

# Welcome

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## Helping students plan for the future!

## What is Naviance and Family Connection? Connecting Learning & Life

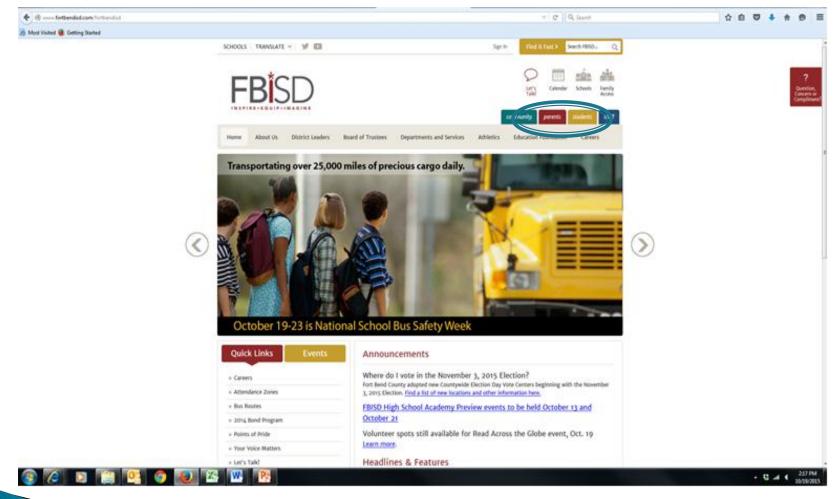
Naviance is a college and career readiness platform that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals. Its comprehensive college and career planning solutions optimize student success, enhance school counselor productivity, and track results for school and district administrators.

## What is Naviance and Family Connection?

# Essential Question: How will Naviance help your students prepare for their future after high school?

It allows students to create a plan for their futures by helping them discover their individual strengths and learning styles and explore college and career options based on their results.

Parents can explore along with their students using the Family Connection Tools with their own personal log-ins.









### Student Shortcuts

= 2015 - 2016 School Calendar

» Atomic Learning

Digital Resources

\* Course Selection Guides

Naviance Student Login

over Planning

+ Bus Routes

a Edgenuity

#### Announcements

New online resource offers free SAT prep courses rind out more

#### Headlines & Features

FBISD joins AKA Sorority in hosting E3 Educational Enrichment Expo, "The Workshop Series," on Oct. 31 High school students invited to come and receive information to assist in their college planning (10/11/2015)

Austin High School Bulldog Marching Band and Angels Dance Team win first place at Friendswood Marching Festival (10/13 /2015)

U.S. Army Sergeant surprises daughters at Baines Middle School after a year of deployment in Afghanistan

Family members looking forward to spending quality time with one another

#### Hot Topics

What if I am unable to find something on the FBISD website?

Who do I contact if I need to discuss an issue on my campus?

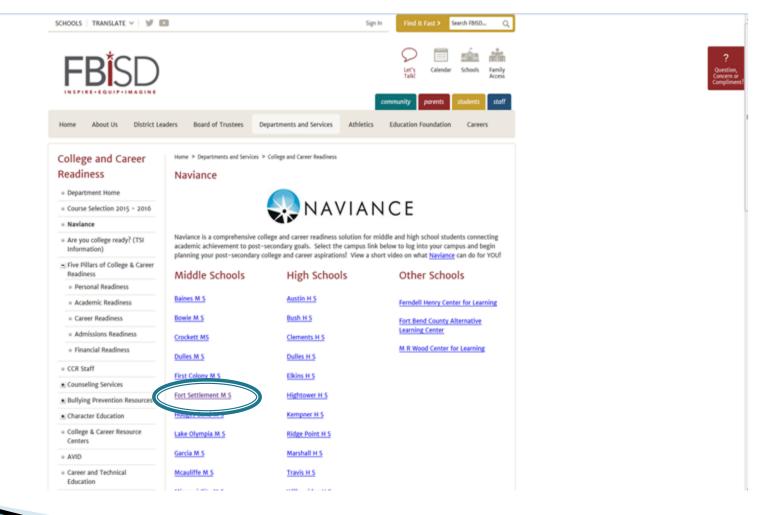
Where do I catch the bus?

