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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!
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.
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.

- Roughly 25% of our MTSU upperclassmen report that they are still not using alcohol.

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

MTSU Core Drug & Alcohol Survey & National College Health Assessment, 2015)
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.

5 Things YOU CAN DO TO TAKE A STAND

1. **Distraction** Call your friend’s cell to ask her a question or suggest it’s time to go. You can also distract the guy harassing her.

2. **Group Intervention** Ask your/her friends to help out with distraction or separation. They can pull her aside to check in and see how they can be supportive.

3. **Get an Authority** Ask the bartender or bouncer to get involved by telling the guy that his behavior is bothering you or your friends.

4. **Be Proactive** Talk with your friends before you go out about what to do if a situation like this comes up. Maybe even have a designated “sober” friend for the night.

5. **Prepare Yourself** Take responsibility for your actions. Be aware of messages you hear about how men should act and choose what kind of man you want to be.

WHERE DO YOU STAND?
What can I do to help my student succeed?
The first six weeks of the fall term are the most crucial

Two major tasks in the first year:
- 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
- Live on campus or at home with family
- Involved in at least one campus activity
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
Typical accommodations

- Sign language interpreters
- Books and materials in an alternative format
- Remote captioning services
- Use of adaptive software (Jurzwelil, JAWS, ZoomText)
- Use of Live Scribe pens
- Distraction reduced testing environment
- Extended time on test
- Priority classroom seating
- Use of computer for written assignments
Practical matters to take care of this summer

- 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, in needed, for long-term counseling or psychiatric medication management.
- Discuss timing of first visit home.
MTSU Summer Reading

Hillbilly Elegy
A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis
J.D. Vance
University Convocation
5pm Saturday, August 26
Connection Point: Six events by Sept. 6

Friday, August 25
Dinner and a Carnival
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Saturday, August 26
University Convocation and President’s Picnic
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Murphy Center (Convocation) Hall at Home Town (Picnic following Convocation)

FSL Open House
Dine-in or Picnic
Floyd Stadium Concours

Sunday, August 27
Freedom Sing Fes
Time TBA
Tucker Theater

Monday, August 28
Student Employment Fair
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons
Night of Comedy
7:00 p.m.
Murphy Center

Tuesday, August 29
Meet Murfreesboro
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Wednesday, August 30
Department Fair
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Friday, September 1
Flight Song Competition
7:00 p.m.
Murphy Center

Saturday, September 2
MTSU vs. Vanderbilt
Football Game
Time TBA
Floyd Stadium

4th Annual Future Alumni Tailgate
Starts 1 hour before kick-off
Woodruff Grove

Tuesday, September 5
Student Organization Fair
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons
Beginning with a BANG
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Coac Kennedy Nursing Building Room N119

#MTSUBeach Party
3:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Wednesday, September 6
Volunteer Fair
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Thursday, September 7
Crash the Commons
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Friday, September 15
MTSU vs. Florida International
University Homecoming Game
Time TBA
Floyd Stadium

Tuesday, September 12
4th Annual Tailgate
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Coac Kennedy Nursing Building Room N119

Thursday, September 14
Beach Party
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tom Jackson Building

Friday, September 22
Commercial Fair
7:00 p.m.
Rec Center Parking Lot

Thursday, September 28
Hispanic Cultural Night
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Student Union Commons

Saturday, October 7
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MTSU is a Tobacco-Free Campus

- Effective January 1, 2012, tobacco use is not permitted except within personal vehicles.

- Applies to all forms of tobacco products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, pipes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff ~ as well as smokeless electronic cigarettes and other similar devices.
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