



Navigating the System

What Parents Need to Know About College Success and Advising Strategies to be shared with their children

**A workshop presented to the
Parent Teacher Organization
East Early College High School**

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Education Experience

Bachelor's degree in Political Science
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Vietnam Veteran
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Bronze Star for Achievement



Objective

We will be presenting timely information to parents **focused on tools designed to help students achieve greater success in college.**

We will be sharing advising strategies, student management strategies, and student resources with parents in an effort **to help their students achieve higher grades and complete their educational goals in college.**

Workshop Overview

Importance

The importance of **orienting parents on college transition and educating them on how to support their students** in the new learning environment is more important today than ever before.

Utilizing the information, **parents can become more familiar with college life and the transition from high school to college** that awaits their students after high school graduation.



College Information Advising

Two Types of Student Plans We Offer

Academic:

Students wanting to transfer to a university after HCC

- Associate of Arts
- Associate of Science

Transfer Plans:

[Transfer Plans](#)

Click on Traditional 2+2 Transfer Plans

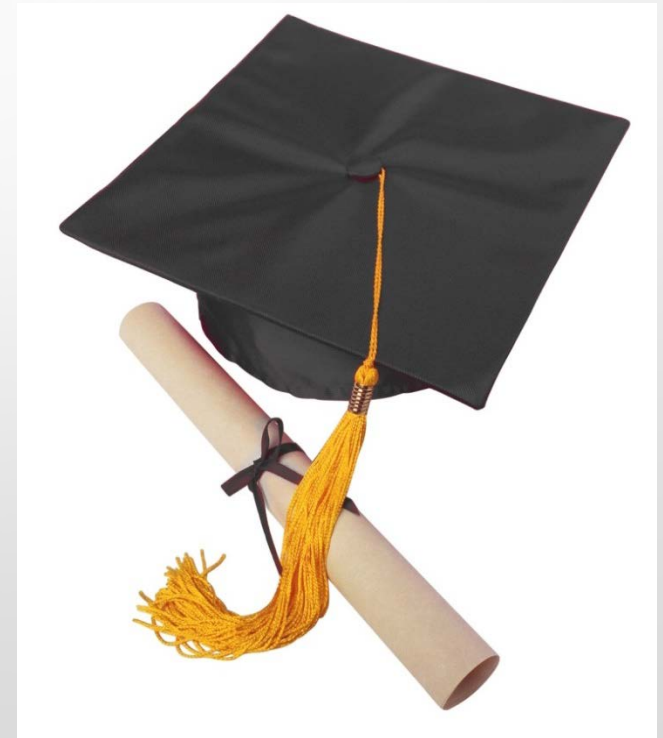
Workforce:

Students wanting to enter the workforce after HCC

- Certificates
- Associate of Applied Science

Degree Plans:

[Student Programs and Plans](#)



Careers for Academic Transfer



For a listing of Academic Degrees for students wanting to transfer to a university, Go to our main page www.hccs.edu and scroll down and on the right side **click on “Catalog”**. When the page opens, scroll down on the right side and **click on “Academic and Workforce Degree/Certificates**. When the page opens, **click on the “down arrow”** and scroll down until you find your program. An now **click to highlight and select** your specific program. Now **click on “Search”**.

When the page opens, **click on “Current Plan”** and your program will be listed in semester-to-semester order.

Print our your plan for help in completing your Academic Planner.

Careers for Workforce



For a listing of Workforce Degrees and Certificates for students wanting to enter the workforce after HCC, go to www.hccs.edu and then **click on “Programs and Courses”**.

When the page opens, scroll down to the program you are interested in pursuing at the college.

Click on “Corrosion” and read the Program Information first.

Then **click on “Atmospheric Corrosion”** to determine not only which courses to take but also when to take them.

Financial Aid



Financial Aid TV

**Information videos
explaining the Financial Aid process
at HCC.**

Complete the FAFSA before March 1st of the year
the student plans to attend college.



Success Strategies

Success Strategies



**Sit at the front of the class
and participate in class discussions.**

Complete all reading and assignments before class.