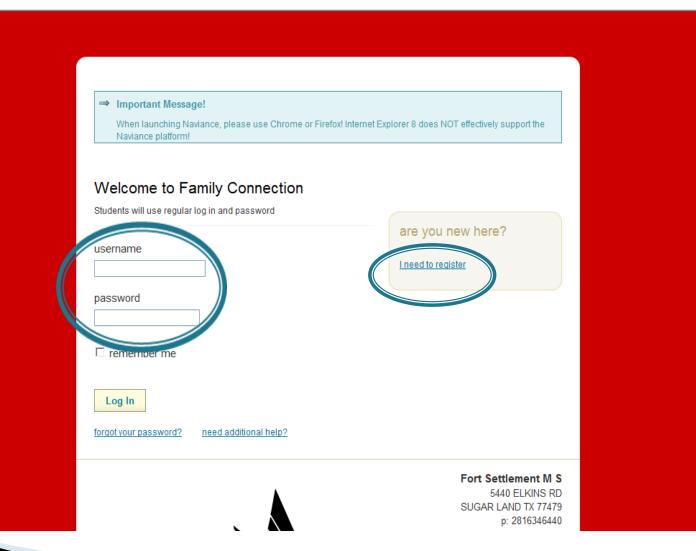
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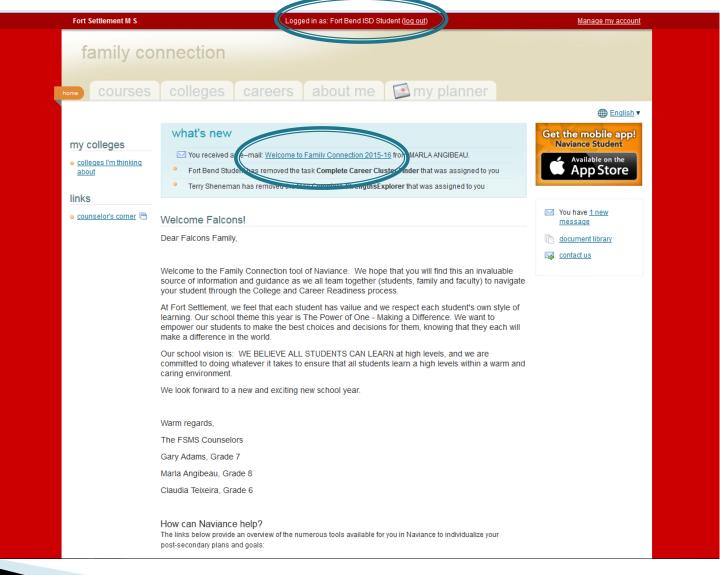
Elementary School 8:10 a.m. - 3:10 p.m.

Middle School 8:55 a.m. - 3:55 p.m.

High School









8<sup>th</sup> Graders will complete the Strengths Explorer Assessment

- Assesses 10 talent themes
- Identifies each student's top 3 strongest talents
- Provides explanations of the top three talents
- Students learn how to capitalize on their success and discover what they need to do next to continue building on their strengths

## StrengthsExplorer Objectives

 Complete the Strengths Explorer assessment in Family Connection.

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# StrengthsExplorer Objectives

 View your top themes, explore Career Pathways and View your Full Report and workbook



1. intro

take assessment

3. view results

### Here are your top 3 themes:

### Presence

You were born to be at the front of the room telling stories and taking the lead. Other people watch you and listen to you.

### Organizer

Scheduling, planning, and organizing your world makes life better. People count on you to get the details right and pull a plan together.

### Confidence

You believe in yourself and what you can do. This helps you take on challenges because you feel sure you can succeed.

See Related Career Pathways

### Completed Jul 9, 2014



### Student Resources

Your top 3 themes are your areas of natural talent - ways in which we naturally think, feel, and act. We are all naturally good at some things, and the resources below will help you understand what those things are and the career pathways associated with them.

