**CUSD College Connection**

**Class of 2021**

_Serving Chico High, Pleasant Valley, and Oak Bridge at Butte-Glenn Community College_

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Program Outreach**—College Connection break out session at the CUSD College & Career Planning night on 10/29; program presentations in US History classes in December; College Connection Information Night 1/15

**College Connection (CC) applications available**—At high school counseling offices and online on high school counseling web pages

**Apply to Butte College**—11/01 to 1/17 (if you applied to Butte College prior to November 2019, please go to [https://home.cccapply.org/](https://home.cccapply.org/) and **re-apply**)

**Vita Navis**—take the online Vita Navis assessment (see page 2)

**College Connection Information Night** 1/15, 6:00-7:15 pm—All CUSD students and families are invited to learn more about the College Connection program, held in the Chico High School Williams Theater

**College Connection application deadline**—1/17 no later than 3:30pm. Early applications are welcomed. Turn completed application at high school counseling office—NO late applications accepted

**Applicant Interviews**—1/27 through 2/7
- All applicants receive an interview
- Held at student’s high school, scheduled during the school day
- 10-15 minutes in duration
- Interviews add depth and context to the paper application
- About you: your experiences, readiness, goals, and interest in College Connection, transcripts, attendance, and discipline records
- Applicants will be notified of interview time/date via the email address provided application

**College Connection class of 2021 will be posted at the end of the school day on February 20**

Please contact College Connection advisor Ms. Ellsmore or your high school counselor with questions
Elaine Ellsmore [EllsmoreEl@butte.edu](mailto:EllsmoreEl@butte.edu) and 893-7600
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

*When speaking with Butte College personnel, please remember to identify yourself as a College Connection applicant

1. **Apply to Butte College** - November 1 to January 17
   - Go to [www.butte.edu](http://www.butte.edu) click on the “APPLY NOW” button on the home page, create an account, complete and submit application (*Applications may take 3 to 5 business days to process*)
   - Your enrollment status will be “enrolling in high school and college at the same time”
   - Please enter your high school status accurately, “Haven’t completed 11th grade”
   - For assistance with the application, contact the Butte College Call Center @ 895-2511, and identify yourself as a College Connection applicant; or meet with your high school counselor
   - If you are already a Butte College student, and applied before November 1, 2019, please reapply [https://home.cccapply.org/](https://home.cccapply.org/)
   - Save or screen shot the email with your Butte College: ID, password, and email

2. **Take the Vita Navis Interest Assessment**
   - Go to [http://www.butte.edu/careerservices/career-counseling.html](http://www.butte.edu/careerservices/career-counseling.html) and click on the second career assessment, Vita Navis Interest Assessment and “sign up”
   - What is your Vita Navis email/password?_________________________________________________________
   - You cannot pass or fail
   - Read the instructions and take the assessment (less than 15 minutes)
   - When you finish you will arrive at a screen that displays your Super Strong Insights and has a small printer icon; click on the printer icon, print and attach your results to your College Connection application. Print and keep a copy of your own (to use in Fall 2020)
   - The interest assessment results will help guide you and your College Connection advisor in selecting Butte College courses and developing an individualized academic plan

3. **Ask three teachers to recommend you**
   - Fill in the blanks on each of the three teacher recommendation forms
   - Meet with your teacher outside of class time to share your interest in CC and ask for a recommendation

4. **Attend College Connection Information Night** - open to all CUSD students and families
   - Wednesday 1/15 6:00-7:15pm, at Chico High School Williams Theater
   - Attendance is voluntary, but encouraged

5. **College Connection (CC) application deadline** January 17, 3:30pm
   - Early applications are WELCOMED and late applications are NOT accepted
   - Turn your application into the high school counseling office. See page 3 for instructions. Staple together in the following order:
     - Student Demographics (page 5 of this handout)
     - Applicant essay
     - Parent/Guardian statement
     - Unofficial high school transcript
     - Vita Navis results summary
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Compile your application in the following order

