

NEW TO BLUE PRE-ORIENTATION

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY



PARENT & FAMILY
VIRTUAL
PRE-ORIENTATION

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU.

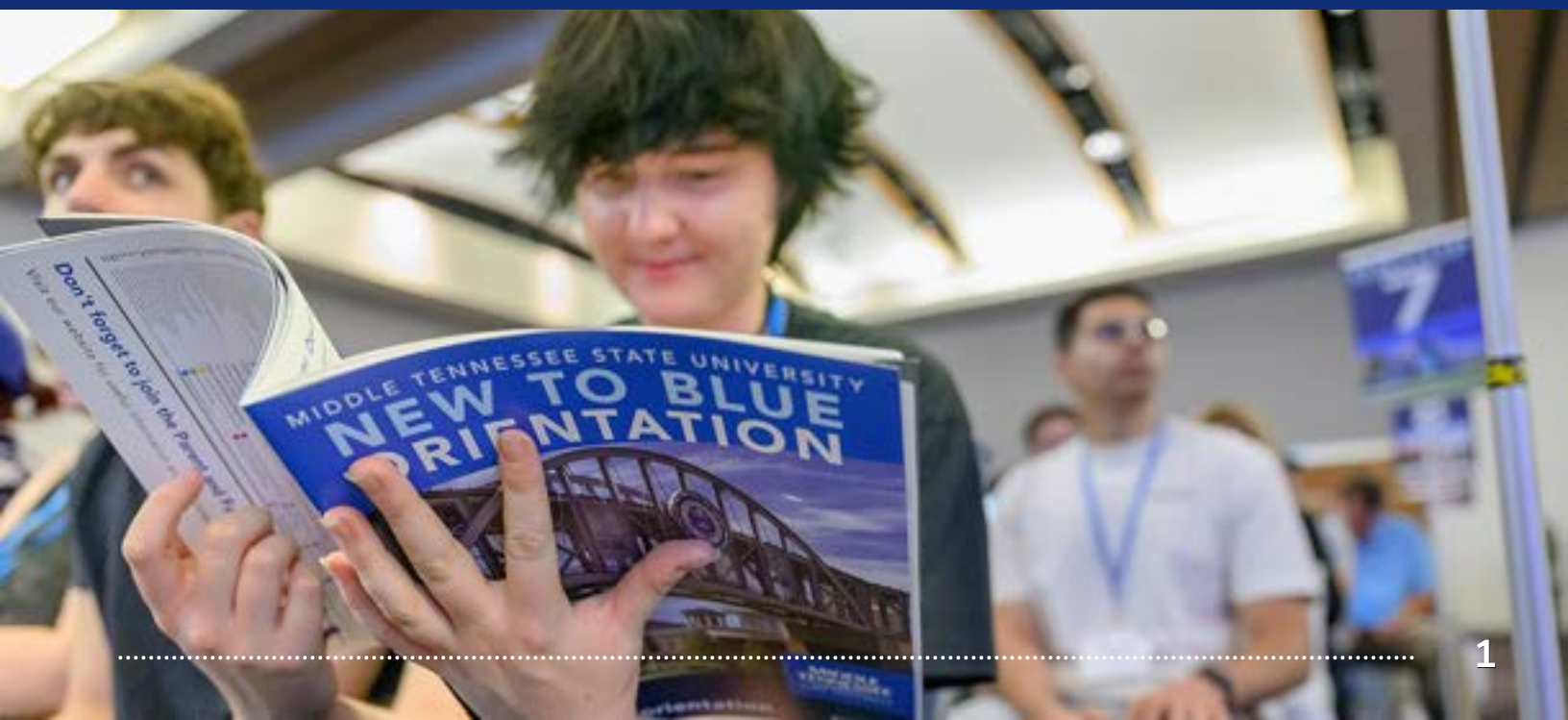
We are thrilled to welcome you and your student to Middle Tennessee State University and are excited that you are accompanying them to orientation. This is an important step in your student's academic journey, and the Office of New Student and Family Programs is here to support both of you every step of the way!

As part of the pre-orientation process, your student will be completing an interactive course in Canvas, MTSU's learning management platform. While families do not have access to this course, we have created this PDF guide to provide the same essential information that your student will review.

A Quick Reminder: Please remind your student to complete their virtual pre-orientation program at least 4 days before their scheduled orientation session. This will ensure they are fully prepared and ready to make the most of their orientation experience.

Thank you again for joining us on this exciting journey. We look forward to seeing you on campus and supporting both you and your student as they begin their time at MTSU.

New Student and Family Programs Staff





WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

MEET THE MTSU PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION



The MTSU Parent and Family Association provides support to families of current students by sharing helpful information, serving as a point-of-contact, and offering memorable experiences through events such as our annual Family Weekend. We are here to support you and your student from orientation through graduation!

How to Join

You can join the PFA online anytime at mtsu.edu/parents. Welcome Kits will be available for pick up on campus or mailed to you.

Membership and Benefits

Annual Membership (\$30/year)

- Receive a Welcome Kit containing items specifically for parents and family members.
- Receive monthly eNewsletters from August to May
- Receive a VIP discount card that will be valid for one academic year to be used at various establishments in Murfreesboro.