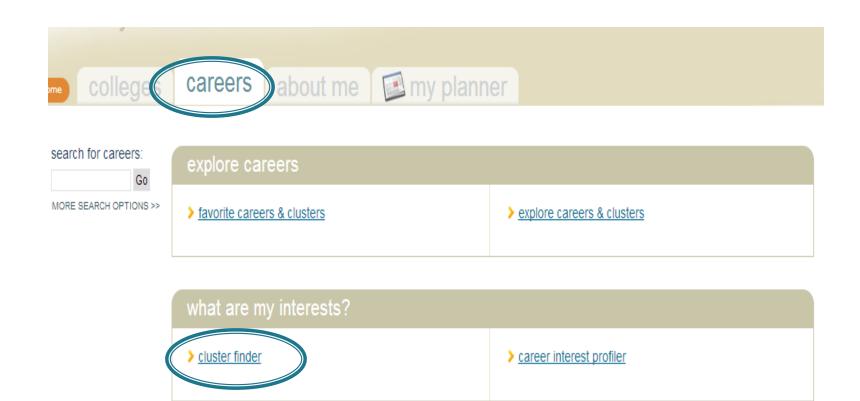


## **Career Cluster Finder**

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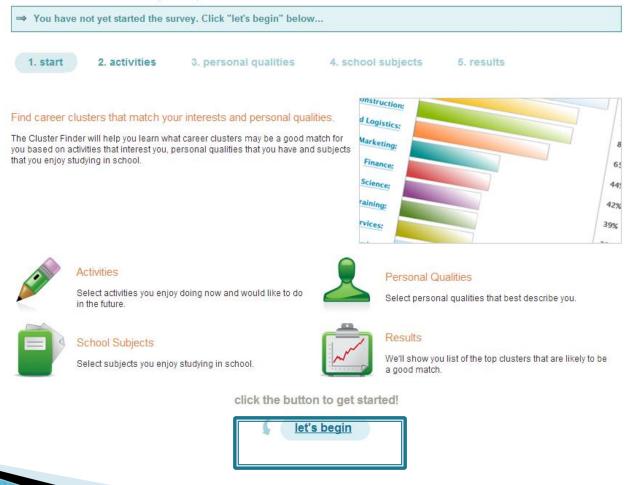


Click on the careers tab, then select Cluster Finder

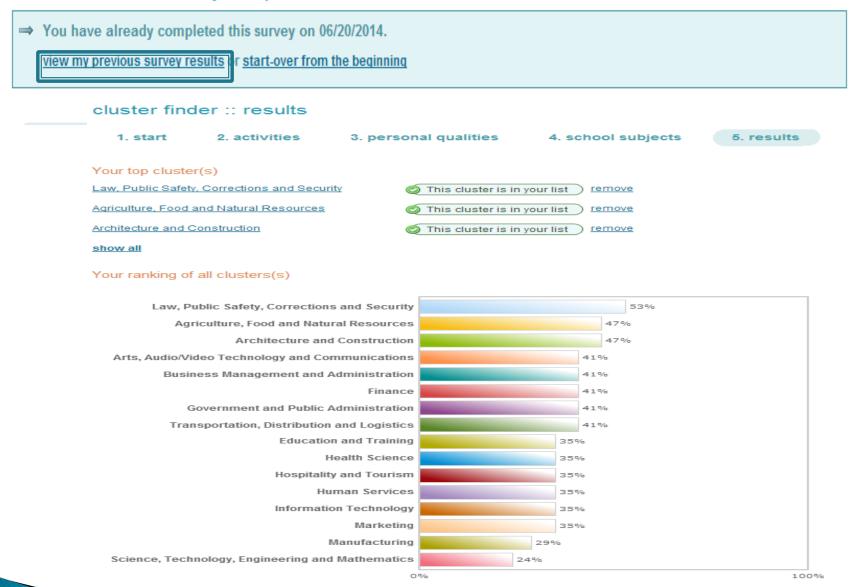


# To begin your career cluster finder assessment, click 'let's begin'

#### cluster finder :: identify a top career cluster



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Career Day 8th Grade January 26, 2016 After completing these two tasks, student choices will help us plan our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day according to their interests!



