

Work Ethic Certification

Greater Clark County Schools' College & Career Readiness (CCR) initiative began with the development of the district's strategic plan by a committee of over seventy stakeholders. The stakeholders identified college and career readiness as a goal: "By 2018, Greater Clark County Schools' graduation rate will meet or exceed the state goal and ensure all graduates are accepted to post-secondary education or employment opportunities."

One aspect of the College and Career Readiness initiative is the Work Ethic Certification program. The Work Ethic Certification was once provided to high school students in Indiana through the Department of Workforce Development. With the help of our College and Career Advisory, Greater Clark has developed a Work Ethic Certificate that will provide confirmation of a student's soft skills (responsibility, punctuality, teamwork, etc.) to post-secondary educational institutions and employers.

Beginning this school year, high school seniors can elect to participate in the Work Ethic Certification program. As a participant, students will be measured in nine areas of academic and work ethic competency. Students must meet the criteria and gain points within each area to earn the certification.



Five subjective measures, as defined by the district's *P.R.I.D.E.* initiative, will require three teacher signatures stating the student has met the requirements. The district has combined PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) and CCR skills to develop our *P.R.I.D.E.* initiative for students. *Persistence* – persevere through challenges, problem solve; *Respectfulness* – access and serve others, possess a positive attitude, communicate clearly; *Initiative* – ability to self start and to think critically, *Dependability* – academically ready, reliable, demonstrate responsibility and teamwork, *Efficiency* – organized, punctual, self managed.

Four additional objective competencies will be obtained from the district's student management system, Power School, to indicate competency in measurable areas (i.e. G.P.A., attendance, etc.).

Presentations about the Work Ethic Certification will begin next week with high school seniors and parents. Please [click here](#) to visit the College and Career Readiness website for more information.

Naviance Family Connection

Naviance is a college and career readiness software that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals. The software empowers students and families to connect learning and life and will provide Greater Clark with the information needed to help students better prepare for life after high school. It allows students to create a plan for their future by helping them discover their individual strengths and learning styles, and explore college and career options based on their results. The Naviance software will be utilized as part of the district's College and Career Readiness Initiative. High school parents will be receiving their account information for the parent portal in the coming weeks, so that you are able to track your child's activity. Please [click here](#) to visit the College and Career Readiness website for more information.

Important Dates

- September 22-26 - College Go! Week
- September 26 - Rachel's Challenge @ River Valley Middle School
- October 1 - Superintendent Parent Listening Session @ Spring Hill Elementary

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GCCS Educational Foundation “Golf Fore Kids”

Join the GCCS Educational Foundation and Insulated Roofing Contractors for a day of golf, camaraderie and fundraising at the 2014 “Golf Fore Kids” charity scramble on Monday, October 6! Proceeds from the event will fund Greater Clark County Schools’ ACT Testing Initiative. Supported by the GCCS Educational Foundation, Greater Clark administers an ACT test to students beginning in the eighth grade. ACT has developed a series of tests that predicates college success and provides comparison statistics to assist students in coursework to improved their changes for a high ACT score. This assessment creates an opportunity for teachers to know how each student is progressing toward college readiness beginning the in the eighth grade. [Click here](#) to visit the GCCS Educational Foundation website to register!



Parkview Middle School “House” Initiative

Last month, Parkview Middle School sixth grade students kicked-off the schools’ new House initiative. Think of it as Harry Potter meets public education. The goal of the House system is to promote positive attitudes of students toward



one another through friendly competition in academics, conduct, community service and the House Cup. The houses provide not only an increased feeling of identity and belonging; they also provide students with a sense of tradition and leadership opportunities. There are ten houses each named for a character trait that all Parkview students should exhibit in order to be contributing members of society. The Houses are as follows Loyalty, Tolerance, Perseverance, Pride, Respect, Courage, Honesty, Humility, Integrity and Justice.

The students participated in the House Sorting Ceremony. Each student was randomly assigned to a House according to the color shirt they blindly selected from a trunk. The student will remain in the House until they graduate from Parkview Middle School. After the sorting ceremony concluded, houses gathered on the football field for teambuilding activities which included searching for 2,000 pennies and a water activity. Points were awarded to the winning houses. The Houses will be meeting periodically throughout the school year. In the first meeting they will decide on a crest and quote for their house along with selecting a community service project for the year.



Parkview Middle School would like to thank Key Electronics, Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz, Kovert Hawkins, Eastside Christian and the Fraternal Order of Police for sponsoring the event and becoming honorary house members.

Communities in School Childcare for Fall Break



Greater Clark County Schools has partnered with Communities in Schools to offer childcare services to parents needing childcare during Fall Break (and Intersession). Please contact Communities in Schools at (812) 280-0028 to discuss your needs and the rates that will apply. Communities in Schools will offer services at **Wilson Elementary** both weeks of Fall Break. Greater Clark will transport Jeffersonville area students from their designated school to Wilson Elementary to utilize Communities in Schools childcare.

Our Vision: Greater Clark County Schools’ vision is to become nationally recognized as a premier provider of education by serving as the bridge connecting stakeholders to ensure all students are college and career ready.

Our Mission: Greater Clark County Schools’ mission is for stakeholders to give 100 percent effort in meeting the academic and behavioral needs of each student ensuring acceptance to a post-secondary opportunity.