

Presidential Address

President Obama will deliver a national address on the importance of education directly to students. The address will take place on September 8, 2009 at 12:00 EST (11:00 a.m. Texas time).

Not since 1989 when President George H. W. Bush made his address to students on the dangers of using drugs has a president spoken directly to the nation's students. President Obama will be talking to students about persisting and succeeding in school so we want to provide teachers the opportunity to make this speech available to students, either live or in a taped version, at a time appropriate for instruction. Should the principal choose to make the President's address available, it will also be a campus decision how this activity will be scheduled. For example, the social studies classroom might be the appropriate class for viewing, or principals may schedule during another class.

Social studies coordinators have provided resources to utilize with students. Grade appropriate activities have been developed to use before, during and after the speech. These activities will provide students the opportunity to reflect on the content of the speech. The US Department of Education has indicated that President Obama's speech will be 18-20 minutes in length.

President Obama's speech can be viewed via the internet at the White House website www.whitehouse.gov and on a rebroadcast on our intranet, Inside.CFISD.net, or through CFISD channel 38.

The district will honor parent requests that their students not listen to the President's address. These students will be given the opportunity to complete school assignments in another classroom setting.