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# Comprehensive School Counseling Program: Improving Postsecondary Outcomes

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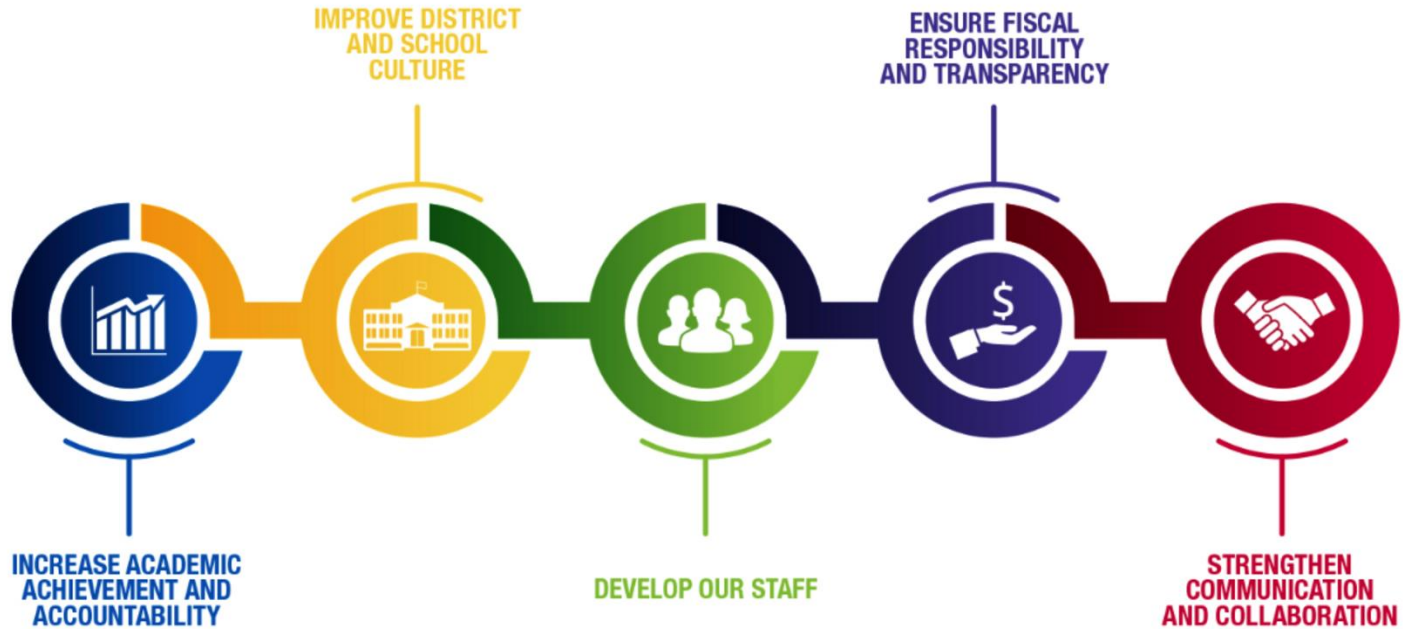
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# *Five Priorities for Success*



# *Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission*



## **Strategic Plan Driving Our Mission:**

MPS is a diverse district that welcomes all students and prepares them for success in higher education, post-education opportunities, work, and citizenship.

# School Counseling

School counselors take a proactive role in providing appraisal and advisement to students as a part of the school counseling program. They help students, families, and staff assess the individual student's strengths and interests and encourage the selection of a rigorous and relevant educational program supporting each student's postsecondary goals.



# Role of MPS School Counselors

Focusing on the following areas is vital for providing support that is unique to each student's path, aiming to get students the right resources and opportunities to achieve their full potential.

Personalized support

Informed decision making

Goal alignment

Equity and access

Long-term success



# Activities Implemented in 2023–24

## Academic Planning and Career Assessments

- ACP conferences: grades 5, 7, 9, 11
- ACP school teams and school plans: all schools

## Skill Development/ Financial Literacy Education

- School counseling curriculum: K5–grade 12
- Comprehensive school counseling program professional development: K5–grade 12
- School counselor small groups: K5–grade 12
- Virtual mindfulness room: K5–grade 12
- New school counselor 414 Tour

