



Summer RISE 2026 Parent/Guardian Agreement

Department of College & Career Readiness
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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PARENT/GUARDIAN/ELIGIBLE STUDENT CONSENT

The Summer RISE Program is designed to provide career exploration experiences during the summer for rising Grade 11 and Grade 12 students currently attending high school in Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS).

- 1. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that you, as the parent/guardian, are consenting to participation of a student who will be enrolled in Grade 11 or Grade 12 in MCPS during the 2026-2027 academic year.
- 2. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that beginning on June 22, 2026, and ending on July 24, 2026 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"). The student will spend no more than 8 hours a day and no more than 40 hours per week at the Career Experience Host site. Summer RISE participants will not start their day before 7:00 AM or end past 6:00 PM Monday through Friday. Students are 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.
- 3. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that if a student elects and is assigned to serve as a Summer RISE **High School Internship Program** Participant, the student and parent/guardian must, read, sign and abide by the High School Internship Program Agreement found at the following link: www2.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/pdf/280-77.pdf. The student would be required to complete an additional 25 hours, totaling 75 hours between June 22, 2026, and July 24, 2026. In addition to the Summer RISE requirements, parents/guardians must:
 - Consent to the student intern's participation in the Internship Program and assume the risk for any injury that may occur through the Student Intern's participation in the Internship Program;
 - Reinforce the need for good attendance and the development of good work habits;
 - Assure that the Student Intern has transportation to and from the Internships Organization site; and,
 - Maintain contact with the Internship Coordinator about any program-related concerns.
- 4. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that to participate in the Summer RISE Program, students are required to attend an in-person 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.
- 5. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants who participate in person are responsible for their transportation to and from their Career Experience Host location. Youth Cruiser SmarTrip® Cards are available at all MCPS high schools.
- 6. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that the Summer RISE Program staff at MCPS will make every effort to provide all registered students with a Career Experience; however, Career Experiences are subject to availability. Summer RISE Program staff will attempt to match participating students based on geographical preference, in-person and/or virtual preference and industry availability.
- 7. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that the Summer RISE Program is not included in the programs and services required under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* (IDEA) and corresponding Maryland law.
- 8. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants are responsible for coordinating their schedule directly with their Career Experience Host Designee(s) prior to the start of the program. Career Experience hours will only operate between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Friday unless the Summer RISE office has been notified in advance by the Career Experience Host Designee(s) that the participant will start or end outside of those hours. The Career Experience Host Designee(s) may not request student participation beyond 9:00 PM.
- 9. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants will 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 Summer RISE Program participants experience any issues or have concerns that cannot be resolved with their Career Experience Host Designee(s), they should contact the Summer RISE program office at summer-rise@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-740-5599.
- 10. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that a Summer RISE teacher liaison will be assigned to a student and host for support and to address questions during Summer RISE. If a student chooses to participate in an in-person work experience, the Summer RISE teacher liaison or Summer RISE staff will have the option to remotely supervise the student's experience.
- 11. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Career Experience Hosts may have additional requirements, including screenings and/or vaccinations. It is the responsibility of Summer RISE Program participants to work directly with their Career Experience Host Designee(s) to meet any additional requirements, prior to the June 22, 2026 Summer RISE Program start date. If a student is not able to meet the host requirements, another opportunity will be offered, if one is available.
- 12. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that if the student chooses to participate in Summer RISE in an in-person experience and any restrictions related to COVID-19 are in place, the student is doing so voluntarily and with their 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.
- 13. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants will complete a pre-survey and an end-of-program survey about their Summer RISE Program experience in order to receive a stipend, if funded.
- 14. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that some student information, such as career interest and skills, will be provided to Career Experience Host Designee(s) during the matching process. Career Experience Host Designee(s) will only receive information about the Summer RISE Program participants to help with the matching process and/or for whom they have been matched. It is agreed and understood that all information collected from Summer RISE Program participants will not be shared by the Career Experience Host and Host Designee(s) with any third parties.
- 15. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants will receive a stipend, if funded, considered as a reimbursement for program expenses, upon successful completion of the program. MCPS will provide the managing bank with the first and last name of the student upon completion of the Summer RISE Program for the purposes of processing the student's stipend check. I understand that stipend checks are contingent upon sufficient funding, and Summer RISE Program participants will collect their check at 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. Summer RISE Program participants or their parents/guardians are invited to contact the Summer RISE Program office at summer-rise@mcpsmd.org or by calling 240-740-5599 with questions related to processing the student stipend.

