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Dear CTE Parents & Students,

Welcome to the second year of the Fisd Career & Technical Education Center. On behalf of the students, teachers, and staff of the Fisd CTE Center, I would like to thank you for visiting our website, which is intended to help deliver announcements, news, student recognition, and any information that helps our stakeholders be more aware of the current and upcoming events on our campus. We would like to thank one of our fantastic staff members, Mrs. Dianna Bacon for taking care of our website. Our website is one of many places to find news and information about our campus. We have added several new courses this year and added nearly 50% more students this year! We're very excited to have your students attend courses here at the CTE Center. Please let us know if we can help answer any questions you may have.

We have just started our first semester of classes and I would like to take the time to address some of our most common questions we receive the concept of the Fisd CTE Center to you.

What is the education model of the Fisd CTE Center?

- Students take one or more advanced Career & Technical Education classes through the registration process at their high school. They apply for an application to enroll in the courses at the CTE Center and, once accepted, the students remain on their campuses for all classes except for the Center's advanced CTE classes.

What are the benefits of taking a course in one of the CTE Center's academies?

- Students are engaged in multiple, relevant educational learning activities.
- This is an excellent opportunity to get involved in one of the Career & Technical Education student organizations directly related to course work.
- CTE Center offers students the opportunity to graduate with real-world experience and college credits.
- CTE students experience a portion of their chosen career fields before graduating from high school.

Will students be able to participate in extracurricular activities?

- As students are enrolled at their home campus, and only take advanced CTE classes at the CTE Center, they can be involved in almost any campus activity. Fisd encourages engagement in multiple, relevant, exciting and educational learning activities.

What about transportation to and from the CTE Center?

- FISD busses transport students to and from their home campus during the school day.
- Students are allowed to drive themselves to and from the CTE Center during the school day with permission from their parents and campus principal.

If students are interested in taking a class offered at the CTE Center, how should they prepare?

- Students should take introductory classes in their area of interest at their home campus during the 8th, 9th, and/or 10th-grade school levels.
- Students need to meet with the counselor at their home campus regarding the required courses for graduation and work with them to develop an education plan as soon as possible.

What is a typical day at the CTE Center?

- A typical day at the CTE Center involves students traveling from their home campus to the Center to take part in advanced courses with hands-on learning opportunities and returning to their campus for the remainder of the school day.

If there are any other questions for us, please contact us!

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