** Family Workshop: College 101**

DESCRIPTION

This presentation covers why college is important and how students and parents can prepare.

SUGGESTED MONTH

September/October

SUGGESTED AUDIENCE

Parents & 9th-12th grade students.

MATERIALS

College 101 Power Point

HANDOUTS

* [ECMC Why Go To College](https://www.ecmc.org/students/resource-guides.html) (available in English and Spanish)
* [ECMC Opportunities Booklet](https://www.ecmc.org/students/opportunities-guide-workbook.html) (available in English and Spanish)
* [Big Future Parent Action Plans by Grade](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents)
* [Federal Student Aid College Preparation Checklist](https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/tk/resources.jsp)
* Newsletter: Why go to college?

AGENDA

First 5 minutes General Welcome

Next 15 minutes Icebreaker: Agree/Disagree

 The goal of this activity is for students and parents to safely share their beliefs and opinions about college and their future with each other (and with you). This activity can be done silently. Let participants know there are no right or wrong answers. Ask students and parents to stand in a line in the middle of the room. One side of the room is “Agree” and the other side is “Disagree”. Read a statement aloud (see next page for sample statements) and have students or parents move to either side of the room (all the way to the wall if they strongly agree/disagree or more towards the middle for a more neutral attitude).

Next 25 minutes Present College 101 power point. Allow time for questions.

Final 5 minutes Send the participants off with the following Action Steps:
1) Encourage parents to have a conversation with their student about college and future plans
2) Distribute handout(s)
3) Reminder about next event

AGREE/DISAGREE SAMPLE STATEMENTS

Add your own statements to the ones below; make sure to have some fun and easy ones mixed in with the more serious statements that can be good conversation starters.

1. Students & Parents: I love vegetables.
2. Students: I know what I want to do when I grow up.
3. Parents: I know what my student wants to be when she/he grows up.
4. Students & Parents: I have been on a college campus.
5. Students & Parents: I am a Beavers fan.
6. Students & Parents: I am a Ducks fan.
7. Students & Parents: I don’t care about college sports.
8. Students: I have one hobby I’m really passionate about.
9. Parents: I want my student to be happy and successful.
10. Students & Parents: I think it’s important to get a college degree or certificate.
11. Students: I want to go to college and get a degree or certificate.
12. Students & Parents: I know a lot about college and how to prepare.
13. Students: I like to dance.
14. Students: I think I’m a good student.
15. Students & Parents: I know what it takes to graduate from high school.
16. Students: I like to meet new people.
17. Students & Parents: I know what it takes to get into college.
18. Students & Parents: I have at least one brother or sister.
19. Students: I like to go new places.
20. Students & Parents: I know what the FAFSA is.