Involving Parents and Guardians in College Planning

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Session Objectives

* Examine research and recommendations about involving parents/guardians in college planning

* Explore CollegeEd® resources as a tool for meeting those recommendations

* View additional online resources available to assist parents, guardians, students, teachers, counselors, community members
HELLO
my name is

Ginny Garvic
Overview of Katy ISD

Over last 11 years, student population has doubled

Projected enrollment end of year 62,000; in 8 years projected 83,418

32 elementary campuses, 12 junior highs, 6 high schools
District Demographics

![District Demographics Chart]

- Whites
- Hispanic
- African-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander

Legend:
- Blue: 1994-1995
- Red: 2009-2010
What Does the Research Say?
College and Careers in America: Where Do We Stand?

* Once first in the world, America now ranks 10th in the percentage of young adults with a college degree.

* For the first time in our history, the current generation of college-age Americans will be less educated than their parents’ generation – unless things change quickly.

* In just ten years, more than 60% of all new jobs will require a college education.

Source: Complete College America
Building a College-Ready Culture
What Does It Mean To Be “College Ready”?  
* College Board…
  • Academic Knowledge and Skills
  • College level courses taken in high school
  • Advanced Academic Skills
  • College and Career Planning Skills
Reading Opportunity

Excerpts from David Conley’s report, “Toward a More Comprehensive Conception of College Readiness”
Three Minute Pause

* With your partner:
  * Summarize what you learned.
  * Identify something interesting.
  * Ask a question about any confusing information.
“College Knowledge”

• College Requirements
• College Options
• College Costs
• College Culture
• College Course Rigor
• College Admission Timeline

Toward a More Comprehensive Conception of College Readiness,
David Conley
Schools Involving Parents in Early Postsecondary Planning

* FCCT (PACT) *workshops for parents & students* – model program from NACAC

* 2 studies:
  - 8/9th graders both urban and suburban districts (Chicago; Charleston, WV; Denver; Los Angeles; New Orleans; Oklahoma City)
  - 12th graders in urban high schools (Chicago; Los Angeles; New Orleans; Miami; Milwaukee)
Schools Involving Parents in Early Postsecondary Planning

* Involved parents - strong influence on student’s academic achievement/postsecondary plans
* Uninformed parents - difficult to help children
* Schools - efforts to engage parents/various methods of sharing information
* Hispanic high school seniors - mothers strong influence
* Parent contributions - motivation, good intentions, encouragement/not always useful information and direction
What Are the Recommendations?

* Parents included in selection of children’s courses

* Districts develop methods to explain/reinforce the educational and postsecondary planning process to parents

* Schools assist parents in knowing what types of financial aid are available for postsecondary education
What is CollegeEd®?
CollegeEd®:

- *CollegeEd* is the College Board’s college planning and career exploration program for middle and high school students.

- The program provides information, inspiration and guidance to help students develop their capacity to succeed in life and college.

- It is designed to especially benefit first generation and historically underrepresented student populations.

- *CollegeEd* assists districts and schools with developing and maintaining a culture of high expectations.
"The Partnership for 21st Century Skills is a national organization that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student. As the United States continues to compete in a global economy that demands innovation, P21 and its members provide tools and resources to help the U.S. education system keep up by fusing the three Rs and four Cs (critical thinking and problem solving, communication, collaboration, and creativity and innovation). While leading districts and schools are already doing this, P21 advocates for local, state and federal policies that support this approach for every school."
4th Edition CollegeEd® Components

Student Workbooks AND Educators Guides

Family Guide
Available in Spanish

roadtripnation.org
Student Workbooks

* Who Am I?
* Where Am I Going?
* How Do I Get There?
NEW Middle School Program

* Unit 1: Define Your Own Road in Life
* Unit 2: Building Skills for the Future
* Unit 3: Middle School Matters
* Unit 4: How Do You Stay Organized
** Unit 5: Finding Support for the Future
* Unit 6: What Are Your College Choices
* Unit 7: Preparing for High School
* Unit 8: Being Prepared, Meeting Goals
NEW High School (9/10) Program

* Unit 1: Define Your Own Road in Life
* Unit 2: The Road to Your Future
* Unit 3: The High School Experience
* Unit 4: Skills for Success
* Unit 5: After Classes Are Dismissed
* Unit 6: Finding the Answers
* Unit 7: What’s College Life Like?
* Unit 8: Exploring Colleges
* Unit 9: Finding the Money for College
* Unit 10: Being Prepared, Meeting Goals
NEW High School (11/12) Program

