



# Mississippi Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration

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## Information for Students Adversely Affected by the Closure of Virginia College in Biloxi and Jackson

In September 2018, Education Corporation of America, the parent company of Virginia College, announced they would begin a teach out of all programs offered at the Biloxi and Jackson campuses of Virginia College. This closure was to last through August 2019.

On December 5, 2018, ECA announced they would not be able to complete the planned teach-out and permanently closing at the end of the December 2018 term.

Students enrolled at these campuses have a few options:

- Students may transfer their credits to another school. The CPSCR office will have a copy of the final transcript soon and will provide a copy free of charge for students to work with another institution to transfer credits.
- Students can also apply for a closed school loan discharge. There are certain criteria that must meet and a process to follow to apply for a loan discharge.

The US Department of Education has posted certain information to its website regarding the closure of ECA.

The ECA fact sheet and spreadsheet have been posted to the closed school communications web portal at: [StudentAid.gov/closures](http://StudentAid.gov/closures). The portal includes references to the Virginia, Brightwood, EcoTech and Golf Academy brands. Direct links to the materials are at:

- The URL for the fact sheet: [www.StudentAid.gov/eca](http://www.StudentAid.gov/eca)
- The URL for the spreadsheet: [www.StudentAid.gov/eca-closures](http://www.StudentAid.gov/eca-closures)

**For local information on options, please contact these local boards:**

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