

GPS Plan Required Components

As a Milton Hershey School student, the student has the ability to accrue CES funding in each of their 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade years based on the following annual requirements:

- (1) 80% or higher GPA (full CES amount) or 75% - 79.99% GPA (half of potential CES amount); and
- (2) No more than 50 demerit points; and
- (3) No Level 4 discipline incidents.

During the senior year, if a student plans to use CES funding for a college education or apprenticeship, they must develop a valid **GPS Plan** with their Career Counselor. The GPS Plan is based on research and experience. It is designed to ensure, to the best of MHS's ability, that the student has the financial and other supports required to succeed in a program and school that fits their demonstrated abilities and achievements.

The following requirements must be met for a **GPS Plan** to be approved:

- **College Visit** – the student must visit the school;
- **Family/Milton Hershey School Support** – the college must be within five driving hours of a parent, sponsor, or approved MHS support person;
- **Financial Feasibility** – the college financial aid package, combined with the student's CES funding, contains enough money for the student to be able to GRADUATE from the college; as part of the financial aid package, each student must borrow an annual \$2500 Direct Subsidized Loan through the federal government;
- **GPS Plan Qualification Process** – meet the required guidelines regarding academic readiness for specific types of colleges set forth in the GPS Plan Qualification Process chart;
- **Major** – the major course of study required for the student's career/educational goal must be offered by the college; the student must demonstrate proper aptitude for the course of study; on-line degrees are not supported;
- **Support Services** – services such as learning center, study skills assistance, tutoring, orientation programming, writing center, applied learning center, and other support services must be available to assist students in succeeding at the college.