

THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOLS

District 215

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Superintendent

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Dear Junior Parent/Guardian:

Looking to get a jump on college? Enroll your student in District 215's College Step-up Program. Your child has an opportunity to earn 12 college credits during their senior year at a fraction of the cost and those credits can be transferred to their intended college or university.

As a result of a newly negotiated agreement between District 215 and South Suburban College, students in grade 12 will be able to attend South Suburban College and receive university credit. Through the High School Tuition Waiver agreement, the first course can be taken free of charge. (Books and student fees are not included.)

If a student wishes to take a second class in the fall of 2009, SSC will absorb 1/3 of the cost and District 215 will absorb 1/3 of the cost. The student's family will be responsible for 1/3 of the tuition cost plus books and fees. Attached is a breakdown of tuition and fees based on the 2008-2009 academic year.

Students who earn an A or B in the fall 2009 course taken with the High School Tuition Waiver will be able to take a second class using the Academic Achievement Waiver in the spring 2010 semester tuition free. Students can then take another course at the one-third reduced tuition rate.

Students dismissed after 4th period will be able to take advantage of the district's transportation option. Eligible students are bused to South Suburban College at 12:00 and returned to their home school in time to take their regular bus home. Students may also choose to take approved courses at evening times.

If you are interested in the SSC College Step-up program for your student, please contact their guidance counselor ASAP. Students wishing to participate in this program in the fall of 2009 must complete the following steps:

1. Contact counselor and have SSC College Step-up course added to their schedule
 - a. Students that successfully complete their course at SSC will receive one general elective credit on their District 215 transcript.
2. Complete the SSC College Step-up Informational Packet (given to students by their counselor)
 - a. Complete the SSC application/registration (2 sided white form)
 - b. High School Tuition Waiver (pink form)
 - c. College Step-up Cohort Program Agreement (blue form)
3. Participate in the SSC Mandatory Placement Test
 - a. Placement testing will take place prior to the end of this school year.
 - b. All students wishing to take courses at SSC must obtain a minimum score on the COMPASS placement exam.

If you have any questions about the SSC College Step-up program please contact your student's guidance counselor or program coordinators Mrs. Jennifer Donovan at TF North 708.585.1155 jdovonan@tfd215.org or Mrs. Susan Barnhart at TF South 708.585.2088 sbarnhart@tfd215.org.

Sincerely,



Creg E. Williams, Ed.D.

"To provide diverse learning opportunities that inspire all students to become life-long learners who contribute to their community".