

Huntington

Family Connection/Naviance

8th Grade Instruction Sheet

The Family Connection/Naviance program is a valuable online tool to conduct career, college and scholarship searches, and is available to both students and parents. To access this website, log on to the HUFSD website www.hufsd.edu. Click on the *Quick Clicks (top right)*, and scroll to *Naviance/Family Connection*. It will then bring you to a page where you can log in through the Finley Middle School *Naviance/Family Connection* site.

Have fun navigating the website! Here are a few points of interest:

My Planner

Click on **Goals** to create a couple of short and long term goals, or click on the **To-Do List** to write down anything that needs to be completed/followed-up with.

About Me

Click on the **Résumé feature** to create a list of extracurricular activities, achievements, community service and work experience. This résumé (activity sheet) can be updated over the next few years and submitted with employment and college applications.

The **Strengths Explorer** will help uncover talents and reveal potential strengths to students and the people in their world. From there, students can begin a wonderful journey of discovery, and have the tools needed to make the most of their talents.

The **Cluster Finder** will help students understand what career clusters may be a good match based on activities that interest them, personal qualities that they have, and subjects that they enjoy studying in school.

Careers

Click on **Road Trip Nation** where thousands of videos can be accessed at your fingertips! Get advice from leaders who share how to make a living doing what they love. This initiative began in 2001, when a group of friends decided to take a roadtrip in their bright green RV, looking to find their life paths. Roadtrippers have interviewed local, national, and international leaders including Wanda Sykes, Questlove, and Margaret Cho.

Colleges

Click on **College Search** and select the criteria you want to use to narrow the database of colleges down to a usable list. Make sure to save your search! Review the list of schools that match your search criteria and check out the **Graph** to view application history for Huntington High School students. Create a list of prospective colleges by clicking **“pick”** next to the college name. The college will appear in the **Hand Picked List** box. Then, click **“add to my colleges”** and the information will be saved for future reference.