



Empowering Parents Newsletter

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College Bound San Diego begins its 8th Year of Serving Students and Parents

College Bound San Diego is excited about starting its 8th year of helping students and parents navigate the educational system and have the choice of attending college. If you're interested in enrolling your family in the program, please visit the College Bound San Diego website at www.collegeboundsd.com and also plan to attend the August 14, 2010 Orientation Meeting:

CBSD Orientation Meeting

August 14, 2010

9:00am-11:00am

Mt. Carmel High School Theater

9550 Carmel Mountain Rd. San Diego, CA

(Please visit www.collegeboundsd.com for more details)

College Bound San Diego is an educational component of Concerned Parents Alliance, Inc. This program is committed to serving students, parents, educators, and the community in offering a unique approach to college counseling, development of study and success skills, parental engagement, community service, cultural awareness, career exploration and exposure to a variety of colleges and universities.

Membership is open to any parent, student, faculty, staff, administrator and community members that are interested in ensuring that all children have a choice of attending college. We are all committed to the success of our children and respect our diverse backgrounds and experiences. Our common bond is our children.

The Concerned Parents Alliance, Inc. is known for taking action and holding people accountable. We want districts to value students, include parents in the communication lines and to ensure that children fulfill the college requirements in order to have the choice of attending college. It is imperative that parents stay engaged as our children pursue their educational dreams. For enrollment information or more details, please visit www.collegeboundsd.com or contact empoweringparents@san.rr.com.

New Jersey School District Eliminates the Grade D. It's Only A's, B's, C's and F's.

The Mount Olive School District in New Jersey will eliminate the option of student's receiving D's on their report cards in an effort to raise the educational bar and motivate students to work harder.

Under the old system, a student could pass with a 65%. Starting this fall, students receiving lower than a 70% will receive a failing grade.

The school district is developing a support system to help students that are struggling in their academics. When a student receives a failing grade on a test, paper, or homework assignment, they will have three days to repeat the work for a C. In addition, their parents will be notified by phone or email. If a student continues to struggle in their course, they can enroll in extra-help classes and peer tutoring. If they have failed a course, they can attend an evening school at a cost of \$150. (Source: San Diego Union Tribune)

A+ College Program Services

Empowering Parents will begin its 2010-11 A+ College Program in September by working with rising seniors and their parents on preparing for fall college applications, essays, letters of recommendation and financial aid, including grants, loans, work study, scholarships and the review of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). EP also works with juniors and their parents on navigating the educational system, transcript review, leadership programs, community service, and more. For details about the program and how to enroll your child, please email Empowering Parents at empoweringparents@san.rr.com or call (858) 243-9606.