# **Roadtrip Nation**



Use Roadtrip Nation to benefit from over 3500 different interviews conducted by young adults who traveled the country to connect with CEOs of Fortune 500 companies, filmmakers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and political activists to name a few. (This component is found under the "Career" tab. It is highlighted in a green box. Click on the "Explore More" hyper-link. Scroll down to "Search Leader Stores" and then click on "By Interest."

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### This helps students to:

- Become more self-aware by recognizing interests, values, and goals
- Gain exposure to pathways they may not have known existed
- Take ownership of their own learning experiences through self-directed exploration
- Develop greater engagement by discovering exciting opportunities for their futures

## **EXPLORE!**

Once you and your student have logged in and entered your e-mail address, you are free to navigate the many options available to you in Naviance!

We will guide you through several tasks and tools, but most of these will be loaded into the student's account and a notification sent to their e-mail address that they have a new task to complete.

## ENJOY!



GPA

# Grade Point Average (GPA)

## Effective for the Class of 2019 (Current Grade 9 Students)



### Previous GPA System

5.0 Scale weighted to 6.0 Two Academic Levels

- Advanced (on-level coursework)- 5.0 Scale
- *Honors/pre-AP, AP- 6.0 Scale*

GPA system awards the same weight for a range of grades.

For example, grades from 90–100 are treated equally as a 5.0 when the grades are converted to a GPA scale.





## Why the Change?

Committee's task was to determine a GPA system that would satisfy these tenets:

- Serve all students in the most equitable manner
- Be easy to understand for students, parents and colleges
- Be based on the most mathematically accurate methodology
- Administer weighted points that equitably acknowledge the effort that goes into challenging courses
- Ensure a standardized system across the district that reflects 2 levels of academic coursework





On August 18, 2014, the School Board of Trustees approved the District's recommendation to revise the GPA system beginning with students who entered high school 2015–2016.

This includes all courses taken for high school credit in middle school.



## New 100 point GPA Scale

100 Point Scale

- Calculated by adding all of the semester averages and dividing by semesters attempted.
- Considered the most accurate reflection of a student's cumulative work
- The 100 point scale results in a more accurate Rank in Class (RIC)
- Can be converted to the Four Point Scale which is the most common scale for college admissions, NCAA and scholarship applications.



## New 100 point GPA Scale

More rigorous classes will receive weighted points as illustrated in the chart below:

Advanced Placement (AP) courses	Pre-AP, high school Honors courses, Dual Credit courses	On-level courses/non- weighted courses
Receives 10 point weight	Receives 5 point weight	No weight



### **Example of Student Grades:**

Course	Grade	100 pt. weight
Physics (on-level)	86	86
English III AP	94	104
US History Dual Credit	84	89
Athletics	100	100
Choir	90	90
Pre-Cal Pre-AP	86	91
Journalism	94	94
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### Example

<u>Student #1</u>		<u>Student #2</u>		
1	95		2	100's
2	94's		17	99's
9	93's		20	98's
9	92's		10	97's
21	91's		4	96's
3	90's			
GPA = 91.7555 Old GPA = 5.0		GPA = 98.0566 Old GPA = 5.0		





### **GPA Conversion**

	AP	PreAP/H/DC	Regular
90-100+	5	4.5	4
80-89	4	3.5	3
75-79	3	2.5	2
70-74	2	1.5	1
Below 70	0	0	0



## Summary of the 100 pt. Scale

- Based on adding all the semester averages earned and dividing by semesters attempted
- Most accurate reflection of a student's cumulative work
- Results in a more accurate Rank in Class (RIC)
- Old GPA system remains in place for 10-12 grade
- New GPA system is in place for grade 9 and below
- This includes all courses taken for high school credit in middle school.



## **Questions?**

## **Thanks for Coming!**

Please contact your grade level counselor if you have any additional questions.

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