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Our most common question: Is anyone going to care about what happens to my son or daughter?
The logical follow up question: If you care so much about my son or daughter, does that mean you are going to call to alert me to problems?
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The custodian of the record has the right to:

- Inspect, review, amend education records
- To have some control over the disclosure of information from education records—written consent required for disclosure
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
STUDENT RELEASE OF
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

- Students sign up on-line through their RAIDERNET account.
- Students may withdraw from participation any time.
- No access to health or mental health records.
- As a PIE partner, you will contact the MT One Stop for assistance with questions —615.898.2111. MTSU will not be calling parents to report potential problems, even through PIE.
“When are parent-teacher conferences?”

It is not the intention of the PIE program to provide parents with a means to solve students’ problems without the involvement of the student. Rather, we want parents to be able to partner with us for student’s success.
It may not be you—it may be them!

“YES, MOTHER, I TOLD YOU, I’M DOING FINE ON MY OWN AT COLLEGE .... HEY, COULD YOU LOG ON AND FIND MY SCHEDULE, ORDER MY BOOKS AND CALL ME WHEN IT’S TIME FOR CLASS?”
Working together toward adulthood....
Will my student be safe on this campus?
We are an open, 515-acre Campus. We have a total of more than 30,000 students, faculty and staff.

The “College and University Security Act” (Clery Act), requires all law enforcement agencies to make public certain crime reports. See our crime report at http://police.mtsu.edu

The very good news is that 78% of MTSU students report feeling safe on this campus.
Talk With Your Students About Safety: becoming responsible is a skill!

- Walk with a buddy
- Use the police escort service
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Be cautious with social media
- Document serial numbers
MTSU Alert4U and Emergency Response

- **Rave Alert4U:** text, email and voice alerts to registered students
- **Active Shooter on Campus training:** RUN, HIDE, FIGHT.

police.mtsu.edu

http://www.mtsu.edu/alert4u/
Speaking of safety......

- Almost every bad thing that happens to students involves the use of alcohol or other types of drugs.

- Parents will be notified if a student under the age of 21 is found responsible for an alcohol or drug violation.

- MTSU has a ZERO tolerance policy for drug use in on-campus housing.
Drug and alcohol use on campus: the good news

- Roughly 2/3 of MTSU freshmen report rarely or never drinking prior to coming to college.

- 66% of MTSU students have just one or fewer alcoholic beverages per week.

- Roughly 25% of our MTSU upperclassmen report that they are still not using alcohol.
Drug and Alcohol Use on Campus: the bad news

- Today’s pot is not like it used to be. THC concentrations are much higher, may be laced with other substances.
- Casual users don’t usually know the origin of what they are using.
- The brain of a young person is vulnerable.
- The stakes are so high!
Talk with your Students About Sexual Responsibility…We Will!!

- The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requires all universities to talk with students about sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, consent, and bystander intervention.
What can I do to help my student succeed?
The first six weeks of the term are the most crucial

Two major tasks in the first term:
- academic integration
- social integration

Success = Time on task.
To succeed, students need to be on the campus.
My recommendations

- Work closely with academic advisors
- Limit work to 15 hours/week
- Get involved in at least one campus activity

- Freshmen should live on campus or with family
- M’boro safe housing project
University Convocation
5pm Saturday, August 25
EXCURSION ONE
CHECK INTO AT LEAST 6 EVENTS BY SEPTEMBER 8

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
Dinner and a Carnival
Student Union Commons,
6:00 p.m.–dark

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
University Convocation,
Murphy Center
and President's Picnic.
Hall of Fame Lawn,
5:00 p.m.
Picnic immediately following Convocation

Fraternity and Sorority Life
Open House
Floyd Stadium Concourse
Immediately following Convocation

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
Shut Up and Dance
Tucker Theatre,
2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
Meet Murfreesboro
Student Union Commons,
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
#MTBaeWatch Beach Party
Recreation Center Sundeck,
5:00–7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30
Student Employment Fair
Student Union Commons,
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

SGA's Fight Song
Competition
Murphy Center,
7:00–9:00 p.m.

FOR EVENT DETAILS
AND A LIST OF ALL
CONNECTION POINT
EVENTS, GO TO
MTSU.EDU/CONNECTION
*Not a Connection Point event
(buttons will not be distributed)
Consider accommodations for disabilities

- Previous records related to disabilities do not transfer to the university, including IEP’s, 504 plans, or accommodation statements from another college.

- Contact MTSU-DAC to make a disclosure. Keathley University Center, Room 107. dacemail@mtsu.edu 615-898-2783
Registering for DAC services

- Complete DAC application
- Submit formal documentation verifying a diagnosis for which accommodations are needed
- Meet with DAC staff, KUC 107. 615-898-2783
dacemail@Mtsu.edu
Practical matters to take care of soon!

- Talk with your homeowners insurance agent.
- Talk with your student about health care.
  - Complete immunization requirements, including Meningitis for on-campus students. Get a duplicate insurance card!
- Make arrangements, if needed, for long-term counseling or psychiatric medication management.
- Discuss timing of first visit home.
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