Lifetime Membership (\$60 total)

Receive everything listed above, PLUS:

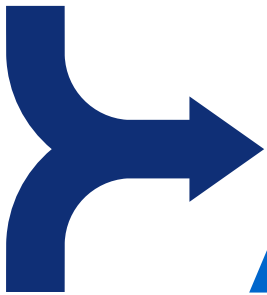
- Receive monthly eNewsletters from August to May each year that your student(s) is enrolled at MTSU
- Receive a new VIP discount card each year your student is enrolled at MTSU
- Receive a bonus gift in your PFA Welcome Kit

Your lifetime membership will be valid for the time that your student is enrolled at MTSU, which included current and future students.



Join Our Facebook Group!

Join our Facebook group and start connecting with other families today at Facebook.com/groups/MTSU.PFA.



What is New to Blue Orientation?

New to Blue Orientation is your student's introduction to college life at Middle Tennessee State University. This program functions to prepare your student for their time at MTSU.

Your student's **New to Blue Orientation** consists of two parts:

1. **Pre-Orientation**
2. **In-Person Orientation Session**

Pre-Orientation is designed to show your student the ropes! Here we take care of the fundamentals, like where should your student live? How do they prepare for advising and registration? And what do they need to know as a new student? **Your student MUST complete New Blue at least 4 days before their in-person orientation session.**

Your student will then attend their **New to Blue Orientation** session. Your student's orientation will take place on the date they selected. Your student will have the opportunity to meet other incoming students, explore campus, learn about academic tools, extracurricular programs, and support resources that are available to them as a student. Your student will also meet with their academic advisor and register for their classes.

A photograph of the MTSU Archway, a large stone structure with a central archway. The archway features the MTSU logo and the words "LET'S GET STARTED!" in large, bold, white letters with a blue shadow effect. The background shows green trees and a clear sky.

LET'S GET STARTED!

Welcome to New Blue Orientation

The “**Getting Started Checklist**” is an introduction to your student’s time here at MTSU and includes important tasks and information. At the end of this, you should be able to:

1. Access on-campus and off-campus housing information.
2. Ensure your student’s transcripts and FAFSA have been submitted to MTSU.
3. Know important information about your student’s MTMail account.



Getting Started Checklist



Task 1: Housing

Does your student know where they're going to live?

Choosing where to live is a big decision, and we're excited to tell you about the benefits of living on campus. MTSU Housing offers a vibrant and supportive community where you can connect with other students, easily access campus resources, and fully immerse yourself in the college experience. We encourage all new students to apply for [On-Campus](#) housing as soon as possible, as space is limited.

To stay up-to-date on everything related to on-campus living, including residence hall information, amenities, and—most importantly—application deadlines and other key dates, please visit the official [MTSU Housing website](#). Pay close attention to the important dates section to ensure you don't miss any deadlines!

If on-campus living isn't the right fit for you, we also want to support you in finding the perfect place to call home. Check out our [Off-Campus](#) housing resources for information on nearby apartments and other living options.

Task 2: Remind your student to submit their transcripts.

If your student hasn't already, remind them that they need to submit their high school, previous college, or dual enrollment transcripts to MTSU. These will help their advisor to prepare for their advising session and ensure your student registers for the correct courses.

Task 3: Complete FAFSA.

If your student hasn't already, they to complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA®) form. FAFSA allows you to apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans for college. Have questions? Contact the MT One Stop at MTOneStop@mtsu.edu.

 **Task 4: Remind your student to check their email.**

Students can login to their MTMail with their MTSU email address (@mtmail.mtsu.edu) and password. MTMail is how all important campus information will be communicated. From this point forward, ALL communication will ONLY be sent to this address.

 **Task 5: Submit Immunization Requirements.**

In order to register for classes, Health Services must have proof of two doses of Varicella (chicken pox) and two doses of Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR).

If you student is under the age of 18, they must complete the additional form found in the student portal or on the [MTSU Health Services webpage](#). Students living on campus must have proof of Meningitis strains A, C, Y & W135 (either Menactra® or Menveo®).

 **Task 6: Register for the Selective Service (Males ONLY).**

According to U.S. Federal law, almost all male US citizens and male immigrants, who are 18 through 25, are required to register with Selective Service. MTSU requires incoming male students to register for the selective service *BEFORE* students can register for classes.

Your student can register for Selective Service at www.sss.gov. This will provide you with a PDF letter that you can then email to MTOneStop@mtsu.edu.



If this task does not apply to your student, mark it as complete and proceed.

UNIT 1: NEW BLUE

Unit 1: New Blue

Our first unit, New Blue, will cover the foundational knowledge your student needs at they embark upon their college transition. This unit will introduce you to:

- Navigating the technology and tools available.
- Understanding the role of the MT One Stop (the financial aid office) and the student services it provides.
- Getting familiar with academic advising and how it can help your student plan their path to success.



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Technology



Financial Aid



Academic Advising

Unit 1: New Blue ▾

Technology

Task 1: Download the MTMobile App.



The MT Mobile smartphone app was developed by MTSU students for MTSU students. The app includes real-time bus tracking, maps of class locations, buildings, and parking lots, as well as other useful information about dining, sporting events, and more.

Task 2: Remind your student to check their MTMail!

All Official University correspondence is being sent to your student's MTMail account. Make sure your student checks it daily. Issues logging in? Contact the IT Help Desk at (615) 898-5345 or help@mtsu.edu.

