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Our most common question: “Is anyone going to care about what happens to my son or daughter?”
The custodian of the record has the right to:

• Inspect, review, and amend educational records

• Have some control over the disclosure of information from educational 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.
Adding PIE on Pipeline

- Go to PipelineMT → “Registration & Student Records” → “Partners in Education (PIE)” under “Academic Records”
Adding PIE on Pipeline

• Click “Add/Update/Remove my Partners in Education”
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- Add the information for the individual to add as a PIE Partner

Add/Update/Remove my Partners in Education

For each PIE Partner, a Name and 4-digit PIN is required. Phone number and email address are optional.

Partner #1
I would like to: [Add this information]
* Name
* PIN
Phone
Email
Adding PIE on Pipeline

• Click “submit”

If you have any questions, please call the MT One Stop directly at (615) 898-2111 or visit them in the Student Services and Admission Center.

☑ I agree to the release of my personal student information as outlined above.

Submit

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Working together towards adulthood...
2nd most common question: “Will my student be safe on this campus?”
An open, 515-acre Campus. More than 30,000 students, faculty, and staff.


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 Alert 4U: 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.
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.

The Bad News:

• The stakes are so high!
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.

Talk with your Students About Sexual Responsibility…We Will!!

1. BE AWARE OF EVENTS AROUND YOU

2. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WELL-BEING OF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY

3. STEP IN AND HELP OTHERS

- **SEPARATE**
  - Step in directly and separate the persons involved.
  - If you feel comfortable, let them know your concerns and reasons for intervening in the situation.
  - Be a friend—let them know that you're stepping in because you care about them.

- **DISTRACT**
  - Use a distraction to redirect the focus of one person elsewhere.
  - Use phrases such as “Hey, I need to talk to you” or “Hey, let's go somewhere else.”
  - If you need to, commit a “party foul” like spilling your drink on one of the people you're trying to separate.

- **RECRUIT**
  - Let some friends know what's going on and recruit their help.
  - Step in as a group and separate the persons involved.

- **SUPPORT**
  - If the situation looks unsafe, call the MCC Police Department or 911 for assistance.
  - Clearly let the authority figure know your concerns and stay present until help arrives.
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
Consider accommodations for disabilities (DAC)

• Contact MTSU-DAC to register for accommodations. Keathley University Center, Room 107.
• Previous IEP’s, 504 plans, or accommodation statements from another college do not automatically transfer.
• dacemail@mtsu.edu
• Phone: 615-898-2783
• https://mtsu.edu/dac
MTSU Summer Reading

- Their first class assignment:
- ENGL, HIST, UNIV 1010, READ 1000, COMM 2020, PHIL, ECON, and others
• Open to students who are first generation, income eligible, and academically at-risk.
• One on one academic counseling, tutoring, and success workshops. A home away from home.
• Located in KUC 308 mtsu.edu/sssupport/
Opening Convocation and class photo for our new students
Saturday, August 26 at 2 PM
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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