1. Student demographics (page 5)
2. Student essay
   - Type and attach, 250-600 words
   - Discuss your reasons for pursuing the College Connection Program (as opposed to staying at your high school) and your readiness for the program. Explain the qualities, talents, abilities, past experiences, and goals that have prepared you to succeed in College Connection.
3. Parent/guardian statement
   - Discuss your student’s readiness for the College Connection Program. Please consider and include the qualities, talents, abilities, past experiences, maturity level, initiative and work ethic of your student
4. Unofficial High School Transcript (obtain from high school counseling office)
5. Vita Navis results (print result summary after completing the assessment online)

College Connection Advisor will collect
- Junior year attendance records
- Discipline records
- Teacher recommendations
PROGRAM INTAKE PROCESS

- February 20: Class of 2021 posted; end of the school day, outside counseling offices

  All meetings are mandatory and held at students’ high school campus
  Meetings are important for student success
  Meetings are during lunch period

- Week of 2/25: Welcome to CC meeting
- Week of 3/2: College Scheduling Workshops
- March 4: Scheduling workshop for parents/guardians, 6pm PVHS Library
- Week of 3/9: College Scheduling check-in meetings
- Week of 3/23: Butte College schedule and all program paperwork due
- Week of 4/6: Schedule review
- Week of 5/18: Orientation preview

August 5, 8:00am
Class of 2021 College Connection Orientation
Butte College main campus
CUSD College Connection Application
Class of 2021
Serving Chico High, Pleasant Valley, and Oak Bridge at Butte-Glenn Community College

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

High School ___________________________ Student Name ___________________________ Weighted Total GPA (9-12): ________

Date of Birth ___________________________ High-school ID# ___________________________ Butte College ID# ___________________________

Student email (please DO NOT use your cusd.net address) __________________________________________

Butte College email __________________________________________

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) name __________________________________________

Parent/Guardian email __________________________________________

Student Cell # ___________________________ Parent/Guardian Phone ___________________________

What is/are your main objective(s) in applying to College Connection? Check all that apply:

___ Progress towards earning a community college Associate’s degree (AA/AS)
___ Progress towards earning a CSU/UC/private college Bachelor’s degree (BA/BS)
___ Career or major exploration
___ Career or major accelerated progress
___ Assistance/guidance/support in the transition from high school to college

How did you learn about College Connection? Check all that apply:

☐ High School Counselor  ☐ High School Website  ☐ CUSD District Website
☐ CC student/alumni  ☐ Parents of CC student/alum  ☐ College Connection Info Night
☐ College and Career night  ☐ Class presentation  ☐ Other ___________________________

What extracurricular activities do you have planned for your senior year? (activities outside of school day) __________________________

What graduation requirements do you need to complete? (Excluding: senior English, Government, Economics) __________________________

What else should I know about you?

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CUSD College Connection Recommendation Form: Math class

Applicant, provide your teacher with this form. Your teacher will turn this form in at the counseling office to ensure confidentiality.

STUDENT: ___________________________________________

Math Teacher: ___________________________ Math Class: ___________________________

Thank you for filling out this evaluation. The student is applying to the College Connection program and feels that you are able to offer a candid assessment of his/her readiness. We greatly appreciate your comments as they help us to select the best candidates. If you wish to add anything else please use the back. **To maintain confidentiality please return to the counseling office.**

_Evaluation of applicant’s academic readiness & soft skills_

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Teacher Signature_________________________________________ Date ___________
CUSD College Connection Recommendation Form: English class

Applicant, provide your teacher with this form. Your teacher will turn this form in at the counseling office to ensure confidentiality.

STUDENT: ________________________________

English Teacher: ___________________________  English Class: ___________________________

Thank you for filling out this evaluation. The student is applying to the College Connection program and feels that you are able to offer a candid assessment of his/her readiness. We greatly appreciate your comments as they help us to select the best candidates. If you wish to add anything else please use the back. **To maintain confidentiality please return to the counseling office.**

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Teacher Signature _____________________________ Date ________
CUSD College Connection Recommendation Form: student choice
Applicant, provide your teacher with this form. Your teacher will turn this form in at the counseling office to ensure confidentiality.

STUDENT: ____________________________________________

Teacher: ____________________________________________ Class: ____________________________________________

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