

(5) PARTICIPATE IN THE COLLEGE READINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN § 18-303.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE UNTIL THE STUDENT GRADUATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND MATRICULATES AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

(6) SATISFY ANY OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE OFFICE, THE COMMISSION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

18-303.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE COLLEGE READINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

(B) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SHALL JOINTLY ADMINISTER THE COLLEGE READINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR A GUARANTEED ACCESS AWARD IN 9TH OR 10TH GRADE TO ASSIST THE STUDENTS IN SUCCESSFULLY:

(1) COMPLETING A COLLEGE PREPARATORY CURRICULUM;

(2) GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND

(3) MATRICULATING AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AS DEFINED IN §§ 18-305 AND 18-308 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) (1) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS FOR THE PROGRAM.

(2) THE STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL COORDINATORS SHALL:

(I) WORK WITH COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING TO PARTICIPATING STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL; AND

(II) PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND MARKETING MATERIALS.

(E) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE COUNSELING AND MENTORING SERVICES TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

(F) THE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUPPLEMENT PROFESSIONAL MENTORS WITH:

(1) POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS RECEIVING WORK-STUDY ASSISTANCE AT MARYLAND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION; AND

(2) SECONDARY STUDENTS IN 11TH AND 12TH GRADES WHO ARE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS.