



# K-12 Education News

From the School Liaison

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Hello Families,

Below are some wonderful resources available to you:

**Parents Place of Maryland (PPMD): Parent Place of Maryland (PPMD) is a local nonprofit providing education and training on topics of special education to families in Maryland. Their mission is to "empower families as advocates & partners in improving education & health outcomes for children w/disabilities & special healthcare needs with a commitment to diversity & equity" (PPMD, 2024).**

Explore the website about how there are supports for military-connected families - <https://www.ppmmd.org/about-us/#our-story>



**Youth Sponsorship Corner-** Youth Sponsorship is available for your student. Youth Sponsorship is designed to assist students as they transition through various stages. Whether it's preparing to move, deployment, or grief etc. We have support for you through our A4L resiliency kits. Please reach out to your School Liaison at 240-814-7729 today if you would like one.

## Postsecondary Opportunities:

MCPS is hosting its annual Summer RISE program. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and employers.

Help rising Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) high school juniors and seniors learn about your workplace and career field as part of the Summer RISE 2026 program.

Summer RISE is an MCPS initiative to help students learn about career opportunities. If you are interested in offering a student(s) an in-person, virtual, or a hybrid experience between June 22- July 24, 2026, sign up to become a host today! Visit the below website for more information.



**Become a Summer RISE 2026 Host!**

**Host Registration:** Now open until Friday, March 13, 2026

**Program Dates:** June 22-July 24

<https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/summer-rise-hostsite/promotion-materials>

# Postsecondary Opportunities Continued:

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## Attention: High-School Seniors

### Scholarship Opportunity

### 2026 Navy Family Scholarships by NOSCDC

**Application deadline is March 1, 2026**

Each year NOSCDC awards merit-based scholarships to those high-school seniors living in the National Capital Region that are:

- dependent high school graduating seniors of an active duty, activated reservists, retired from active duty or deceased USN service member

Application & Requirements- <https://noscdc.org/philanthropy>  
To learn more about NOSCDC Scholarships (Email below)-  
[scholarships@noscdc.com](mailto:scholarships@noscdc.com)

## Upcoming Events:

**GETTING READY FOR**

# KINDERGARTEN

**TUESDAY, JAN. 13 & FEB. 10**  
**NOON - 1 PM, VIRTUAL (TEAMS)**

**JOIN THIS INFORMATIVE WORKSHOP TO LEARN:**

- What your child needs to know before starting Kindergarten
- Enrollment process
- Pre-Kindergarten and available options

Sign up no later than 1 day prior.  
Open to Families with Pre-K children who will be going to Kindergarten in Fall 2026.

**For more information, please call (301) 295-7849**

<https://www.navymwrbethesda.com/>

Go to the above website & click on the calendar date you want!

# Resource Opportunities:

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Do you need resources for your child with special needs?  
Contact the School Liaison to get you access to Special Ed Connection-



## Attorneys ring in 2026 with expectations about special ed oversight, staff shortages

Unwrap what school attorneys think will be hot topics in 2026. Special education administrators may wish many issues could have been left in 2025.

## Fight fatigue by identifying limitations, accommodating sleep disorders under Section 504

Sleep disorders can significantly affect alertness, participation, and learning. Learn how 504 teams can assess the disorder's impact, rely on the right data, and implement accommodations matched to student needs.

## IEP vs. Section 504 plan: Which is the right path to FAPE?

If a district suspects a student has a disability, should it develop an IEP or a Section 504 plan? Join us during this live webinar on Jan. 15 as Attorney Collins Saint explains the differences between the IDEA and Section 504 and how to satisfy your child find and FAPE obligations under both laws.

Do you have a question about back- to- school resources, before & after care, magnet programs, homeschool opportunities or an additional school related question? If this is true- chat with your School Liaison!



Feel free to give your School Liaison a  
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