Your student's MTSU email is the ONLY way their academic advisor will be communicating with them. Make sure your student is checking their email at least once a day.



Raider Tip: Encourage your student to download the Outlook app and turn on push notifications for their MTMail account.

MT One Stop and Financial Aid

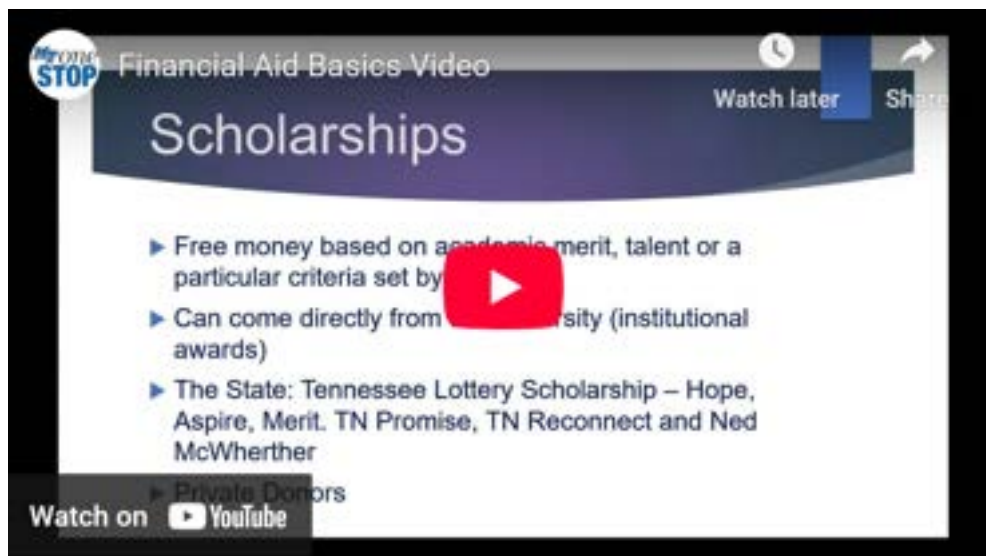
Task 3: MT One Stop Introduction



The MT One Stop is your hub for all things records, financial aid, and scholarships. **Watch this video to learn about MT One Stop services.**

(Note: Clicking the video will direct you to watch the full video on YouTube.)

Task 4: Learn the basics of Financial Aid.



Are you new to the world of financial aid? **Click to watch this video, learn the basics, and get a better understanding of how it all works!**

MT One Stop and Financial Aid

The following videos were made for students and are included in the student version of pre-orientation. *Click each video to watch on YouTube.*

Task 5: MT One Stop Video Tutorials



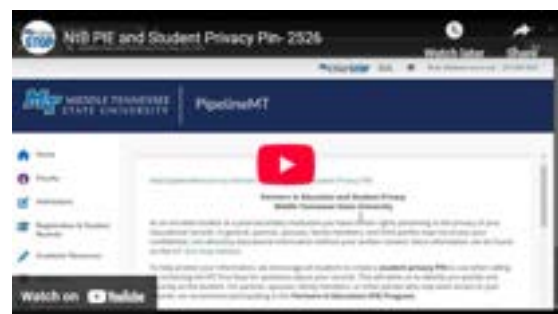
(1) Accessing Outstanding Requirements



(2) Viewing Your Financial Aid



(3) CPoS and SAP



(4) Student Privacy and PIE



(5) Billing and Payment



(6) Accessing the Registration Guide



(7) Dropbox



(8) Outreach



(9) Additional Services

Task 6: Questions? Contact the MT One Stop

If you have questions about financial aid, scholarships, or student records, you can reach the MT One Stop through any of the following methods:

Email: MTOneStop@mtsu.edu

For inquiries about financial aid, scholarships, the FAFSA, or enrollment, please email us directly. The MT One Stop typically answers emails within one business day.

MT One Stop Virtual Counter (mtsu.edu/one-stop/onestopcounter/):

Want to chat with an enrollment coordinator in real-time? Visit the MT One Stop virtual counter for immediate assistance Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm.



Academic Advising

Task 7: Know your terminology.

What is an academic college? An academic college is a group of departments within a university that focus on a field of study. Each college houses a range of majors and programs related to its field of study.

Middle Tennessee State University has seven academic colleges. Your student will belong to one of these colleges based on their chosen major.



Task 8: What does academic advising look like at orientation?

At orientation, academic advising plays a key role in helping students set a strong foundation for their academic journey. During the orientation session, students will meet with an academic advisor who will guide them through the process of selecting courses and understanding degree requirements. Advisors will answer any questions about majors, minors, and general academic planning, ensuring that students are prepared for a successful start to their college experience.

Are parents and family allowed to attend the academic advising session?

No, parents and family members are not able to attend the academic advising session. This time is dedicated to students, allowing them to work one-on-one with their advisor to plan their academic path. However, parents and family members will have plenty of opportunities to engage in other parts of the orientation experience.



Unit 2: Becoming Blue

Unit Two, Becoming Blue, focuses on what it means to become a Blue Raider and how to navigate campus life. You'll learn about:

- On-campus dining
- Campus safety (including Campus Police, Alert4U, Student Conduct)
- Parking and transportation options

By the end of this unit, you'll know how your student can make the most of their campus experience as a Blue Raider. Let's dive in!

