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Dear Sophomore Parent,

The Four Cities Compact typically holds a showcase each year to provide information to sophomore students in all four districts. Current virus conditions will require a different approach this year. We are planning a *virtual* Compact Showcase that your son or daughter will take part in during their English class and that you can view and discuss at home. For the first time ever, parents will be able to view the Compact Showcase from home. The Four Cities Compact has programs in a variety of in demand career pathways including Health Science, Information Technology, and Manufacturing Technologies.

You should be receiving a Compact catalog in the mail, which highlights our programs with pictures and descriptions of each program. Please take a moment to review the catalog and check out: testimonials from past students, new programs (Pharmacy), and the college credits and industry credentials that can be earned in each program. To learn more go to our website www.fourcitiescompact.org and click on Compact Showcase 2020 to view detailed videos on each program, check out our labs, and meet the teachers.

We understand that attending a Compact program can be a difficult decision for a young person and we will be having virtual or in person program visits so that students can get another look inside a program. We will be emailing interested students directly with information on how to participate in a program visit. Sign up information will be available on our website. For students who are ready to apply for a program, visit the Compact website for a link to the application. It will open on November 24, 2020.

The Four Cities Compact understands the importance for students to start thinking about how their school work now will affect future opportunities. As you and I both know, the world of work is rapidly changing. The programs in the Compact are preparing our students for a lifetime of success. Our goal at the Compact is to make sure that your child knows what it takes to be prepared for the workforce of the future. If you have any questions about the Compact, please visit our website or send me an email at rwright@fourcitiescompact.org.

Thank you for the consideration of the Four Cities Compact,

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FOUR CITIES COMPACT FAQs

Q. How do I apply to the Four Cities Compact?

A. After the virtual Career Showcase in November, sophomore students can complete the online application for a Career Tech program. The application is available on the Four Cities Compact website at www.fourcitiescompact.org.

Q. Once I complete the application for a Compact program am I guaranteed a spot in my first choice program?

A. No, programs have limited spots. Students are accepted into programs based on credit eligibility (did the student earn all or most of the credits required for sophomore students?) attendance, prerequisite courses completed, grades, and discipline record will be considered.

Q. Why should I apply sooner rather than later if I am unsure about attending a Four Cities Compact Program?

A. Applying early gives you the best chance of “holding a seat.” It is easier to have a spot in a Compact Program and then decide not to attend than it is to apply late and risk all spots being taken.

Q. What is the cost of attending a program in the Four Cities Compact?

A. Every program is different and the fees vary on the program. Students will be expected to purchase some of their own tools and uniforms. Assistance is available for families qualifying for free/reduced lunch.

Q. Will I be able to graduate on time if I take a Compact program?

A. Absolutely! The Compact programs are designed so that students have enough time at their home schools to take the needed courses for graduation. Although it is important for a student to check credits with their school counselor and to have a plan for completion.

Q. How do I get to a program that is not at my home school?

A. Transportation is provided by each school district throughout the school day. Students ride the bus both to and from the Compact programs. Students may also transport themselves, or with permission, ride with another student.

Q. Can I still be involved at my home school in sports and other extracurricular activities?

A. Absolutely! We encourage Compact students to be involved. There could be times when a program class conflicts with a home school class that you want to take, unfortunately you would have to make a decision as to the class that is most important. It is important to meet with your home school counselor to develop a plan and schedule for your courses when taking a Career Tech course.

Q. Can I earn College Credit or an Industry Recognized Credential in a Compact program?

A. Yes! All of the Compact programs are linked to some type of college credit by way of an Articulation Agreement, CTAG, or College Credit Plus. Most programs also have industry credentials that can be earned as well.

Q. Can I visit a program for a day to see what it is like?

A. YES! Program visits are encouraged, see your school counselor for visit days in December or January.

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