

TIPS FOR COORDINATORS

If you have any questions

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Here are some helpful tips for coordinators to make the program run smoothly.

Right Away We Will Need:

- A signed Letter of Agreement
- Your help identifying local academic support and enrichment opportunities (these should be shared with ACPE and teachers) **Lesson 3**
- Your help recruiting and preparing a career panel Lesson 5

In Preparation for the Event You May Wish to Consider:

- Reviewing the Teacher's Guide pg. 7-9
- Providing a campus t-shirt or cap and gown Lesson 1
- Asking campus staff to talk with students about admissions Lesson 3
- Asking campus staff to talk with students about financial aid Lesson 4
- Talking with students about what to expect during the campus visit Lesson 6

Leading Up to the Event We Will Need You to:

- Work with teachers to make sure curriculum is on track
- Work with teachers to make sure pre-surveys are completed and submitted
- Provide ACPE with an event schedule

After the Event We Will Need You to:

- ♣ Work with teachers to ensure post-surveys are submitted (w/in 1 week of campus event)
- Complete the online Coordinator's Evaluation (w/in 1 week of campus event)
- Remind presenters and volunteers to complete online evaluations w/in 1 wk of College & Career Panel and/or Campus Event.)







Activity:	Description:	Purpose:	Deadline:
Application & Letter of Agreement	 ACPE will invite institutions to apply as campus or local partners. Campuses complete all parts of the application and submit to ACPE. Prior to submitting application, discuss interest in applying and date options with both your campus and elementary school(s) – select 3 dates that work for your campus and elementary school(s). Sponsors will review applications then send an offer in the form of a Letter of Agreement for you to review, sign & return. 	 Applying by the deadline allows sponsors to begin planning (exact estimates of ordering & shipment of materials). Campuses and schools each have separate applications to complete. 	 Applications due Oct. 1 each year. Application period is typically open for 2-3 weeks. Letters of Agreement should be signed and returned ASAP, no later than 1 week after receipt.
Coordination with Elementary School(s)	 Contact schools/teachers prior to submitting application to discuss their interest in applying. Schools must submit formal applications similar to campuses and will also receive Letters of Agreement. Remind teachers and principals about program format, curriculum, materials to expect, and the importance of pre-/post- surveys. Work with teachers to select mutually agreeable dates for visits to the school for any lessons you plan to help with, including the Lesson 5 College & Career Panel. It may be helpful to confirm who at the school will make transportation arrangements and remind them of campus arrival/departure times. 	 Allows teachers to be informed of the event details & classroom activities for their students. Allows teachers / school to know what is expected of them. Provides an opportunity to discuss the lesson schedule so you and the teacher can work together. 	 Contact schools to gauge interest prior to submitting campus application (virtual events can be offered to distant schools). Begin discussing college & career panel and other schedule details within 2 weeks of receiving the Letter of Agreement.
Logos	 Provide ACPE with a good high resolution clean jpeg and eps image of the campus logo (if your campus is a new partner or your logo is new). Include sponsors in all printed materials (ask ACPE for K2C/ACPE/AK 529 logos). 	 Sites are provided with K2C welcome banner w/campus logo. Sponsor & program logos should be included in all print materials to allow for proper recognition 	 As soon as Letter of Agreement is signed.







Curriculum	Teacher guides and student workbooks will be mailed directly to the schools. Coordinators will receive their own copy of the teacher's guide. • Encourage teachers to integrate activities into daily lessons as possible (ideally 3-6 weeks of instruction with the student workbook). • Curriculum consists of six 60-90 minute lessons. • Optional supplemental activities found in the back of the teacher's guide can extend each lesson up to 30 minutes each.	 Helps prepare students to plan their own college and career pathways. 	 Curriculum must be completed prior to the campus visit or virtual tour. Six lessons and optional supplemental activities should be spaced out over 3-6 weeks.
Review Coordinator Responsibilities in Teachers Guide	The Teacher Guide identifies additional opportunities for campus staff involvement (pg. 7-9). • You may want to provide a campus t-shirt or cap and gown for Lesson 1. • Please create a document listing the academic support and enrichment opportunities available in your community and provide this to ACPE and the teacher for use in Lesson 3. • You may wish to have campus staff talk with students about admissions in Lesson 3. • You may wish to have campus staff talk with the students about financial aid in Lesson 4. • Please work with the teacher in recruiting for and preparing a college and career panel for Lesson 5 (5-minute training video on website). • You may wish to talk with students about what to expect during their campus visit or provide the proper information to the teacher for Lesson 6. • Please work with the teacher to select mutually agreeable lesson dates.	 Further strengthens program curriculum. Helps students understand the material and ask questions of the experts. Helps students better envision themselves as college students and future professionals. 	Review and begin planning within 2 weeks of receiving Teacher Guide.
Pre- & Post- Surveys for Students	 Each participating student should complete a pre-survey prior to beginning student workbooks. Post-surveys should be completed at close of program. ACPE will distribute and collect surveys from teachers. When talking with schools, please remind teachers the importance of the pre- & post-surveys which help gauge program impact and student attitudes about college and career preparations. Any post-surveys completed during the campus visit should be submitted to Shelly Morgan at ACPE. 	Assesses the student's opinions and plans about high school and college prior to the start of curriculum.	 Pre-surveys should be completed 1 week prior to beginning curriculum (7 weeks prior to campus visit.) Post-surveys should be completed within 1-2 days of program completion.







