

UCS Partnering with your Student for Success using Naviance/Family Connection

What is Family Connection?

Your student's school has partnered with Naviance to provide a variety of tools for student achievement through academic planning. These tools are located in Family Connection, a website for students and families to access online resources, communicate with school staff and collaborate on college and career readiness activities.

What can your student do in Family Connection?

Students can research colleges, scholarships, careers, enrichment programs and courses in one location. They can also create individual plans that can be linked to college and career readiness. Students can communicate easily with teachers and counselors. For college and career readiness, students can request transcripts and recommendations for college applications as well as complete career assessments and perform college and career searches. Students can also create goals and track associated tasks and activities.

Because Success is a Group Effort

Our partnership with Naviance offers access to several planning tools that connect goals with future outcomes. Family Connection takes an age and grade approach to goal setting and planning, so that students can personalize their action plans. As a parent or guardian, what role do you play in helping your student succeed?

- You can encourage goal setting as a recipe for success
- You can monitor activities to identify early intervention opportunities
- You can coach and guide to make informed decisions

More information on how you can partner with your student for success is provided on the back!

There are a number of features in Family Connection that you can use to engage with your student. Most of the actions involve viewing and reviewing activities that your student completes; however, there are various actions you can take. An overview of the features available to parents and guardians in Family Connection is provided below.



Home page

- View updates and links from the school
- Read and send e-mail messages to school staff



Courses tab

- View student course records
- Comment on student's course plan
- Approve student's course plan



Colleges tab

- Monitor student progress during the college application process
- Add colleges to the Colleges I'm Thinking About list for your student
- Research colleges, enrichment programs and scholarships



Careers tab

- Review the results of student's assessments
- Research careers and pathways
- Explore the Roadtrip Nation Interview Archive



About Me tab

- Take surveys
- Review student's resume
- View student's test scores



My Planner tab

- Comment on student's goals
- Comment on student's tasks

Note: The above features may or may not be available to you depending on how your student's school set up the Family Connection site.

Getting Started

Registering for Family Connection

<http://connection.naviance.com/uticaapa>

1. Click the **I Need to Register** link.
2. Enter the registration code provided by your student's school.
3. Click the **Register** button.
4. Enter your e-mail address and create a password.
5. Accept the terms of service.
6. Click the **Complete Registration** button.

Note: Passwords must be at least six characters and cannot contain blank spaces.

Logging into Family Connection

1. Enter your username in the **E-mail** field.
2. Enter your password in the **Password** field.
3. Click the **Log In** button.

College Readiness

Your student can explore a variety of options to pursue after graduation. He or she can use information from career assessments and course plans to help with college research.

What can you do to help?

Recommend colleges to your student by adding a college to the **Colleges I'm Thinking About** list.

Encourage your child to attend college fairs and visit college campuses to learn more about colleges he or she may be interested in applying to.

Use the scholarship list and scholarship search to research scholarships for your student.

For each college your student is applying to, you can see the status of your student's transcript request and the application status. You can also view the current status of all teacher recommendation requests. (**Colleges I'm Applying To** page)

Career Readiness

Your student can complete multiple career assessments to help him or her learn more about his or her personality type, interest areas and possible careers after high school.

What can you do to help?

Research career options for your student. Is there a specific career or pathway that he or she is interested in?

As your student identifies the careers that interest him or her, think about the path he or she might take after high school. Discuss with your student what options he or she is interested in. Is a four-year college or a career education program the best fit?

Partner with your student to link colleges to careers using the College Planning tools in Family Connection.

Review assessment results to understand your student's learning style and personality profile.

SAT Test Prep

Naviance Test Prep combines engaging courses, content from leading educational publishers and intelligent reporting to help students perform their best on test day.

Naviance Test Prep allows students to earn badges and rewards as they learn. The courses are also adaptive to help students focus on the most important concepts for them, based on daily goals, to maximize their study time.

To Access Test Prep

<http://connection.naviance.com/uticaapa>

1. Login to Family Connection.
2. Click on **PrepMe**.
3. Students complete the diagnostic test.
4. Select their test date.
5. Students begin studying:
 - View lessons and take quizzes
 - Complete practice tests
 - Stay on top of your plan

Scholarships and Money

To Access Scholarships

1. Login to Family Connection.
2. Click on **Colleges**.
3. Click on Scholarship Link.

Scholarship Match: List of scholarships with requirements that may be a suitable match for your student according to the information the school has entered about each scholarship.

Scholarship List: List of scholarships or financial aid awards that may be relevant for your student.

National Scholarship Search: Tool hosted by Sallie Mae to search their database of over 3 million scholarships. Just complete the profile form.

Road Trip Nation

It started in 2001 when a group of friends took a Roadtrip with this simple idea: talk to people who do what they love, and you'll get a better understanding of how to build a life you love. With Roadtrip Nation students can access meaningful resources to inform their own personal, academic, and career decisions. The content gives students insight from real-world leaders, which they can apply to the decisions they are making about their own futures.

To Access Roadtrip Nation

1. Login to Family Connection.
2. Click on **Careers Tab**.
3. Click on **Explore More** to view the video library.