- 16. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants will not be entitled to employment with their Career Experience Host at the end of the Summer RISE Program and should have no expectation of being hired as an employee.
- 17. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that Summer RISE Program participants will not be employees of their Career Experience Hosts during the Summer RISE Program. Career Experience Hosts will derive no immediate advantage from the activities of Summer RISE Program participants and, on occasion, their operations may actually be impeded. It is agreed and understood that Summer RISE Program participants will not be directly engaged in the operations of the Career Experience Hosts nor perform regularly or routinely productive work (such as filing, other clerical work, or assisting customers). Career Experience Hosts will provide the student(s) with activities that provide a comprehensive view of the business/organization and focus on the roles, responsibilities, and functions of the business/organization. The student(s) will undertake these activities and seek insight into the qualities, skills, and knowledge that help an executive or manager perform effectively and could be used in multiple employment environments.
- 18. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that if a Summer RISE Program participant fails to comply with the terms of this agreement, the rules and regulations established by the Career Experience Hosts, or any other Summer RISE Program rules as determined by MCPS, the Summer RISE Program participant may be terminated from the Summer RISE Program and will be ineligible to receive the stipend.
- 19. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that you, as the parent/guardian, understand that the Career Experience Host hosting the Summer RISE student's experience may be a non-MCPS organization. Such organizations are selected to become Career Experience Hosts based on the quality of the opportunity they may provide to students. Career Experience Hosts are responsible for reviewing and assuring compliance with laws, Board of Education policies, and MCPS regulations. MCPS and/or Summer RISE Program staff do not supervise or monitor Career Experience Hosts and/or Career Experience Host Designee(s).
- 20. IT IS AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD** that you, as the parent/guardian, approve and accept full responsibility for the student's participation in the Summer RISE Program and will further hold MCPS harmless of any liability or damage that may occur related to the student's participation in the Summer RISE Program.

ADDITIONAL CONSENT

WHEN THE STUDENT REGISTERS ONLINE, THE STUDENT IS CONFIRMING CONSENT BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. COMMUNICATIONS WITH STUDENT**—MCPS Summer RISE program staff or the Career Experience Host and Designee(s) may email the student using the non-MCPS email address provided by the student through the Summer RISE student registration form. Without consent, the student will not be able to participate since third-parties are unable to send emails to MCPS student accounts. Email communications from the Career Host Designee(s) will only relate to Summer RISE matters. MCPS Summer RISE program staff or the Career Experience Host Designee(s) may call or text the student using the phone number provided by the student through the Summer RISE student registration form only for Summer RISE related matters.
- ☐ **I ACKNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTAND** that my student's participation in the Summer RISE Program is contingent upon providing a non-MCPS email address and allowing the Summer RISE program staff and the Career Experience Host and Designee(s) to contact my student solely regarding Summer RISE Program matters.
- 2. PHOTO and VIDEO RELEASE**
- ☐ **I AGREE** to allow the Career Experience Host to videotape, photograph, and/or record my student during the Summer RISE Program. These images and/or recordings may be used for the promotion of Summer RISE, and the images may be used without further notification. It is agreed and understood that the student will not be compensated for this use and MCPS owns all rights to the images, videos, and recordings, and to any derivative works created from them.
- ☐ **I OPT-OUT/DO NOT AGREE** to allow the Career Experience Host to videotape, photograph, and/or record my student during the Summer RISE Program. **In order to OPT-OUT, I understand that I must contact the Summer RISE office at summer-rise@mcpsmd.org or call 240-740-5599 by Friday, June 12, 2026. I understand that my student may participate in Summer RISE if I choose not to provide Photo and Video Release consent.**
- 3. RELEASE OF FREE OR REDUCED-PRICED MEALS (FARMS) INFORMATION**—The MCPS Work-Based Learning, the office that manages the Summer RISE program, would like to access the Free or Reduced-Priced Meals (FARMS) status of the student to serve as information used to support the student and for cumulative reporting purposes. This student data point will not be shared with any staff outside of the MCPS Work-Based Learning office. **NOTE: your student may participate in Summer RISE if you opt-out of sharing their FARMS status.**
- ☐ **I AGREE** to allow MCPS to provide my student's FARMS status to the Work-Based Learning office.
- ☐ **I OPT-OUT/DO NOT AGREE** to allow MCPS to provide my student's FARMS status to the Work-Based Learning office.
- 4. TRANSPORTATION**—The Summer RISE Program does not provide transportation. Students who participate in person are responsible for their transportation to and from their Career Experience Host location.
- ☐ **I AGREE** to allow the Career Experience Host or Designee(s) and Summer RISE staff to transport my student to and from work related events, in a personal or work vehicle. I agree to hold MCPS harmless for any liability or damage that may occur.
- ☐ **I DO NOT AGREE** to allow the Career Experience Host or Designee(s) and Summer RISE staff to transport my student.
- 5. BANK INFORMATION**
- ☐ **I AGREE** to allow the Summer RISE Program to provide the managing bank with the student's first and last name, upon completion of the Summer RISE Program, for purposes of processing the stipend check.
- ☐ **I DO NOT AGREE** to allow the Summer RISE Program to share my student's identifying information with the managing bank for the stipend check. I understand that receipt of the stipend is contingent upon the managing bank receiving my student's first and last name. **By OPTING-OUT, I understand my student will not receive a stipend at the end of the program.**

SIGNATURES

The Summer RISE student will submit an electronic signature confirming parent/guardian consent to participate in the Summer RISE Program. During registration, the name, phone number, and email address of a parent/guardian who can be reached in case of an emergency during June and July 2026 is required.