



# Promise Pathway

Hagerstown Community College  
and  
Washington County Public Schools

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Public Schools



# College Preparation

- AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination
- TRiO / Upward Bound
- Promise Pathway Program





# College Credit Opportunities

- Advanced Placement
- Concurrent Enrollment (ESSENCE)
- Dual Credit (ESSENCE)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme
- STEMM Technical Middle College
- TRiO Summer Academy



# Promise Pathway Program

- Provides scholarship funding for Washington County students to attend HCC. Scholarship covers the cost of tuition and fees.
- Scholarship is a last dollar scholarship which means it is used after all other financial aid is applied to a student's account
- Students as young as 6th grade can apply to be a Promise Program Prospect - [www.hagerstowncc.edu/promise](http://www.hagerstowncc.edu/promise)
- Funding is awarded to students in the STEMM Technical Middle College, the ESSENCE Early College Program, and when a student graduates high school



## ESSENCE Early College Program - Concurrent Enrollment/Dual Credit

- Concurrent enrollment - students take classes on HCC's campus half day or online. Students can take any class as long as they meet the prerequisite.
- Dual Enrollment - students take approved HCC classes at their high school and receive dual credit (high school and college credit)



# Classes offered for dual credit at WCPS

- Introduction to Sociology (all WCPS schools)
- General Psychology (Hancock and BISFA)
- Public Speaking (all WCPS schools)
- College Algebra (all WCPS schools)
- Introduction to Education (North High and South High)
- Microeconomics (North)
- Music Appreciation (Clear Spring)
- Human Biology (Boonsboro and WCTHS)
- Personal Health (Williamsport)
- Intro to Cybersecurity (WCTHS)
- Intro to Security Fundamentals (WCTHS)
- Intro to Homeland Security (WCTHS)
- Macroeconomic Principles (North)



# Payment for ESSENCE classes

- Students who live in Washington County receive a 25% tuition discount from HCC and a 10% discount from WCPS for first 4 classes
- Students attending WCPS who receive Free and Reduced Meals (FARM) do not pay tuition for early to college classes. Registration fees and books are the responsibility of the student.
- ESSENCE students can apply for a Federal Pell Grant. Must complete the FAFSA.
- ESSENCE students can apply for the ESSENCE Supplemental Scholarship. Must complete the FAFSA. (FARM students are not eligible for this scholarship)
- ESSENCE students can apply for HCC Foundation Scholarships. Must complete the FAFSA.
- ESSENCE students can receive Promise Pathway Program scholarship. Must complete the FAFSA.



# TRiO Upward Bound



- ❑ College-preparatory program
- ❑ Serves 72 students from targeted Washington County Public High Schools (North, South, Williamsport, and Hancock)
- ❑ Provides students with the skills and motivation needed to transition from high school to college and go on to successfully complete a college degree
- ❑ As a grant funded program, all services and activities are **free** for students
- ❑ [Become an Upward Bound Student](#)



# TRiO Upward Bound: **What does UB offer?**

- ❑ Monthly college-prep workshops
- ❑ After-school tutoring twice a week at each high school
- ❑ Academic & Career advising
- ❑ Financial aid workshops & scholarship research assistance
- ❑ College visit/tours
- ❑ Summer Academy
- ❑ Service Activities
- ❑ Leadership Development
- ❑ Transportation and food



Upward Bound at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA