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Dear Students and Families,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. Thank you for your decision to become part of Teachwell Strive. Our goal is to equip you with college readiness skills that will position you to pursue a meaningful career. Here are a few reminders:

#### **College Orientation and Laptops:**

The Strive program will kick off with college orientation activities on Wednesday thru Friday, **August 16-18**. Students should plan to be on-campus each day from 8:30-3pm, with drop off/pick-ups at the college's [Technology Center](#). Students should bring a lunch, water bottle, and any supplies they will need for navigating the campus. Please bring your college/photo ID if you already have it.

That week, students will meet their college advisor, locate their college classrooms, and pick up textbooks/supplies. Students who still need a college ID should come photo-ready. If your student will be using a personal laptop for college coursework, have them bring it to orientation so they can practice connecting to the college's internet. Strive laptops are also available for those who need them. Please let us know if your student will miss any of that week.

#### **College Classes:**

College classes start August 21. Strive programming will run Monday thru Fridays from 8:30 - 3pm. Students will be in college classes for part of this time, and during the rest of the day they will be in transition programming with the Strive staff or participating in work-based learning that is related to their college goal. Students who are curious about their college class schedule can log in any time to MyTech to view their schedule. The attached Dual Credit Guide outlines the steps. The Strive annual calendar is attached for your reference.

#### **Contact Your School About Transportation**

Transportation to and from the college is either handled by families or your local school district. If your school is providing transportation services, please connect with them ASAP to confirm plans.

#### **Back-to-School Reminders**

- Students should begin the school year in clean clothes with work-appropriate shoes, hygiene, and supplies.
- Students must bring their lunch and their Southeast Tech student ID each day.

Please call or email us with any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you on August 16.