



## **COURSE GUIDE**

# **Planning for the Future**

Virtual event to support students and families get ready to succeed in higher education. It's never too early to start planning for success after graduation!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021**

**Via Zoom**

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Session I

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Session II

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## **SESSION I 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. | SESSION II 10:00 – 10:50 a.m.**

All presentations will be available twice at 9am and at 10am

**MS:** Best for middle school families; **HS:** Best for high school families; **MS/HS:** For both

- 1. College Smarts: College Admissions Process (HS)** – Understanding the preparation needed for today’s college admission process, financial aid, COVID-19 college admission changes, college selection, and more. (*Sandra Newton, The College Resource Center*)  
<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/99939735707> | Zoom Password: 2021
- 2. Study Skills and College Planning for Middle Schoolers (MS)** - Does your student know HOW to study? Did you know your student can start to prepare for college in middle school? Learn how your student can study more efficiently, with less frustration and better results. We will also discuss what middle school students can do to prepare for college. (*John Pisklak, Huntington Learning Center*) (*Ibrahim Firat, Firat Education*)  
<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/94255339173> | Zoom Password: 2021
- 3. Evaluating Your Financial Aid Award Letter (HS)** - Financial aid award letters may seem confusing at first, but we will help walk you through your award. You will learn ways to compare financial aid packages and find the best option to pay for college expenses. (*Kathy Rose and Gladis Rodriguez, CollegeCommunityCareer*)  
<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/92526130086> | Zoom Password: 2021
- 4. Advanced Academic Courses (AAC), Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit - Understanding Advanced Courses (MS/HS)** - Advanced courses begin in middle school and provide students with an opportunity to prepare for higher level courses in high school that often lead to earning college credit before graduation. Join us to learn the difference between advanced courses and the benefits to taking these courses. (*Amy Ellingson, SBISD Advanced Academic Studies*)  
<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/94312674285> | Zoom Password: 2021
- 5. Finding Your Career Path Through Career and Technical Education (MS/HS)** – Come learn about our district’s Programs of Study within Career and Technical Education. We will discuss the various courses as well as student opportunities that prepares them with academic and technical skills, knowledge and training necessary to succeed in future careers and become lifelong learners. (*Christina Rice- Imumwen and Angie Robertson, SBISD Career and Technical Education – CTE*)  
<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/94050049939> | Zoom Password: 2021
- 6. GPA & Class Ranking - High School Academic Planning (HS)** - To rank or not to rank? Should a student’s class rank be included on his/her transcript? Learn about SBISD’s class rank policy and the importance of class rank and grade point averages in the college admissions process. (*Beverly Martin, SBISD Student Support Services*)  
<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/99908061494> | Zoom Password: 2021

- 7. Public vs. Private / In-state vs. Out-of-state University Rep. Panel (HS) -**  
Representatives from Texas A&M U., Baylor U., Texas Christian U., The University of Oklahoma, and Louisiana State University will discuss the different benefits of public and private universities as well as in-state and out-of-state universities. *(Moderated by Susie Velis, SBISD Student Support Services)*

<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/98254057393> | Zoom Password: 2021

- 8. Career Exploration and Maximizing College Resumes (MS/HS) -** Did you know post-High School decisions begin in Middle School? Optimize your journey by knowing your strengths and maximizing middle school and early high school activities, academics, and decisions to showcase on your resume. Learn how to navigate this process and how to explore careers so you are prepared to make the best decisions for success after high school. *(Wendy Andreen, College, Careers & Callings)*

<https://springbranchisd.zoom.us/j/91386287138> | Zoom Password: 2021

- 9. The Road Less Traveled: Navigating the Process to Selective College Admissions (HS) -**  
The selective college application process can differ from the traditional Apply Texas process. This session will focus on what it means to apply to a selective college and how to best prepare. We will explore the holistic admissions review and give you practical tips for supporting your student. *(Martin Rincon, Emerge)*

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**Parent U Tech Support Zoom Meeting - <https://bit.ly/2X2yD01>**