

The OC Site Visit: Breakout Sessions

CTE - Sarah Smith & Shelbie Prado

Get with the Program and make your minutes count!

Building programs that align to your student and community needs can be a herculean task. In this session, you will walk away with ideas on how to incorporate student and community voice in building programs that align to meaningful certification and practicum experiences. In addition, this session will explore the master schedule creation process, transportation schedules, and meeting CTE Instructional minutes.

Safety & Operations - Keith Ellis & Robyn Pearce

Securing the Three C's (Highly ready)

Security in an environment that serves career, college and community requires efficient and effective cooperation between diverse and interrelated elements. Learn how technology, people and processes cooperate at the OC to ensure that all participants in this unique space are able to operate in an environment that is safe for everyone to grow. We will discuss personnel, security solutions, drills, training, and daily operations in this interactive and mobile session.

Engage: Jake Walker & Diana Burk

Schools Out - Engagements in Session

School facilities sit vacant after 4 PM and on weekends. Come learn how Forney ISD capitalized on this opportunity to become the hub of community activity with innovative use of new and existing facilities as event venues. Join us for an informative and interactive session focused on engaging students and community through a variety of different initiatives. Learn how Forney ISD launched new and ongoing programs aimed at creating hope, engagement, and wellbeing for students, staff, and community members.

Student Operated Businesses: Shelbie Prado

Classroom to Cash Flow

How Student Enterprises can sustain programs, provide real-world experience, and create buzz across the community. Learn about how Forney ISD turns advanced level practicum courses into businesses the community can't live without and pushes student learning outside the confines of classroom walls.

Partnerships: Talana Morris

Fostering Student Success Through Business Partnerships

Discover the secrets behind The OC's unique business partnership program, where businesses and learning intersect! We'll cover everything from identifying partners, the selection process, agreements, partner space build-out, onboarding, operating hours and student placements.

Teacher Certification - FACT: Leslie Rader

Groundbreaking Grow Your Own Program - That's a F.A.C.T.

This session is for participants that are new to the innovative idea of a grow your own program that empowers employees to earn their cost-free bachelor's degree while gaining valuable teaching experience. Attendees will learn how the program started, the cost-saving features, and the results at the campus-level of providing a teacher-intern position. Pathways for students, paraprofessionals, and employees seeking traditional alternative certification will be explored.

Innovative Construction: Kim Morisak

Maximize Your Construction Budget: An Innovative Approach

As a fast-growth district, resources are difficult to come by. In order to make use of each of our spaces, FISD has used some "outside of the box" thinking to manage our growth and ensure every student has a seat. Learn about how FISD has built world class facilities without breaking the bank.