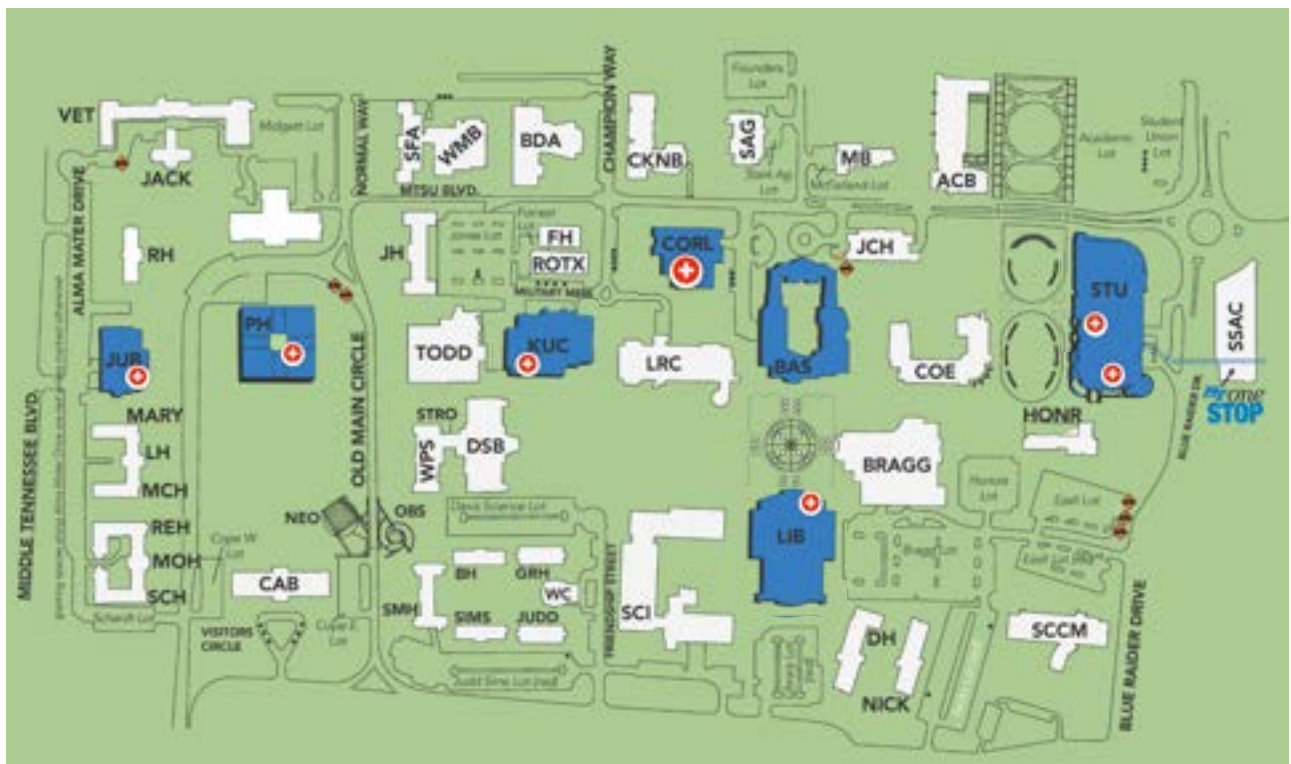


Unit 2: Becoming Blue

Task 1: Explore MT Dining locations across campus.

There are 18 dining locations across campus for your student to choose from! Whether they have a meal plan or not, they can eat at any location on campus. From coffee in the morning at Starbucks, to a snack before class from one of the Provisions on Demand (P.O.D.) locations, to lunch and dinner in venues like Chick-Fil-A, McCallie Dining Hall, Subway, and many others--there are plenty of options!

Click on the blue buildings to learn about our dining locations!



Task 2: Meal Plans.

If your student is a freshman living on campus, they will automatically sign up for a meal plan when they sign their Housing agreement. These students will be enrolled in the 7 Day Unlimited Meal Plan.

Students living off campus can purchase a Meal Plan too! To learn more about meal plans, the different types of plans, and more, visit our website:

<https://mtsu.campusdish.com/MealPlans/>.

☐ Task 3: Learn about Safety & Campus Police.

The University Police Department at Middle Tennessee State University is a fully functioning law enforcement agency that is open and operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide police services to the MTSU campus.

MTSU Police Officers are certified by the State of Tennessee as authorized police officers with full police powers including the authority to respond to criminal complaints and emergencies, investigate crimes, and effect arrests.

To view a list of all functions University Police can provide for students and the greater MTSU community, please visit their [website](#).

- **Raider Patrol: a Safety Escort:** MTSU Raider Patrol is a component of the MTSU Police Department. Raider Patrol members are non-sworn, uniformed student workers who provide safety escorts for our campus community. If your student is ever leaving class in the evening and wants an escort to their dorm or vehicle, they can contact our Communications Center at (615) 898-2424, and our Raider Patrol will assist!
- **Emergency Call Boxes:** To better enhance personal safety for all members of our campus community and ensure that a variety of communications methods are available during emergencies, University Police maintain a comprehensive Emergency Call Box System across campus. There are currently 8 Emergency Call Boxes across campus.
- **Motorist Assistance:** If your vehicle is on campus, we can jump start your car or unlock it free of charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Just give us a call at 615-898-2424 and tell us whether you need the car jumped or unlocked, who you are, and where the car is. An officer will be dispatched to your location to assist you.



