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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, are you going to me 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 through their Pipeline 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....
3rd most common question: “Will my student be safe on this campus?”
An open, 515-acre Campus. More than 30,000 students, faculty and staff.

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.
- 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.
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.
Final question: “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
MTSU Summer Reading

- Their first class assignment:
- ENGL, HIST, UNIV 1010, READ 1000, COMM 2020, PHIL, ECON and others.
Opening Convocation and class photo for our new students
Sunday, August 21 at 1pm
CONNECTION POINT FALL 2022

MTSU IS YOUR HOME BASE: PREPARE TO CLIMB

For a complete list of event details, including updated dates and times, go to mtsu.edu/campuslife/events.php
Consider accommodations for disabilities (DAC)

- Contact MTSU-DAC to register for accommodations. Keathley University Center, Room 107.
- dacemail@mtsu.edu
- Phone: 615-898-2783
- https://mtsu.edu/dac

- Previous IEP’s, 504 plans or accommodation statements from another colleges do not automatically transfer.
Take advantage of resources: Student Support Services

- Open to students who are first generation, income eligible and academically at-risk.

- One on one academic counseling, tutoring, success workshops. A home away from home.

- Located in KUC 308
  mtsu.edu/ssupport/
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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