

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Summer RISE

Connecting Students to Careers

Summer RISE 2025 Student Agreement

Department of Partnerships
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
850 Hungerford Drive, Room 149, Rockville, Maryland 20850

PARENT/GUARDIAN/ELIGIBLE STUDENT CONSENT

The Summer RISE 2025 Program is designed to provide career-based learning opportunities during the summer of 2025 for rising juniors and seniors currently attending Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) high schools. By registering for the Summer RISE Program, I am confirming that I am eligible as a rising high school junior or senior and will be enrolled in Grade 11 or Grade 12 in MCPS during the 2025–2026 academic year. Together with my parent/guardian, I accept full responsibility for my participation in the Summer RISE Program.

1. **I UNDERSTAND** that beginning on June 23, 2025, and ending on July 25, 2025 the Summer RISE program will operate for up to 5 weeks, and requires a minimum of 50 hours of a hands-on career-based learning opportunity at an assigned business, organization, agency or entity (the "Career Experience Host") site or virtually ("Career Experience"). I understand that as a Summer RISE Program participant, I will spend no more than 8 hours a day and no more than 40 hours per week at the Career Experience site. The Career Experience can operate Monday to Friday between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM. If I choose to participate outside of those hours, I may not work beyond 9:00 PM, and the Summer RISE office must be notified in advance by my Career Experience Host. My schedule will be determined by the host and confirmed with me prior to the start of the program. I will be required to participate in a professional skills and financial literacy workshop and complete the 50 hours, in order to receive the stipend, pending funding. The Career Experience Host's designated staff member(s) ("Career Experience Host Designee(s)") will validate the 50-hour Career Experience at the end of the Summer RISE Program.
2. **I UNDERSTAND** that before registering for the Summer RISE Program, I may take the Career Interest Profiler and the Career Cluster Finder on Naviance and/or the RIASEC with the support of my College/Career Information Coordinator (CCIC) and Career Advising Coach at my school to identify my top five career choices in order to assist the Summer RISE Program Team with my Career Experience placement.
3. **I UNDERSTAND** that to participate in the Summer RISE Program, I am required to confirm parent/guardian consent and attend a live or virtual professional skills and financial literacy workshop prior to the start of Summer RISE. The workshop is in addition to the required program hours. I understand the training details will be emailed to me.
4. **I UNDERSTAND** that if I have an in-person Career Experience, I am responsible for transportation to and from my Career Experience Host location. All students (ages 5–18) can use Ride On, including Ride On Flex and some Metrobus routes, for free in Montgomery County using a Youth Cruiser SmarTrip card. Applications for SmarTrip cards are available at my school and other locations. For more information on accessing a Youth Cruiser SmarTrip card, contact your College/Career Information Coordinator and/or visit the Montgomery County Department of Transportation website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT-Transit/kidsridefree/.
5. **I UNDERSTAND** that Career Experiences will be assigned as they align with my career interests, geographical, in-person and/or virtual preferences, and are subject to availability.
6. **I UNDERSTAND** that I must create a non-MCPS email address and share it with the Summer RISE Program and my Career Experience Host. Updates regarding the Summer RISE Program will be emailed to this email address and that I must check my non-MCPS and MCPS email addresses daily once notified to do so by the Summer RISE office.
7. **I UNDERSTAND** that I am responsible for coordinating my schedule directly with my Career Experience Host's designated staff member(s) (my "Career Experience Host Designee(s)").
8. **I AGREE** to demonstrate good attendance habits, conduct, accuracy, orderliness, promptness, maturity, appropriate dress, and proper business etiquette and if participating virtually, will be on video, as expected. If I experience any issues or have concerns that cannot be resolved with my Career Experience Host Designee(s), I will reach out to my Summer RISE teacher liaison or the MCPS Summer RISE Program office at summer-rise@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-740-5599.
9. **I UNDERSTAND** that if I choose to participate in an in-person work experience, my Summer RISE teacher liaison or Summer RISE staff will have the option to remotely supervise my experience.
10. **I UNDERSTAND** that my Career Experience Host may have additional requirements, including screenings and vaccinations. It is my responsibility to work directly with my Career Experience Host Designee(s) to meet any additional screening requirements prior to the June 23rd Summer RISE Program start date. If I am not able to meet the host requirements, another opportunity will be offered, if one is available.
11. **IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that if I choose to participate in Summer RISE in an in-person experience and any restrictions related to COVID-19 are in place, I am doing so voluntarily with my parent/guardian's permission. To the extent it applies, the Career Experience Host Designee(s) will need to follow COVID-19 protocols set forth by Montgomery County Government and MCPS. It is understood that MCPS assumes no liability for a student coming into contact with COVID-19.

