



Transitions: What to expect from your child from Elementary to High School

April 21, 2010 10:00 - 11:30 am

Ridgeview Institute, Professional North Building

This workshop is on the transitional stages that your child will experience from late elementary school to high school. The focus will be on the major theories of learning, cognition, physical and psychosocial development with particular attention on Erickson's Developmental Stages, Piaget's Cognitive Stages and the physical and chemical changes that occur in these ages. The main objective of the workshop is to educate parents on the experiences that your child may be having in each stage (according to the theories) and how you can assist with your child's transition through each of these stages. The workshop will conclude with a focus on alternative educational options available to parents of middle and high school-aged students. Resources will be provided.

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