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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

- Student must sign and return the Student Release of Confidential Information Form.
- Return the signed form to the MT One Stop.
- Applies to students 21 and under.
- No access to health records. *In emergencies, our default will always be to try to partner with parents.*
- Students may choose to withdraw from the program.
- Contact the MT One Stop for assistance—615.898.2111
- Participation in the PIE program does NOT mean the university will contact you about potential problems.
It is not the intention of the 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.
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

79% of MTSU students report feeling safe on this campus.
Talk With Your Students About Safety

- Walk with a buddy
- Use the police escort service
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Be cautious with social media
- Document serial numbers
Becoming responsible for safety!

- Rave Alert4U: text, email and voice alerts to registered students
- Rave Guardian Campus Safety App: A panic button with GPS location to police

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

- Talk with your students now about your expectations around their use of alcohol or other drugs.
- Almost every bad thing that happens to students involves the use of alcohol or other types of drugs.
- Roughly 2/3 of our 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.  
  
(MTSU Core Drug & Alcohol Survey & National College Health Assessment, 2011-2012)
Social norming has a powerful influence.....

- 72% of MTSU students have never missed a class due to drinking or drug use.
- 60% of MTSU students have 1 or fewer alcoholic beverages per week.
- Zero tolerance policy for drug use in on-campus housing.
- Parents will be notified if a student under the age of 21 is found responsible for an alcohol or drug violation.

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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.
Don’t be surprised if some of our students feel a little uncomfortable…

Flirting doesn’t mean I want sex.

Ask for my yes every time.
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.
The importance of parental influence

- Time is the enemy!
- Expanding available choices is not always the kindest thing we can do for our students.
- Not all choices are equally likely to lead to success.....
We recommend....

- Enroll in and complete 15 credits per term/30 credits per calendar year.
- Schedule courses across multiple days
- Attend class every time it meets!
- Get busy choosing a major.
- Get to know your academic advisor.
More recommendations!

- Live on campus or at home with family.
- Limit part time jobs to 15 hours/week.
- Get involved in at least one campus activity.
WEEK OF WELCOME 2015

Friday, August 21
We-Haul all day
Dinner 6:30pm, Student Union Commons
Outdoor Movie: Back to the Future 8pm, Student Union Commons

Saturday, August 22
We-Haul all day
Dinner and Carnival 6pm, Student Union Commons

Sunday, August 23
University Convocation with Special Guest Jay Allison 2pm, Murphy Center
Presidents Picnic Immediately Following University Convocation

Tuesday, August 25
Meet Murfreesboro 10am-2pm, Student Union Commons

Wednesday, August 26
Meet Murfreesboro 10am-2pm, Student Union Commons

Thursday, August 27
Crash the Commons 7-11pm, Student Union Commons

Friday, August 28
Raider Entertainment Variety Show 8pm, Student Union Commons

Saturday, August 29
SGA's Fight Song Competition 8pm, Student Union Commons

Tuesday, September 1
Volunteer Fair 10am-2pm, Student Union Commons

Wednesday, September 2
Student Organization Fair 10am-2pm, Student Union Commons

Thursday, September 3
MTSU Department Fair 11am-1pm, Student Union Commons

Friday, September 4
Comedy Show 7pm, Student Union Ballroom

Saturday, September 5
New Student Tailgate 3 hours before kickoff, Walnut Grove
Blue Raider Football vs Jackson State Floyd Stadium

Monday, September 7
Eights Night 6-9pm, James E. Walker Library

Raiders Just Wanna Have Fun

80s PARTY
Opening Convocation
2pm Sunday, August 23
Practical matters to take care of this summer

- Talk with your homeowners insurance agent.
- Talk with your student about how to respond if they get sick or injured.
- Talk with your health care provider about transferring Medical records and about required inoculations (including meningitis for on-campus students).
- Get a duplicate health insurance card for your student to carry.
Parent and Family Weekend

September 19, 2015
MTSU is a Tobacco-Free Campus

So we can all breathe easy.

January 1, 2012

- 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.

For information or cessation help, visit www.mtsu.edu/tobaccofree
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