

Delaware SEED Grant Program
Christina School District

Plan for Promoting the SEED Program for Christina's Students

Elementary/Intermediate Schools

The schools will provide informational sessions for parents on how to start saving and planning now for their child's post high school education. All presentations should include not only strategies for saving for higher education, but should specifically mention the Delaware SEED Grant Program and stress that this program helps make college possible for any student who is willing and able to do what it takes to get there.

Recommendations for how to achieve this include:

- Working with a local financial planner to sponsor a dinner seminar for parents on saving for their child's college education; representatives from Delaware Tech or other appropriate staff will review the Delaware SEED Grant Program as an excellent first step to making college dreams happen in conjunction with saving for higher education;
- Using the Parent Teacher Association or other parent organization to allow a Delaware Tech or other appropriate staff to discuss the Delaware SEED Grant Program along with some basic strategies for planning for higher education;
- Reinforcement of these parent meetings through distribution and presentation of career planning materials that stress the importance of building a strong academic foundation in preparation for post high school education and gaining access to programs such as the Delaware SEED Grant Program.

Middle Schools

Schools should provide in school career guidance lessons focusing on high school planning and preparation for a post high school education (including discussion of the Delaware SEED Grant Program), but should also provide a presentation for 7th and 8th grade parents. The parent presentation should focus on what parents should do now to help their child prepare for post high school options and discuss the Delaware SEED Grant Program as a means of easing the financial burden for college.

Recommendations for how to achieve this include:

- Use of the CollegeBoard's "Planning for the Future" presentation for all 7th and 8th grade parents; this presentation is free through the CollegeBoard and can be facilitated by a middle or high school counselor; slides will be added to the presentation discussing the Delaware SEED Grant Program and eligibility criteria (this revised presentation is available through Laura Malmstrom at Sarah Pyle Academy)
- Using the Parent Teacher Association or other parent organization to allow a Delaware Tech or other appropriate staff to discuss the Delaware SEED Grant Program in conjunction with informal discussion of appropriate planning for high school and beyond;
- Inclusion of the Delaware SEED Grant Program in the High School Course Planning Guide distributed to all 8th grade students and their parents;

High Schools

Schools should provide in school career guidance lessons focusing on academic success in high school and on planning/preparing for post high school options (including discussion of the Delaware SEED Grant Program). Other required activities should include:

- FAFSA Workshops for parents held both in the daytime as well as in the evening using admissions representatives from Delaware Tech and/or other local colleges; criteria for the Delaware SEED Grant Program should be reviewed and discussed at these meetings as well as general information about federal aid and scholarships;
- College planning workshop for parents and students for grades 9-12 to be held in the spring reviewing strategies in planning for higher education; the Delaware SEED Grant Program along with other local programs will be highlighted and discussed to help students and parents begin taking steps to plan for the future;
- Discussion of Delaware SEED Grant Program during individual scheduling sessions
- Inclusion of the Delaware SEED Grant Program in the High School Course Planning Guide distributed to all 8th grade students and their parents;

Timeline for 06-07

January/February

- FAFSA Workshops at the high school levels
- Career Planning Units (may vary by school)
- Middle School Parent Meeting/Workshop
- Distribution of High School Planning Guides w/Delaware SEED Grant Information Included
- Discussion of Delaware SEED Grant during individual scheduling sessions

April/May

- Elementary/Intermediate Parent Meetings held
- High School Grade 9-11 College Planning Workshop