□ Task 4: Alert4U and Campus Safety App

Alert4U

MTSU provides an emergency alert service to students, faculty, and staff called Alert4U. Students are expected to log into the Alert4U system to update their profile and add their cell phone number as soon as they register for classes so they can receive important information.

In the event of an emergency or critical need to notify the university community, MTSU will broadcast a text and/or email message along with a voice alert to all students, faculty, and staff; post a proactive message on the University website; and broadcast a message over our outside alert system (tornado system).

- All students' MTMail accounts are automatically enrolled in Alert4U. To receive text alerts, students must manually add their phone number(s). Your student need simply log in to Pipeline, go to the "Resources" tab, and update their contact information via the Alert4U link.

Rave Guardian: Campus Safety App

The Rave Guardian Campus Safety App transforms mobile phones on your campus into personal safety devices. Guardian enhances safety on campus through a virtual safety network of friends, family, and campus safety.


- **Panic Button** — direct immediate connection to Campus Police with GPS location and personal profile information.
- **Personal Guardians** — Students can identify friends, roommates, and family as 'Guardians' along with Campus Police. Students can set a Rave Guardian Timer. During a Timer session Guardians and Campus Police can check status of student. If the Rave Guardian timer is not deactivated before it expires, campus safety is automatically provided with the user's Rave Guardian profile to proactively identify and check-in on the individual.



Whenever students, faculty, or staff connect with Campus Police from their mobile phone, the Rave Guardian Campus Safety App automatically delivers a complete caller profile – including current location, medical conditions, course schedule, addresses, campus ID photo and other critical data. [Click here to learn more about the free Campus Safety App.](#)

Task 5: Student Conduct

Student Conduct on Campus



We promote student learning, growth, and development by increasing awareness of the University's expectations of behavior, holding students accountable for violations of these expectations, and developing educational sanctions designed to help students learn from their mistakes. We strive to help students at MTSU see both the immediate and long-term consequences of their behavior. We believe the disciplinary process is an educational tool in life-long learning. Our disciplinary process allows students the opportunity to learn from their mistakes while protecting the rights of all members of the university community.

Common Conduct Terminology

- **Notification Letter:** a notification that is sent to a student informing them that they are suspected of violating one or more university rules
- **Charges:** List of specific rules that a student may have violated
- **Sanctions:** a consequence for being found responsible for a rules violation

All MTSU students are expected to be familiar with and abide by the Student Disciplinary Rules. The Student Disciplinary Rules are available at: <https://www.mtsu.edu/policies/p540/>.

Frequently asked conduct questions by students can be found at: <https://care-conduct.mtsu.edu/studentfaqs/>.

 Task 6: Watch the Power of One Video.


MTSU Power of One empowers students to take a stand for what is right on campus. By reaching out to every Blue Raider, we will end gender-based violence and increase students' confidence to speak up when they see a lack of inclusion. Every student has the power to make our campus a safer place; every student has the opportunity to be the Power of One.

Task 7: Learn about Parking on Campus.

Everyone must have a parking permit to park on the MTSU campus.

Students can receive a residential (red) or commuter (green) parking permit. **Students can pick up their parking pass after their bill has been paid and their classes have been confirmed.** To obtain a permit, students must bring photo identification and their license plate number to the Parking Services office. Everyone must pick up their own parking permit.

Parking and Transportation Services is located at 205 City View Drive. Our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

 Task 8: Learn about Transportation on Campus.

The Raider Xpress shuttle service is designed to transport faculty, staff, students, and visitors throughout the campus and to help alleviate congestion at the campus core. Service is available only when classes are in session. All shuttles are accessible to persons with disabilities.

The [Raider Xpress Map](#) shows the current bus routes with construction detours. The Raider Xpress shuttles travel all over campus, making it easy for you to get where you need to go in a relatively short amount of time.

Pro tip: Use the MTMobile App to track the Raider Xpress bus routes in real-time.





Unit 3: Being Blue

In Unit Three, Being Blue, we'll dive into the various campus resources that exist to support your student's success and well-being as a Blue Raider. You'll learn about:

- Campus support services (Campus Rec, Counseling Services, Psychological Services, Disability and Access Center, and Health Services).
- Academic resources to help your student excel.
- How your student can get involved in campus life through student organizations and activities.

By the end of this unit, you'll be equipped to help your student take full advantage of the support and opportunities available to them. Let's get started!



Mental & Physical
Wellness



Study & Academic
Support



Campus Involvement

Unit 3: Being Blue ▾

Campus Support Resources

- Task 1: Learn about Health and Wellness Resources on Campus.

Health Services

Click on the video to watch the full length version.



MTSU Campus Pharmacy

The MTSU Campus Pharmacy can fill prescriptions written by providers at Student Health Services. Your student can also have prescriptions from their doctor transferred to the Campus Pharmacy! [Visit our website for more information.](#)



Middle Tennessee Outdoor Pursuits (MTOPI)

MTOPI is the outdoor recreation program at Campus Recreation. Our goal is to offer unforgettable experiences for our community through all-inclusive excursions for students, outdoor equipment rentals, indoor climbing, and teambuilding opportunities for groups.

