

Family Connection by Naviance

Family Connection by Naviance is a comprehensive online college and career planning tool that complements individual appointments, college information seminars, college representative visits, and general College & Career Services. *Family Connection allows students to:*

- Complete a resume and post-secondary plan.
- Explore careers to find matches for interests and skills and view majors and educational requirements.
- Look up colleges by name or create a list from a college search.
- View the college visit list to find out which colleges are visiting and sign up to attend sessions (you will also need verbal permission from your teacher).
- Link directly to scholarship applications.
- Analyze GPAs and test scores of ETHS students accepted to colleges and find colleges that accepted similar students through college match.

Each student and parent/guardian is provided with a personal registration code to create a Family Connection account. Family Connection is easily accessible from the Naviance link on the ETHS homepage. Registration codes are available to students from College & Career Services and from counselors. We encourage students and parents to register as early as the freshman year. **Target emails may be sent to registered students and parents alerting them to deadlines, upcoming events, college visits, and other important information.**

Access **Family Connection** from the ETHS Home Page www.eths.k12.il.us
Click on the blue “**Naviance**” button (lower left)

Log-in:

If you already set up a Naviance account: Log-in with your username, which is your email address (preferably the personal email address that you check regularly) and password (six characters or more) that you set.

If you don't remember your username and/or password: Stop by College & Career Services (W201) or send an email to wolfn@eths.k12.il.us so we can reset your username and/or password.

Never registered:

If you know your one-time registration code:

- Click in the box “are you new here?”
- Click “I need to register”, and enter your one-time registration code: _____.
- On the registration page, fill out the fields *using an email address that you check regularly as your username and assign a password (6 characters or more) that you remember.* (If you do not have an e-mail address you can get one for free from internet sites such as hotmail.com, yahoo.com and google.com)
- Check “I Accept” in the box provided. Then click “Complete Registration.”
- You are now registered with Family Connection!!

If you don't know your one-time registration code: Stop by College & Career Services or send an email to wolfn@eths.k12.il.us so we can set up your Naviance account.

Use these four tabs and follow the instructions below to take advantage of a few of the post high school planning tools provided. Take time to explore the rest.

home

Now that you are registered with Family Connection, this first screen is your **“home”** page; look here for announcements from the ETHS Student Services Department and for any new messages.

Click **“contact us”** on the right hand side. This is a direct link to your counselor’s email if you have any questions or concerns.

colleges (over 3000 colleges in database)

1. ETHS seniors and juniors can click on **“view all upcoming college visits.”** Students are encouraged to sign up for any college rep visits they are interested in attending. They will also need verbal permission from their teacher if they will miss a class to attend these visits.
2. Click **“college search”**. Complete *Advanced College Search* – Have fun; see what you come up with! Click on college name to view its profile. Save search criteria for future reference.

Create a list of prospective colleges by clicking **“pick”** next to the college name. The college will appear in the **“hand-picked list”** box. Click **“add to my colleges.”** View selected schools under **“colleges I’m thinking about”** where they will be saved for future reference.

3. Click **“college lookup”**. Review colleges you are currently interested in. Include schools of interest on your **“colleges I’m thinking about”** list by clicking on **“add to list.”**
4. Click **“college match”**. Identify colleges that most commonly cross applications with those in your “colleges I’m thinking about” list and display colleges that have accepted students with academics similar to yours. Add schools to your list same as above.
5. Click **“scholarship match”** and **“scholarship list”**. Both tools assist with identifying opportunities for financial assistance. *Scholarship match* uses individual student criteria (gender, race, GPA, etc.) to determine eligibility. *Scholarship list* includes all available scholarships known to ETHS College & Career Services. Students may link to scholarship applications through Family Connection. Scholarships are added continuously as applications become available.

careers

1. Click **“explore careers & clusters”**. Investigate careers you have in mind; learn what knowledge and skills are necessary, find colleges with the related major, wages by state and more!
2. Click **“career interest profiler”**. Complete *Profile*. Click save and continue after completing questions on each page.

about me

1. Click **“game plan”**. Complete the information about your goals after high school and your college interests. This information should be updated periodically as your interests change.
2. Click **“personality type”**. *Do What You Are* is a self-discovery assessment made up of four parts. You can start it and save it to be finished later.
3. Click **“resume”**. A resume neatly organizes everything you want others to know about your activities, experience and accomplishments for college, scholarships and job applications. You are encouraged to start entering information as early as Freshman year.