

## GPS Plan Required Components

As a Milton Hershey School student, you have the ability to accrue CES funding in each of your 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 senior year, if you plan to use CES funding for a college education, workforce development or apprenticeship, you must develop a valid **GPS Plan** to attend a GPS Partner School with your Career Counselor. The **GPS Plan** is based on research and experience. It is designed to ensure, to the best of MHS's ability, that you have the financial and other support required to succeed in a program and school that fits your demonstrated abilities and achievements.

The following requirements must be met for a **GPS Plan** to be approved and supported by CES:

- **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;
- **GPS Partner School List** – Pennsylvania residents must attend a college or technical school from the GPS Partner School list. Out-of-state residents are highly encouraged to attend a GPS Partner School; however, requests to return to their home state to attend college or technical school will be considered. Students who achieve the “highly competitive” range on the GPS Plan Qualification Process chart and/or who are an officially recruited athlete (Division 1 and 2) may be granted an exception;
- **College Visit** – the student must visit the school;
- **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;
- **Program** - CES supports undergraduate level course work **only** (one major and one minor); accelerated programs or undergraduate programs linked to a graduate/master's program are not -supported; on-line degrees are not supported;
- **Living arrangements** - you must live on campus or commute from home for the first two years of college; to be considered a commuter, you must live with your parent/sponsor in their primary home within a 30-minute drive of campus.
- **Family/Milton Hershey School Support** – the college must be within three driving hours of a parent, sponsor, family member or guardian – GPS Partner Schools are supported by MHS/GPS staff;
- **Financial Feasibility** – CES covers basic costs (undergraduate tuition, fees, standard room and meals); the financial aid package, combined with the student's CES funding, permits the student to GRADUATE from the college **while using no more than one student loan** in the amount of \$2500/year – usually a Direct Subsidized Loan. The additional \$2000/year Direct Unsubsidized Loan is not permitted to be borrowed;
- **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.

*Special Considerations, as they relate to a student's GPS Plan, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. These terms and conditions are subject to change without notice, from time to time, at the sole directions of Milton Hershey School.*

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