- 12. I UNDERSTAND** that I will not be an employee of my Career Experience Host. My Career Experience Host will derive no immediate advantage from the activities of the Summer RISE Program participants and, on occasion, its operations may actually be impeded. I understand that I will not be directly engaged in the operations of my Career Experience Host nor regularly or routinely performing productive work (such as filing, other clerical work, or assisting customers). My Career Experience Host Designee(s) will provide me with activities that provide a comprehensive overview of the business/organization and will teach me about the roles, responsibilities, and functions of the business/organization. I will undertake these activities and seek insight into the qualities, skills, and knowledge that help an executive or manager perform effectively. I will have the opportunity to learn about the skills that I can use in multiple employment environments.
- 13. I AGREE** to submit a pre-survey and an end-of-program survey about my Summer RISE Program experience.
- 14. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that I will receive a stipend, if funded, as reimbursement for program expenses. I will receive the stipend upon successful completion of the program. MCPS will provide the managing bank with my first and last name, given parent/guardian permission, upon completion of the Summer RISE Program for purposes of processing my stipend check. I understand that stipend checks are contingent upon sufficient funding, and will not be distributed until the conclusion of the program once the 50-hour minimum requirement has been met and confirmed by the Summer RISE Program office. Check pick up must be scheduled in advance at a mutually convenient time. I can contact my Summer RISE teacher liaison or the Summer RISE Program office at summer-rise@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-740-5599 with questions related to processing the student stipend.
- 15. I UNDERSTAND** that participation in the Summer RISE Program does not entitle me to a job with my Career Experience Host, and I should have no expectation of being hired as an employee.
- 16. I UNDERSTAND** that I need parent/guardian permission to be videotaped, photographed, and/or recorded (“Photo and Video Release”) during the Summer RISE Program. I agree that these images and/or recordings may be used for a variety of purposes including promotion of Summer RISE and that the images may be used without further notification. I further acknowledge that I will not be compensated for these uses and that MCPS owns all rights to the images, videos, and recordings, and to any derivative works created from them. I understand that I may participate in Summer RISE if my parent/guardian does not consent to the Photo and Video Release.
- 17. I UNDERSTAND** that I need parent/guardian permission to allow MCPS to provide my Free or Reduced-Price Meals (FARMS) status to the MCPS Department of Partnerships, the office that manages the Summer RISE program. The Department of Partnerships would like to access students’ FARMS status to use as information for student support and cumulative reporting purposes. This student data will not be shared with any staff outside of the MCPS Department of Partnerships. I also understand that participation in Summer RISE is possible even if my parent/guardian does not consent to sharing my FARMS status.
- 18. I UNDERSTAND** that my Career Experience Host Designee(s) may share information with MCPS about my involvement in the Career Experience. My Career Experience Host or Career Experience Host Designee(s) will not share any information regarding Summer RISE Program participants with any third parties.
- 19. I UNDERSTAND** that if I fail to comply with the terms of this agreement, the rules and regulations set by my Career Experience Host, or any other Summer RISE Program rules, I may be terminated from the Summer RISE Program and will not be eligible to receive the stipend.
- 20. IF I HAVE ANY CONCERNS** with the Career Experience, they should be reported immediately to my Summer RISE teacher liaison or the Summer RISE Program office at summer-rise@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-740-5599.

You will be directed to check a box on your registration form to indicate your agreement to the terms and conditions of the Summer RISE 2025 Student Agreement, and that you understand that your electronic submission of this agreement, and your electronic signature, are intended to be, constitute, and are equivalent to your personal signature.