Be sure to check out our extensive equipment rental center where you can rent gear to go out on your own. Staff are happy to offer gear and activity advice to help you plan your own trip, and our shop is open to the public.

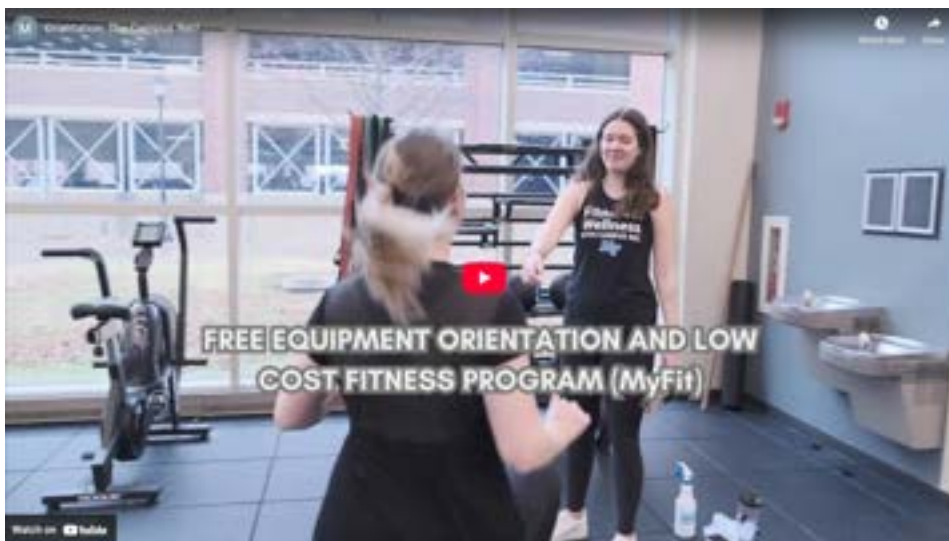
<https://www.mtsu.edu/camprec/outdoors/>



Campus Recreation

From leisure to competitive recreation activities, we have options for everyone. We have a variety of options for you to come and do your own activities, and we offer several different programs and services to promote learning, connection, and a healthy lifestyle. Check out our [family memberships!](#)

Click on the video to watch the full length version.





Task 2: Review our Mental Health Support Resources.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services offers free services to all currently enrolled students. At an initial screening appointment, students will meet with a licensed professional to discuss concerns and receive recommendations for helpful resources on and off campus. We also provide:

- crisis support
- short-term counseling
- [Let's Talk](#) sessions
- the [Zen Den](#), and
- referrals for longer-term care.

Our goal is to support both academic and personal success. Visit us Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., in Keathley University Center, Room 326S. Learn more about Counseling Services [here](#).

Center for Counseling and Psychological Services

In addition to the services provided by our on-campus Counseling Services, MTSU also offers the Center for Counseling and Psychological Services (the Center or CCPS). This is a not-for-profit training facility affiliated with the Professional Counseling Program at MTSU, located in the Miller Education Center.

Given that the purpose of the Professional Counseling program is to train students to work with children, adolescents, and adults, services are aimed at helping these populations resolve behavioral, emotional and interpersonal problems.

Specialized services include:

- individual counseling
- family/parent education
- continuing education opportunities for professionals
- distance counseling

For more information or to make an appointment, call (615) 898-2271. Please check out our [website](#) for more in depth information and location.

Therapy Assistance Online (TAO)

Therapy Assistance Online (TAO) is a free self-paced resource available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. The interactive web-based program provides guided activities to help overcome anxiety, depression and other common concerns. To learn more, visit <https://ccps.mtsu.edu/TAO-Connect/>.

Relaxation Station at Health Services

Located in [Health Services](#), the Relaxation Station includes two massage chairs available to reserve, desks and chairs for studying, an activity table, positive message boards, a hot and cold water dispenser for students who'd like to make tea or coffee, and a selfie mirror. Appointments are open to reserve 30-minute time slots for the massage chairs.



Office of Student Care

We provide proactive assistance and support to students by assessing, evaluating, and responding to reports about students of concern who may need support to manage their academic and social experience at the University. We oversee the University's Campus Action Response and Engagement (CARE) team. We streamline support, provide a bridge to resources, and conduct outreach to students in need.

The MTSU CARE team accepts referrals from students, faculty, staff, and community members. Students can self-refer to the CARE team if they need assistance with obstacles impacting their academic progress. The CARE referral is available [here](#).

Frequently asked care questions by students can be found [here](#).

Common CARE Terminology:

- **CARE** – Campus Action Response and Engagement Team
- **Referral** – an act of referring someone for consultation, review, or assistance
- **CARE Coach** – a university employee who volunteers time to assist students in need
- **Distress** – suffering from anxiety, grief, or pain
- **Disturbed** – the interruption or interference with a person's mental processes (agitated, upset, troubled, perturbed, etc.)
- **Disruptive** – engaging in behavior that causes something from continuing or operating as usual
- **Dangerous** – able or likely to cause danger, risk, harm, or injury



Task 3: Learn about the Disability & Access Center.