* Unit 1: Define Your Own Road in Life
* Unit 2: How Can You Decide What’s Right for You?
* Unit 3: Time to Make Choices
* Unit 4: Are You On the Right Path?
* Unit 5: Getting Started with the Application Process
* Unit 6: How Do You Apply to College?
* Unit 7: Finding the Money for College
* Unit 8: Being Prepared, Meeting Goals
Self and Career Exploration Lessons

Online through Roadtrip Nation

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Embedded throughout CollegeEd® lessons are opportunities for students to involve family, friends and community support in the college planning process via the family guide. It includes…….

* **Conversations Starters**

* **Information on academics, college searches, & financial aid**

* **Suggested additional resources**

* **Planning calendars appropriate to each grade level**

Available in Spanish
From the College Board
What You Need to Know

Finding College Scholarships
Your child should start by investigating local college scholarships. Often, the smaller the geographic area covered by an award the better the chances of winning.

Learn more
- Where the Scholarships Are
- How to Apply for a Scholarship
- Can You Spot a Scholarship Scam?

College Handbook
This easy-to-use guide provides the most current information on over 3,900 colleges.
YouCanGo!!

* http://youcango.collegeboard.org

Aim High
Graduate high school and you have college options. See how many. Hint: It's more than you think!
Yes, But…

Discuss with a partner:

* Yes, CollegeEd will work for my district/campus/area because…

* But, obstacles to using CollegeEd might be…

* Share Out
Additional Resources

* City of San Antonio’s “Café College”
  for students, parents

* KnowHow2Go:
  for students, teachers, parents

* AchieveTexas!
  great information about the 16 clusters;
  information also available in Spanish
City of San Antonio’s Café College

* http://www.cafecollege.org
FYI: cafécollege will close at 5 P.M. on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Check out our "Useful Links" page for NEW scholarship postings!
- **Challenge Yourself**
  Learn what you need to do now to help your child build a strong foundation for college.
- **Help Your Child Make a Plan**
  Help your child take the steps needed to get closer to that college degree.
- **Encourage Your Child to Discover College and Careers**
  - What does your child like to do? A hobby could become a career later.
  - **Find the Money**
    Discover ways you can start saving and finding money for college.

**GO2COLLEGE THE TIME IS NOW!**
Whether you're a parent, guardian, teacher, mentor or other caring adult, chances are there's a teen in your life who wants to go to college. You can help your teen succeed by taking time to learn about college planning and financing. Together, you and the teen you care about can share this important goal and achieve it.

Click the links on the left and below for more resources to help your student prepare for college:

**Mentor Workbook (PDF)**
This KnowHow2GO resource is meant to be completed by mentors and their mentees together. It's a great first step toward preparing for college.

**Your Words Today**
This site advises parents and other mentors who aren't familiar with the college process, but want to help their students succeed. Be sure to download their **Toolkit for Parents**.
Parent Toolkit

“Hija, you must go to college.”

Their **tomorrow** depends on your words **today**!
AchieveTexas Website

*http://www.achievetexas.org/*
Check out the new Best Practices Guide for Implementation of the AchieveTexas College and Career Initiative by clicking here or on the Implementation menu choice!

Introducing the Spanish Language College and Career Planning Guide!

Click on the document to the left an electronic-magazine version of the Spanish Language College and Career Planning Guide. Click here for a PDF version. Ordering information will be posted to the website soon.

AchieveTexas Programs of Study and Covers and supporting resources for the 16 Career Clusters

Programs of Study (POS) have been created for each of the 16 Career Clusters and are accessible by clicking on the icons below. The programs of study reflect current occupations and represent all 79 POS as cited on www.careerclusters.org. POS are designed for students but can also be used with administrators, counselors, teachers, business and industry representatives, and parents. POS contain lots of helpful information, including the core courses and career-related electives in high school that will help prepare students for their career goals. The POS are based upon the Recommended High School
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Select a cluster icon below to view links to related AchieveTexas Programs of Study.

For additional information regarding AchieveTexas, please contact Dr. Karen L. Alexander, AchieveTexas Project Coordinator, at Texas Tech University, karen.alexander@ttu.edu
SHARE IDEAS TIME!
Question & Answer Time

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Reflections

An idea I want to hold on to...

Something that stretched my way of thinking...

I am excited about...