

# Frequently Asked Questions about Showcase

## Tell me about FCTC and what is Showcase?

**First Coast Technical College** offers programs to those who wish to gain knowledge through hands-on learning. We may be for students who are looking for alternatives to four-year college or for those who have identified a specific field such as Fire Fighting, Welding, Automotive, Nursing, etc. Certification programs are a cost effective way for students to start a career in as little as one or two years.

In 2014, **FCTC** launched **Showcase** to assist high school students make their post-secondary plans. Immediately we saw that this event helped so many students identify their career path and spark their passion. When they visited, it was more than a tour...each student selected two programs where they became immersed in hands-on activities related to that field. **Showcase** flourished into an annual event.

## Why do we hold Showcase?

Half of the 50 fastest-growing occupations in Florida require a postsecondary career certificate or associate degree\*. As part of **St. Johns County School District**, **FCTC** is a natural transition for some high school students. **FCTC's** Student Recruiter coordinates visits to the high schools working with guidance counselors, career and AVID specialists for classroom presentations, Career and College Nights...whatever is needed.

## Who attends?

Showcase is for graduating high school seniors and juniors.

## What does the event look like once we arrive on FCTC's campus?

Traditionally 10 - 12 buses from St. Johns and surrounding counties arrive on campus in the morning. Our students welcome your students and escort them to the **Character Counts Conference Center** for a short rally. Each student will receive a campus map to navigate to the programs. They spend about 20 minutes in two programs experiencing industry related activities led by **FCTC** students...peer-to-peer, hands-on learning.

## What do you need from me?

First, please reserve the date with your Principal and colleagues. This email is going to the Guidance Counselors, AVID and Career Specialists in your high school. We would like one of you to be the lead responsible for:

- reserving the bus (s)
- processing permission slips
- assuring chaperones are in place and
- serving as the contact for **FCTC** staff to communicate.

## What about lunch?

FCTC does not have lunch service on campus.

## Who are my contact people at FCTC if I have questions?

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