Welcome to the Disability & Access Center (DAC) at Middle Tennessee State University! Our mission is to support your student's academic success by providing accommodations and fostering a campus environment that values independence, access, and cultural awareness. Whether students need help registering for accommodations, scheduling exams, or exploring resources to fully engage in campus life, we're here to assist every step of the way. We look forward to working with your student and ensuring they have the support needed to thrive. Explore the resources on [our website](#), and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

 Task 4: Learn about the Career Development Center.

Welcome to the Career Development Center! It's never too early for your student to start planning for their future career. We're here to help every step of the way. Whether your student is exploring career options, building their resume, or preparing for internships and job searches, our team offers resources and guidance to set students up for success. Take a moment to watch this video and discover how early career planning can make a lasting impact on your student's professional journey.



☐ MTSU Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center

Service Member Action Items:

- **Submit your DD214:** This document is used to verify Veteran status and for immunization verification purposes. It will be placed in your school record, and you could potentially earn up to 8 elective credit hours. You can turn it into the Daniels Center or submit a copy through "Secure Drop" on our [website](#).
- **Transfer Your Benefits to MTSU.** Certificate of Eligibility (COE): Here is the link to apply for your VA education Benefits: <https://www.va.gov>. This link can be used if you are looking to transfer your benefits to MTSU.
- Request your Joint Service Transcript (JST) to be sent to MTSU: Here is the link to request an official JST to be sent to MTSU: <https://www.jst.doded.mil/official.html>.

Military-Connected Student Dependent Action Items:

- **Submit COE to Daniels Center.** To request your COE for your VA education benefits, please go to <https://www.va.gov>. *Once you print/save the confirmation page please turn it in to the Daniels Center (KUC Room 124) or upload in "Secure Drop" on our website, <https://www.mtsu.edu/military>.
 - **Chapter 33/Post 9/11:** Student will receive the same benefits as the veteran (monthly housing based on full/part-time status, tuition, and fees, book stipend.)
 - **Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance (DEAP) ***IMPORTANT***** It is required to write the VA File number of the Veteran on the Certificate of Eligibility. Student will receive a monthly stipend (rate set by VA) and could be adjusted depending on student's hours (full/part-time, etc.)



Charlie and Hazel Daniels
Veterans and Military Family Center



Service Member and Dependent Action Items:

- **Complete In State Classification Application if Not a Tennessee Resident.** If you are labeled as an Out of State Student please contact Jeremy Winsett (Jeremy.Winsett@mtsu.edu) for instructions on how to receive the In-State Classification Application.
- **AT ORIENTATION - Get BUAF Form from Academic Advisor.** When you sit down with your advisor to register for classes, please let them know that you are a military-connected student, using VA/DOD educational benefits. You will need a BUAF Form submitted to the Veterans and Military Family Center in order to utilize your benefits.
- **AFTER ORIENTATION - Complete Vet Tab:** After registering for classes, please contact the Daniels Veterans Center at dvmfc@mtsu.edu, so they can set up your Veterans Tab on Pipeline and send you instructions on how to complete your Vet Tab.

Academic Support

Task 5: Explore the Honors College.



If your student has a high school GPA of 3.5+ and an ACT score of 25+ or is transferring with 12+ college credits and a 3.25 GPA, they should consider joining Honors. Our small, interactive classes foster discussion, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Honors students enjoy benefits like early registration, scholarships, leadership opportunities, study abroad, undergraduate research, and more. Your student can also become part of a close-knit community, with the option to live in Lyon Hall, our Honors Living and Learning Community.

[Visit our website to learn more about the Honors College.](#)

Task 6: Learn about the James E. Walker Library.

James E. Walker Library provides access to millions of online resources including books, articles, videos and more. Inside the library, you will find a building full of students studying in groups, writing papers, or working on a variety of projects. Students can book a group or individual study room, do some 3D printing in the MakerSpace, or use one of the many computers available for check-out or throughout the building.



☐ Task 7: Review these additional resources!

The Office of Student Success

[The Office of Student Success](#) at MTSU can connect your student with a variety of resources to support their academic, personal, and professional growth. Our primary goal, however, is to ensure that your student is successful in the classroom and graduates on time. Check out our [Roadmap for Success](#) and the additional resources below:



- **Scholars Academy** is an early arrival program hosted by the Office of Student Success, designed to give you a head start by introducing you to the university two weeks before the start of the fall semester. This is supplemented by year-round support from the Scholars Academy. Visit scholarsacademy.mtsu.edu for more information.
- **Free tutoring** is available to assist you with being successful in your courses. It is available in person and virtually. Learn more at studentsuccess.mtsu.edu/tutoring.
- **Supplemental Instruction** is a group study and discussion method where students meet regularly in informal sessions to work together. It helps them better understand tough topics, improve study skills, and connect their learning to their everyday lives. See if your class has an SI study session at si.mtsu.edu.





- **Learning Assistants (LAs)** are undergraduate students who receive training to collaborate with professors to foster active learning and serve as peer mentors for students. They assist with interactive exercises and help students engage more deeply with course content inside the classroom. Outside the classroom, they act as peer mentors by providing student support for learning and well-being. Students in LA-supported courses experience improved academic performance, build meaningful peer connections, and develop a stronger sense of belonging in the classroom.
- **The Academic Workshops** provide new students with essential skills to thrive in college, including time management, effective study strategies, note-taking skills, and building strong relationships with faculty. These interactive sessions offer practical tips and resources to help students stay organized, improve learning techniques, and navigate academic expectations successfully. Participating in these workshops will give students valuable tools to enhance their college experience and achieve their academic goals.
- **The REBOUND Program** is designed to support first-year students who completed their first semester with a GPA below 2.0, providing a structured path to academic recovery. Through personalized advising, skill-building workshops, and intentional goal setting, students will learn strategies to retake classes, engage in their purpose, and develop habits for long-term success. This program empowers students to reflect on challenges, connect with campus resources, and take ownership of their academic journey.