Invite Faculty & Staff to Lead Hands-On Classes ** CAMPUS VISIT	 Begin scheduling age-appropriate classes for the campus event. This can be in-person, virtual, or both. Send email or set up meetings with faculty/staff who may be interested; share the purpose of the program. Encourage hands-on instruction & class times (20-30 min preferred). Ask for description of proposed classes & fun titles. You may have to make adjustments and find fillers. Consider a scavenger hunt (pg. 25 of Supplemental Activities Guide). 	 Provides students a taste of college courses offered by your institution. Allows a description of courses in the schedule you provide to students. 	 Confirmations by the beginning of Spring Semester. Final schedule by 3 weeks before your event (Submit a copy to ACPE.)
Reserve Classroom or Space on Campus ** CAMPUS VISIT	 Based on the number of courses, reserve the classrooms & include the location of where the courses will be held. Make sure to allow space for opening & closing ceremonies. You may wish to schedule the same room for lunch (if you are not using the school cafeteria), or schedule alternating lunch schedules for the groups. Virtual events using Zoom should coordinate login details with Shelly Morgan at ACPE. 	 Opening ceremony provides an introduction of the day's event; key campus individual(s) and sponsors set the tone of the day. Closing ceremony is a time to reinforce messages and gather feedback. Backpacks can be distributed at the start or end of the event. Materials for virtual events will be shipped directly to schools. 	 As soon as you get award letter (some campuses have multiple events happening during this time). Virtual events should also be scheduled in advance
Name Tags & Certificate Templates ** CAMPUS VISIT	 ACPE will provide campuses digital access to nametag and certificate templates. If you would like to provide name tags or certificates for your students, please work with the school to collect class rosters Nametags can be color-coded or labeled with group names to sort students into groups. You will want to determine number of groups, number of students per group, and if there are specific concerns from the teacher regarding how student groups are split (<i>if groups will not be split by classroom</i>). If you will use nametags or certificates, you may want to have blank extras for possible new students. 	 Nametags allow for recognition of individuals and student safety. Color-coding/naming of groups allows students to stay with their group and course schedule. Certificates may be used in closing ceremonies or given to teachers. 	Rosters and templates are available at: https://acpe.alaska.gov/Kids 2College under the Campus Visit & Virtual Tour Resources section.







Finalize Schedule/ Confirmations ** CAMPUS VISIT	 Confirm assignments and schedules with all staff / volunteers. Include opening and closing ceremonies in your schedule. Include professor, class names, times, rooms, and buildings on schedule. Print schedules and maps for teachers, students, staff. Some schedules are color coded to match nametag groupings. Arrange welcome and closing speakers. ACPE will want to speak too. Re-confirm room reservations, lunch and transportation. 	 Allows coordinator to find alternates and make adjustments to scheduling, volunteers and presenters. Allows all parties to know the day's event schedule and class locations. 	 Confirmations should be completed 3 weeks before the event. Final schedule should be completed at least 2 weeks before the event and sent to: shelly.morgan@alaska.gov.
Compile Backpacks ** CAMPUS VISIT	 Backpacks are shipped to campus coordinators, along with materials. Convene a group of volunteers to assist with bag stuffing. Stuff bags with all materials received from Kids2College sponsors. Include any materials or information provided by your institution or local sponsors. Double check shipments when they arrive to confirm proper quantities of supplies have arrived from ACPE. 	Ensures that all students receive the same materials in their bags.	 Check supply boxes for contents once they arrive. Assemble backpacks at least one day before the event. Can be helpful to do earlier (as soon as supplies are received.)
Training for Leaders ** CAMPUS VISIT	 An orientation for leaders and professors can be helpful to: Provide an overview of the schedule to volunteers/professors; Discuss expectations with volunteers/professors; Answer any questions pertaining to the event. ACPE is happy to assist with a program overview. Campus Event Discussion Tips can be helpful for volunteers to review. 	 Provides an overview of the schedule and clarifications for all participants. 	Either a few days prior, or on day of event.
Press Release	 A press release template is available at https://acpe.alaska.gov/Kids2College. Site specific press release should be placed on campus letterhead and sent out to local media sources. Please check with ACPE statewide coordinator for updated details. Please include ACPE and Alaska 529 as primary sponsors in your press release. Shelly Morgan with ACPE is available to provide additional details to press. 	Raises program awareness in each community through local media coverage.	 Best coverage is received when sent out between 8 and 10am; 1-2 days prior to event. Follow up calls to media can be helpful.







Prepare for Event Day ** CAMPUS VISIT	 Post room signs (with name of class & instructor) – creative art outside the door may help signify a K2C space (balloons, artwork, K2C logo). Hang welcome banners. Test A/V equipment. Prepare nametag/map distribution area (if schools haven't yet received). Virtual events should test Zoom connection with educators and presenters in advance. 	 Helps students, teachers, chaperones & volunteers find their destinations. Helps ensure everything runs smoothly. 	The day before and/or morning of the event.
Post- Assessment for Students	 Teachers received post-assessment surveys and links to online surveys with the curriculum. Work with teachers to determine whether students will fill out post-surveys before closing ceremonies or back at school. If students complete surveys at the campus event, please scan/email or mail completed forms to ACPE. 	 Assesses the program's impact on student's opinions and plans about high school and college. 	 Post-assessment surveys should be completed the same afternoon, or within 1 day of the event. Any post-assessment surveys completed at the campus event should be sent to ACPE within 1 day of the event.
Complete Evaluations	Coordinators are asked to: • Complete Coordinator Evaluation • Share Evaluation links with volunteers and teachers	Helps ACPE improve program success and statewide delivery.	 Within 1-2 days of program completion (teacher, coordinator, volunteer evals). Within 1-2 days of College & Career Panel (volunteer career panelist evaluation).