Take good notes (use only two thirds of the page leaving other one third for review notes) and transfer them to index cards as soon as possible with dates and card number (just in case you drop them).

Get into a study group of no more than 5 students.

Success Strategies



Practice Time Management

Schedule 4 hours of study for every one hour in class.

If enrolling in 12 credit hours, then you will need 48 hours of study each week. **(Put these study hours on your calendar and stick to your schedule.)**

Prepare for new experiences and participate in class discussions.

Success Strategies



Example of a study schedule

(Remember 4 hours of study for every 1 hour in class... 12 hours of classes need 48 hours of study.)

(Use the example study schedule below to build your own study schedule that fits your life.)

Engl 1301 8:00 am - 9:30 am (MW)

Study: TTH 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Sat/Sun 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Math 1314 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (MW)

Study: TTH 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Sat/Sun 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Hist 1301 8:00 am - 9:30 am (TTH)

Study: MWF 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Sat/Sun 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Psyc 2301 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (TTH)

Study: MWF 9:00 pm – 11:00 pm Sat/Sun 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Success Strategies



Example of Calendar for Class Assignments and Tests

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 MATH TEST	24	25 ENGL PAPER	26	27	28	29
30	31					

JANUARY
2017

1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5
5 6 7 8 9 10 11	6 7 8 9 10 11 12
12 13 14 15 16 17 18	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
19 20 21 22 23 24 25	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
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NOTES:

- MATH TEST on Chapters 1 and 2
- ENGL First Draft of Paper on Life in College
- HIST test on Feb 14
- PSYC Paper on Feb 23

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Read the textbook and any other assigned materials before going to class.

RECON the book! Review the Chapter Summary, take notes, read the chapter and pay attention to the summary notes. Circle the information in the textbook's chapter that you found in the summary.

Jot it into your reading notebook for class!

You will need this reading notebook in class along with your textbook and lecture notebook. This will help you track the information the instructor presents.

Get into study groups when possible.

Success Strategies



Important Testing Information

Use all the testing time given to you in every class.

Be the last one to leave the testing session.

Complete your test and use all of the remaining time to check for mistakes. Every mistake you find will result in a higher grade in the test and in your course!

The difference between a B and an A is one point (89 versus 90) Finding that one mistake on your tests can help you make better grades immediately.

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How To Improve Your Learning

Go to this website: <http://www.cityu.edu.hk/edge/LASSI/studento4.htm>

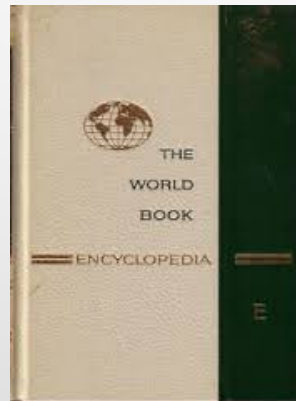
There are several great websites and tutorials available at this website for student use in addressing the different areas of learning.

Go to each of the learning areas, open files associated with that area and print out valuable information to help you strengthen that area of need.

Question: How will I know that I am a successful student?

Answer: When you can go to class knowing that you can teach the material you were asked to learn!

College Resources



The Original Internet

College Resources



Google.com

Go to Google.com and search for “college success”.

Just over 47 million results! Review several “sites”. Incorporate several strategies that you find interesting and that you can incorporate into your life as a college student.

Go to Google.com and search for “college survival”.

Just over 2 million results! Review several “sites”. Incorporate several strategies that you find interesting and that you can incorporate into your life as a college student.

College Resources



Google.com

**Go to Google.com
and search for each of your classes using this approach.**

(Example PSCY 2301 General Psychology)

Psyc 2301 Texas
Psyc 2301 exams
College General Psychology Texas

Psyc 2301 lecture notes
Psyc 2301 videos

**Go to Google.com
and search for free college videos.**

free college math videos
free college chemistry videos
free college psychology videos

free college algebra videos
free college U.S. History videos
free college biology videos

College Resources



Specific Course Problems or Assignments

Place any **math problem, biological process, engineering experiment or any other college problem or assignment** on the Google search string or on the youtube search string for assistance (especially at 2 am!)

