Scholarships and/or Financial Aid Assistance

Many students need financial assistance in order to pursue their post-secondary educational plans. Therefore, school counselors, coaches, instructional personnel, and administrators shall take an active role in assisting students in obtaining academic and athletic scholarship information. Specifically, students of Prince William County Public Schools who desire information and assistance regarding the availability of scholarships and financial aid shall have the following services available to them by school counseling, instructional, and athletic staff:

I. Each director of school counseling at the high school level shall ensure that all school counselors are knowledgeable about financial aid and scholarship information available to students.

II. A list of available scholarships shall be made available to all students using Divisionwide post-secondary planning web systems.

III. Financial aid, scholarship, and college admissions workshops for parents/guardians and students shall be scheduled annually at various times and locations throughout the School Division.

IV. A college fair shall be held annually in both eastern and western Prince William County. This fair shall include representatives from various colleges, universities, technical schools, and the military.

Athletic coaching staff and school counseling staff are encouraged to attend professional development offerings in order to understand the most current information to support prospective college-bound athletes.

V. School counselors and athletic coaching staff shall work collaboratively to ensure that all prospective college-bound athletes are aware of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) eligibility requirements. Coaches shall encourage and monitor the academic progress of their student athletes to ensure that their coursework and earned grades meet NCAA eligibility standards.

VI. Instructional staff shall encourage students to consult with their school counselors regarding college and technical school entrance requirements, scholarships, and financial aid.
VII. Obtaining scholarships and financial aid is ultimately the responsibility of the parent/guardian and the individual student.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

This regulation and related policy shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.