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ECHS Career Day Common Q & A

What is Career Day?

Every fall our high school campus in Lawndale hosts a Career Day. The purpose of the event is to give our students direct exposure to inspiring professionals and leaders, create a platform for speakers to share about their path to success and allow students to ask questions and connect to potential mentors and resources.

What is a Career Day Panel Speaker?

A Career Day Speaker delivers a 10-12 minute presentation as part of a larger 45-minute session, during which you will have the opportunity to hear from other professionals. Your presentation will be delivered to an audience of approximately thirty 9th and 10th graders. We ask you to share your story of “Connect for Success” in your preferred format, whether it is via storytelling, a speech or slides. You will receive a speaker toolkit to help guide you in putting together a presentation best fit for a high school audience.

What is a Workshop Leader?

A Workshop Leader delivers an interactive session to share a specific life skill with our 11th and 12th graders (i.e. Interview Tips, Financial Management, Resume & Cover Letter 101). You can do this alone or partner up with a colleague to curate a workshop. If you are interested in leading a workshop, please email brandie_cobb@ecsonline.org.

What do I need to bring with me?

Every classroom is equipped with a laptop, projector, screen and speakers. Please bring your presentation as a PDF on a flash drive, your own print outs (if applicable) and arrive earlier than your start time so that our staff can help you test out the equipment. If you have a particular device on which you'd like to deliver your presentation, please reach out to find out how we can accompany your needs. There will be a staff liaison (ECES teacher) in each room that can help you with specific needs.

What happens in the Connections – Networking Session?

The Connections session allows our 11th and 12th graders to practice their social engagement and networking skills with all of our speakers. We encourage you to participate in this session as it allows you to connect directly with our students, learn about their exciting Senior Thesis topics and impart valuable advice, feedback and insight.

What is a Speaker's Lunch?

After our Career Day program, ECS hosts a lunch for all panel speaker participants. In the past, our students have presented on Senior Thesis projects and the exciting work they are doing in the community. This is a great opportunity to learn more about ECS and connect with other like-minded people over a delicious meal.



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Do I have to attend the entire Career Day?

While we encourage all participants to stay for the whole event, it is not required. However, your availability will affect your selection. We will have a Green Room available with breakfast in the morning, snacks throughout the day and WiFi for participants to rest or do work in. Past participants have also joined our students in watching other speakers and workshop leaders during non-schedule time. Career Day is truly an amazing event that allows people of diverse backgrounds to connect with each other while giving back to our community and future superheroes!

Should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact us at info@ecsonline.org.
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