College Resources



**Here are other items you could place
on Google's search string.**

effective study techniques
test taking skills,
time management tips
writing a great scholarship essay
making A's in College
learning styles
improve my memory
improve my reading skills

organizing myself
college math games
note taking strategies
college educational games
mind mapping
free college math videos
improve my math skills
improve my writing skills

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SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

HCC Professor Dr. Douglas Bump:

<http://sophia.hccs.edu/~douglas.bump/math/>

Click on **Math 0106 review**, or **Math 0409 review** or **Math 0312 review**

When you open the review, highlight the problem that will be presented. Try to find the solution first. Then click on the problem so that you can see what errors you might have made as they present the solution to the problem. Or view the corresponding videos for each course.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT OCW): www.ocw.mit.edu

“Now click on Courses and then on Department and find your course.”

Over 2000 MIT Courses are on its Open Course Ware. Lecture notes in Powerpoint, audio and video formats, assignments with solutions, practice and real exams with answer keys. A very useful resource to help in your college studies. Use is as a side-by-side tutorial.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Free Education for the Planet: www.free-ed.net

The website is organized like a university. Click on directory of courses and study programs. There are two ways to locate the subject, course, or learning activity:

1. Search by course names or keywords.
2. Because Free-Ed.Net is organized like a university, you can search by a specific college (like Education, Engineering, Business, Math, etc.)

Learners TV: www.learnerstv.com

Video Lectures, Video Courses, Science Animations, Lecture Notes, Online Test, Lecture Presentations. Absolutely free.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION

Khan Academy Video Courses: www.khanacademy.org

Library of over 2000 educational videos on Math, Science, Humanities and others along with Test Prep and Talks and Interviews.

YouTube: www.youtube.com

Enter college course name in search box for course instruction and/or tutorials.

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COLLEGE MATHEMATICS

COLLEGE ALGEBRA VIDEOS (172)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDmMNMXgBr4&list=PL8ee-oabi527xRJB4ihk9EFIOg-5Z4eZm>

COLLEGE TRIGONOMETRY VIDEOS (65)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwMQn3mqIMvBslA6voSldm21CdbWVkDS>

COLLEGE PRECALCULUS VIDEOS (107)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL953A3729BoEo3AAA>

ALL THINGS CALCULUS

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agXNg-SOIJM>

<http://www.calculus.org/> (see Tutorial Courses in Calculus – “Online courses at MIT”)

College Resources



THE 3 R'S READING, WRITING & RITHMETIC

TSI Review

This website is excellent in helping students review for the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) test required by community colleges in Texas for all new and sometimes transfer students. The results of the test will determine where students will be placed in English and Math courses.

Also, this website can be used to help students learn the basics of reading, writing and mathematics. The Test Prep Reviews in each area are comprehensive and excellent.

Then take the “free” Practice Tests.

Click on this hyperlink: <http://www.mometrix.com/academy/tsi-test/>



PreK – 12 Resources

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Websites

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=fafsa+in+spanish
(FASFA in Spanish)

<http://mathvids.com/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/mathvideos.html>

https://www.ixl.com/promo?partner=mathplayground&phrase=mathvideos&utm_source=mathplayground.com&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=mathvideos-160x600

http://www.mathtv.com/videos_by_topic# (English and Spanish)

