

The FISD Guidance and Counseling Department sponsors a number of parent and student information sessions concerning career and college planning throughout the year. Below are the sessions and the dates to be presented at the Career and Technology Education Center (CTEC) at 9889 Wade Blvd. Some financial -aid seminars are scheduled at the Heritage High School campus.

College Preparation Sessions

Family Connection at the FISD Career and Technical Education Center

The Family Connection workshop series are for both students and parents. This is offered to both parents and students so they may understand how to access this valuable college/scholarship/career tool. The times are different for each workshop. Four versions of the Family Connection workshop (FC 101, FC 102, FC 201, and FC 202) will be offered during this school year.

Family Connection 101 – This workshop is an overview of the high school internet based program available to all FISD high school students and their parents. This program will assist students and parents with college selection, scholarship searches, career investigation, transcript requests, and with ACT and SAT preparation. This is a hands-on workshop with parents and/or students working in their account on a computer:

- August 30th – 5:00-6:00 PM
- September 1st – 9 -10 AM and 6:00-7:00 PM
- September 13th – 4:30-5:30 PM
- September 14th – 8:00-9:00 PM
- September 16th – 9:00-10:00 AM (parents only)
- January 20th – 6:00-7:00 PM
- April 20th – 9:00-10:00 AM (parents only)
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Family Connection 102 – This workshop will go into more depth with college searching using the Family Connection internet based program available to all FISD high school students and their parents. Multiple methods of finding the right college will be demonstrated along with parents and/or students working in their account on a computer:

- September 13th – 6:00-7:00 PM
- September 15th – 6:00-7:00 PM
- September 16th – 4:30-5:30 PM
- April 20th – 6:00-7:00 PM

Family Connection 201 – This workshop is designed to assist high school students and /or their parents with the scholarship search. The Family Connection program will be used as one of the methods for searching for scholarships along with a few other search engines. This will be hands on workshop with students and/or parents using computers to access the information and to follow the demonstrations:

- October 18th – 4:30-5:30 PM
- October 20th – 5:30-6:30 PM
- October 21st – 9:00-10:00 AM (parents only)

Family Connection 202 – This workshop will be an overview of how to request courses for the 2011-2012 school year and how to develop a cohesive 4-Year Graduation/Career Plan. This will be hands on

workshop with students and/or parents using computers to access the information and to follow the demonstrations. Dates offered:

- January 19th – 6:00-7:00 PM
- January 20th – 4:30-5:30 PM
- February 14th – 4:30-5:30 PM

Late Night @ CTEC and the Go Center

This is an opportunity for students and/or parents to come and work with a counselor on topics like career investigation, college searches, college applications, scholarship searches, scholarship applications, college majors, planning college visits, career planning, job hunting/interviewing/resumes or any “post secondary planning” topic of interest / need. This program is open as a come and go session (stop in for as long as you like) between the hours of 4:00-8:00 PM every Tuesday that school is in session. Some sessions include a Go Center program. **Go Center** is when there will be a team of people to assist student and/or parents with the any part of the planning, applying, attending, and/or paying for college. Go Center team will be available from 4:00-7:00 PM but Late Night will continue until 8:00 PM. Dates offered:

- August 17th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- August 24th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- August 31st – 4:00-8:00 PM
- September 7th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- September 14th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- September 21st – 4:00-8:00 PM
- September 28th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- October 5th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- October 12th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- October 19th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- October 26th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- November 2nd – 4:00-8:00 PM
- November 9th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- November 16th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- November 30th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- December 7th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- December 14th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- January 4th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- January 11th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- January 18th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- January 25th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- February 1st – 4:00-8:00 PM
- February 8th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- February 15th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- February 22nd – 4:00-8:00 PM
- March 1st – 4:00-8:00 PM
- March 8th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- March 22nd – 4:00-8:00 PM

- March 29th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- April 5th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- April 12th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- April 19th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- April 26th – 4:00-8:00 PM – Late Night - Go Center from 4:00-7:00 PM
- May 3rd – 4:00-8:00 PM
- May 10th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- May 17th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- May 24th – 4:00-8:00 PM
- May 31st – 4:00-8:00 PM (last one for 2010-2011 school year)

PRA –for students in grades 9-12

The PRA is a test that gives samples of both the ACT and the SAT to students. After the test is scored the students are given results that indicate which college admission exam, ACT or SAT, they should statistically score better when taking the exam. After the PRA is given, in approximately one month there is a test interpretation of scores given to both students and parents.

- November 8 – 4:45 -8 p.m. at CTEC

Evening Tour Sign Ups for CTE Center

Parents and their students are encouraged to sign up for one of these tours of the Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC). This will be a guided tour of the facility afterhours. The groups are limited to 30 people. Sign up with the counselor at CTEC is required. Sign up by email at jenningsb@friscoisd.org or by phone at 469-633-6780:

- December 1st – 6:00-7:00 PM
- January 6th – 5:00-6:30 PM
- January 6th – 6:30-8:00 PM
- January 24th – 5:00-6:30 PM
- January 24th – 6:30-8:00 PM
- April 11th – 6:00-7:30 PM
- April 13th – 6:00=7:30 PM

Financial Aid Presentations

Financial Aid Workshops for College-bound students - session for high school students and parents will be held at **Heritage High School**.

- November 10 – 6:30 p.m.

Financial Aid Workshop for seniors and Parents – This is a hands-on workshop on filling out FASFA at CTEC. There will also be a short presentation on financial aid with a question and answer session. Texas Women’s University will be sending Financial Aid representatives to assist with general financial aid information and the FASFA. There will also be a session on dating violence at college.

- February 10th – 6:00-8:00 PM at CTEC

Financial Aid Workshop Session for juniors and their parents - a presentation by financial aid representatives from TWU at CTEC. They will be able to discuss and answer questions about financial aid not only at TWU but at all colleges and universities.

- February 10th – 7:00-8:00 PM at CTEC

College 101 – There will be a group of students from TWU discussing college and what to expect. Questions from parents and (FISD) students are encouraged.

- March 30th – 6:30-7:30 PM at CTEC

Career Sessions for parents and students

PLTW “Focus Your Future” for Parents and 8th / 9th Grade Young Women – This program is for 8th and 9th grade young women that might be interested in an exciting, creative, “mind blowing” career in Engineering. There will be activities for the students to manipulate and investigate. There will be a woman engineer presenting information about the different careers in engineering. Students and their parents will be given an overview about the Project Lead the Way engineering program offered in Frisco ISD at the CTEC.

Date and Time:

- TBA (tentative dates: January 24th or January 27th – 6:00-8:30 PM)

Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test and Result Sessions

ASVAB Testing – is for students in grades 10-12 –test interpretations for students and parents when the test results are returned to me at CTEC – this is limited to only those that took the test --- ASVAB is Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery – it is an excellent career test for students. The military developed the test, so they named it but it does not put information about a student in the hands of the military. Our students take the exam “blind” to the military.

- Testing November 4 – 4:45 – 7:45 PM
- Interpretation of Test Results January 10- 4:30-5:30 PM and 6 – 7 PM