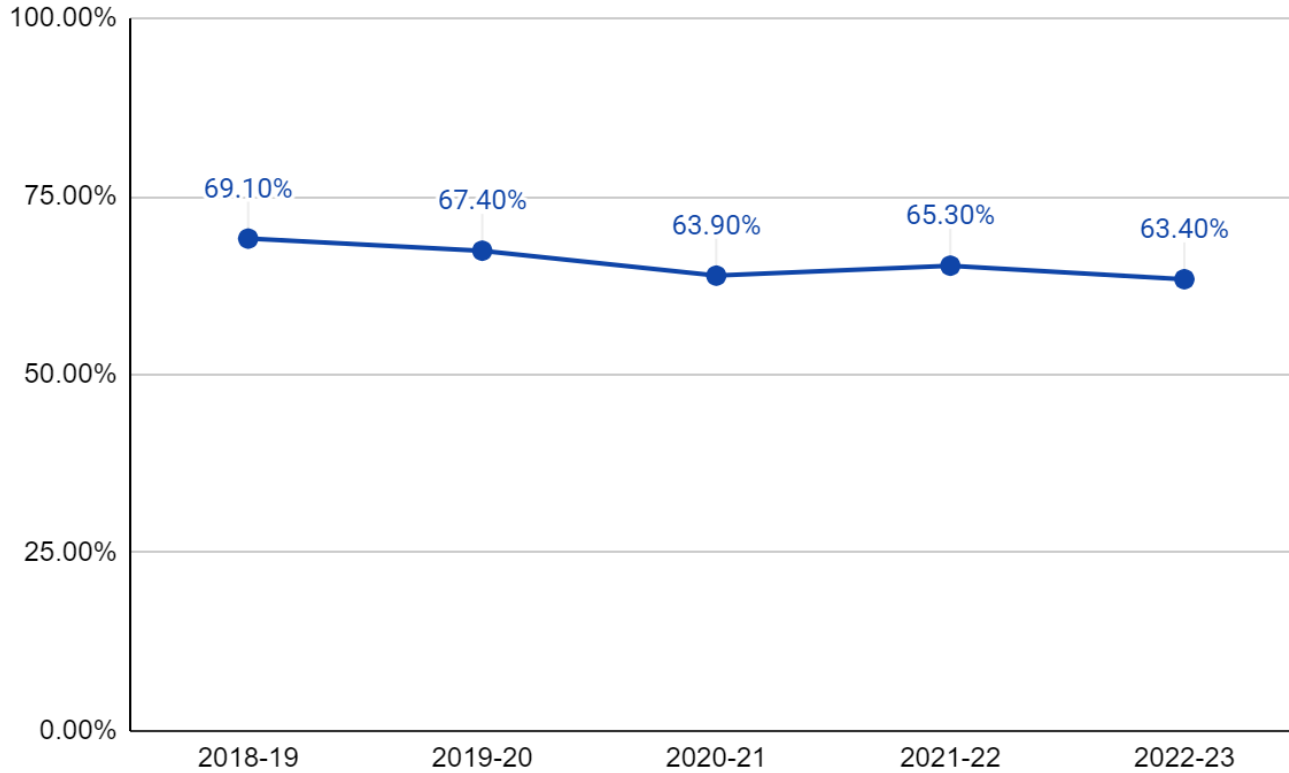
# Milwaukee Parent Institute



- M<sup>3</sup> Milwaukee Parent Institute for elementary, middle, and high school families
- M<sup>3</sup> Milwaukee Parent Institute college tours for elementary, middle, and high school families
- UNCF Empower Me Tour parent sessions, grades 9–12
- Parent grade-level meetings, grades 9–12



# MPS Graduation Rate



# Activities Implemented in 2023–24

## College and Career Exploration

- Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week: K–grade 12
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities campus and college tours: grades 10 and 11
- UNCF Empower Me Tour: grade 12
- National Apprenticeship Week pilot: grades 9 to 11

## Application Assistance

- College Application Week: grade 12
- Common Black College Application: grade 12
- Ca\$h for College campaign (scholarship application): grade 12
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) campaign: grade 12
- High school enrollment parent meeting: grades 6 and 7

# HBCU College Tours

- 4 Tours
- Alabama/Georgia (2023)
- Washington, DC (2024)
- North Carolina (2024)
- Alabama/Georgia (2024)
- Total 286 Students



*Welcome!*

## HBCU Campus *and* Career Tour

**June 17–20, 2024**

Join us for a tour of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in Alabama and Georgia. Visit college campuses, tour corporate and industry employers, and learn about college admissions.

- **Tour Focus:** College readiness, leadership development, life skills
- Informational sessions offered throughout the tour
- Health and wellness activities
- STEM lab tour
- Students selected for the tour will have all expenses paid, including air fare and hotel.
- \$100 deposit is required (refunded prior to the tour)
- Personal essay will be part of the application
- Mandatory parent meeting for individuals selected to participate

Hosted by the MPS Department of College and Career Readiness

**Students in grades 10 and 11 are eligible from five MPS schools.**

Audubon Technology and Communication High School  
Pulaski High School  
Rufus King International High School  
South Division High School  
Washington High School of Information Technology



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