<https://www.mathvids4kids.com/>

PreK - 12 Resources



Websites

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

<http://www.math-videos-online.com/>

<http://mathvids.com/level/1-college-math>

<http://www.primarygames.com/videos/>

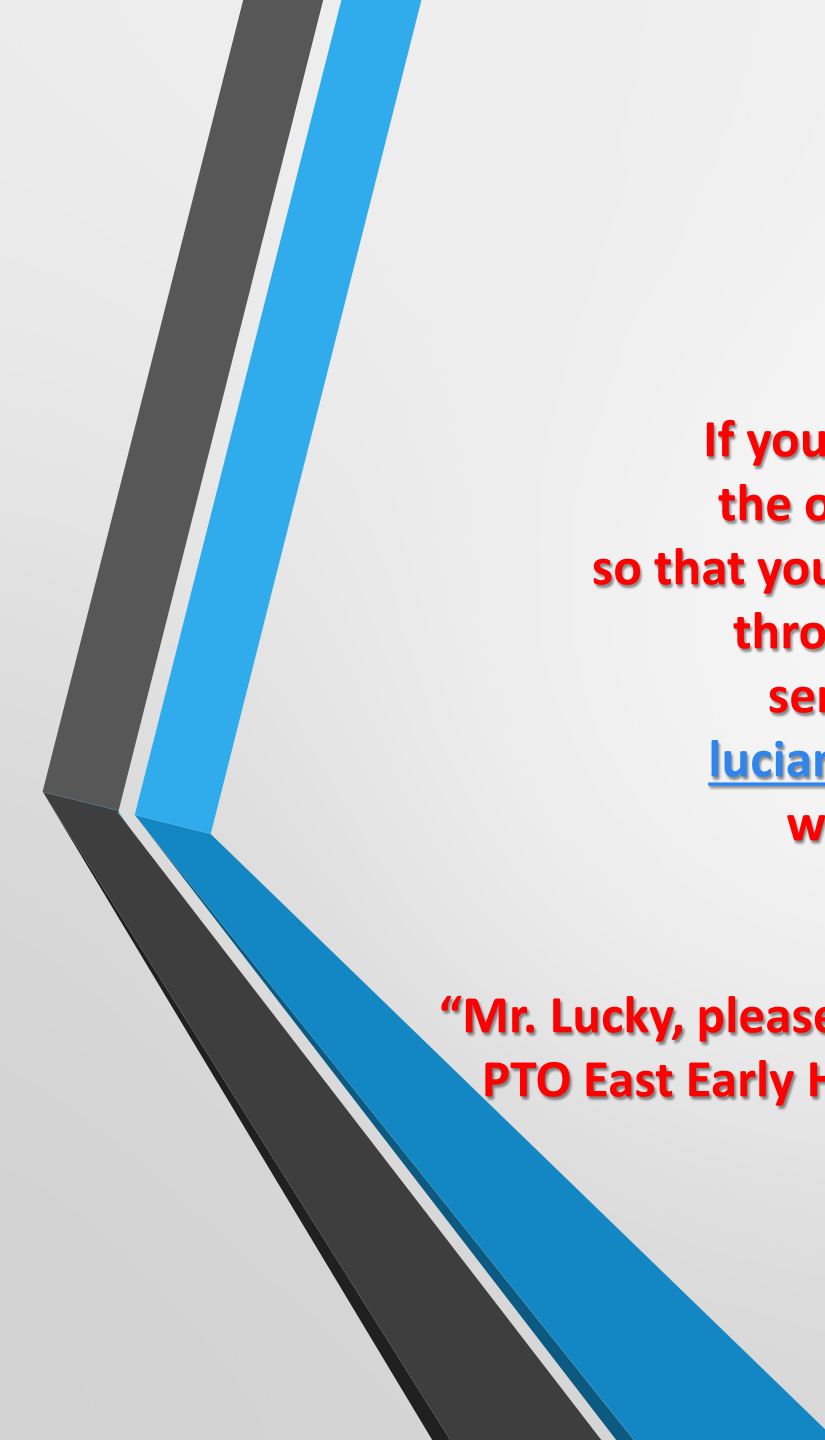
<http://www.primarygames.com/videos/category/math/>

<http://www.primarygames.com/reading.php>

<http://www.primarygames.com/science.php>

http://www.primarygames.com/social_studies.php

<https://kids.usa.gov/parents/index.shtml>



**If you would like a copy of
the original presentation
so that you can access the resources
through the hyperlinks,
send me an email to
luciano.salinas@hccs.edu
with this message:**

**“Mr. Lucky, please send me a copy of your original
PTO East Early High School from May 2, 2017.”**



Thank you for attending today.

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