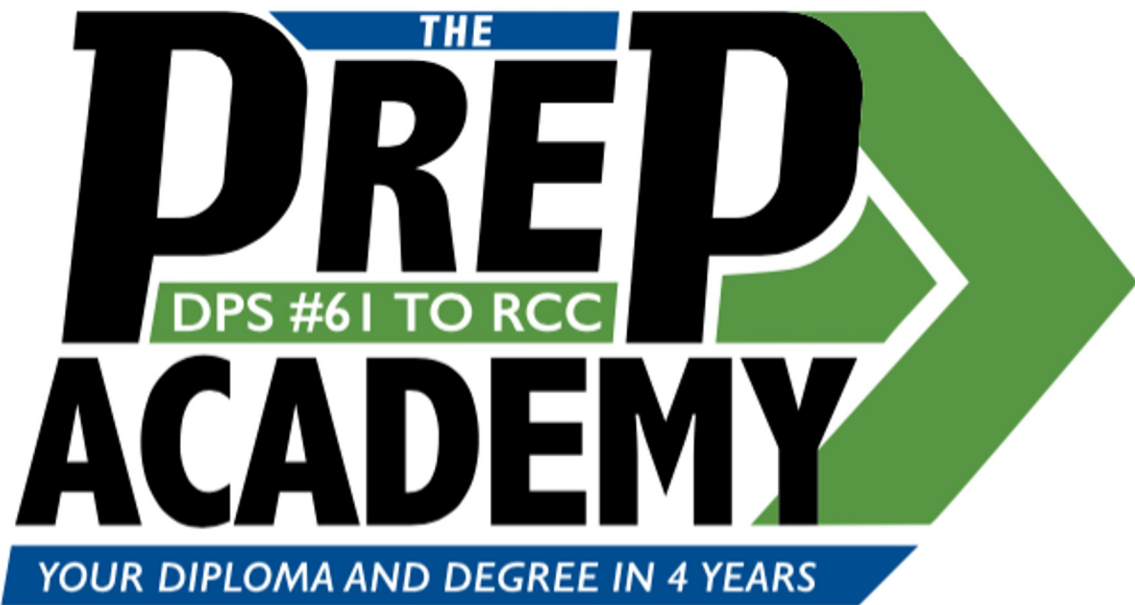


Parent Informational Sessions

Parents ***must*** register and attend one of the following informational sessions:

- Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 17, 2022 @ 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

To register, visit www.dps61.org/prepacademy



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THE **PREP** DPS #61 TO RCC **ACADEMY**

YOUR DIPLOMA AND DEGREE IN 4 YEARS

Thank you Board of Education,
Richland Community College,
and DEA for the support!

Questions?



Richland Grad