TRIO Student Support Services

[TRIO Student Support Services \(SSS\)](#) is a federally funded program designed to work with first generation, income eligible students. SSS provides its students with the following services:

- Tutoring
- Financial Advising
- Academic and Career Counseling
- Personal Support and Encouragement
- Grants and scholarship awards
- Cultural and Campus Events
- Success Workshops
- Computer/ Resource Lab



MTSU students interested in our services can visit our [website](#) for details on student qualifications, benefits, and application procedures. Learn more about our members by reviewing our Team BLUE and Photos or find out about upcoming events and important news with the SSS Calendar and Announcements.



MTSU Testing Services

Testing services are provided to both students and the public. [Testing Services](#) offers a variety of standardized and high-stakes tests. Earn college credit through an examination through the [CLEP \(College Level Examination Program\)](#).

Tests offered include: MAT (Miller Analogies Test), GRE Subject Tests (Graduate Record Examination Subject Tests), HESI (MTSU Nursing Admission Assessment), LSAT (Law School Admission Test), TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), and PRAXIS Series (National Teacher Examinations): Core Academic Skills for Educators, and Specialty Area Examinations.



University Seminar is a three-hour elective course available to students at the beginning of their studies at MTSU. The curriculum is intentionally structured to help students build effective strategies, skills, and support that are essential for success in college.

Sign Up for University 1010!

If your student is worried about how to be successful in college or anxious about the transition, University 1010 is a course that's designed to help bridge the gap. UNIV 1010 is part of your student's True Blue Core curriculum as an Explorations course in the Human Society and Social Relationships category. For more details, visit [our website](#), call us (615-898-2568), or ask an academic advisor at orientation!

University 1010 (UNIV 1010) is a three-credit course designed to help your student succeed at MTSU by building the strategy, skills, and support they need. This discussion-based class, capped at 25 students, offers a personalized approach to navigating college life, improving time management, and utilizing campus resources. Tailored assignments help refine students' approach to academics and personal growth. Online sections as well as sections for Honors students are available. Transfer student should check out UNIV 2020!

Getting Involved

☐ Task 8: Learn about the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL).

The Center for Student Involvement and Leadership (CSIL) is the place for your student to begin their journey to get involved with activities outside the classroom. Involved students tend to be more satisfied with their college experience and connected to their University than students who choose not to be involved.

Several areas comprise CSIL. With all these options, there are definitely plenty of opportunities for your student to find something that interests them.

- [Fraternity and Sorority Life](#)
- [First-Year and Nontraditional Student Engagement](#)
- [MyMT](#)
- [Student Organizations and Services](#)
- [Student Government Association](#)
- [Student Programming and Raider Entertainment \(SPARE\)](#)



☐ Task 9: Learn about MTSU Athletics.

Welcome to MTSU, home of the Blue Raiders! As an NCAA institution competing in Division 1 Athletics, we take pride in our 17 men's and women's sports teams, all of which compete in Conference USA.

As a new member of the Blue Raider family, you have the exciting opportunity to support our teams firsthand! MTSU students enjoy free admission to home games, making it easy to cheer on our student-athletes and experience the thrill of college sports. Students can simply follow the instructions sent to their email account during game week to claim their complimentary ticket. Additionally, students can purchase discounted guest tickets through instructions provided via email.

For a complete list of sports and schedules for our Blue Raider teams, please [click here](#). Join us in the stands, show your school spirit, and be a part of the exciting tradition of MTSU Athletics!





Task 10: Get Involved with these additional involvement opportunities!

At MTSU, your student has the opportunity to expand their learning beyond the classroom.

- **MTSU BAND OF BLUE MARCHING BAND** wants YOUR STUDENT! Become a member of Big, Loud and Funky! Click [here](#) for information about the MTSU Band of Blue Marching Band. If your student has marching or concert band experience, loves music and sports, has a good time performing, and wants to make great new friends, they should consider joining the MTSU Band of Blue!
- **Education Abroad:** Your student can explore the world, experience new cultures, make friends, have fun, find a new path, learn a language, challenge themselves, satisfy their wanderlust, gain empathy & understanding, become more independent, and learn from others....Studies have shown that study abroad students have higher graduation rates, higher rates of employment, are more competitive applicants for grad school, earn more over a lifetime, and are more likely to be hired than non-study abroad graduates.
- The **MTSU Department of Military Science** helps your student become a leader in the U.S. Army by commissioning officers into the Active, Reserve, and National Guard forces. Your student can join the Army ROTC program while pursuing any of MTSU's 180+ undergraduate degrees, with no service commitment for freshmen and sophomores. ROTC offers scholarships and financial incentives to help pay for college while setting your student up for their future. Students will gain valuable skills in management, team-building, leadership, and communication, plus make lifelong friends through shared experiences and our ROTC community.
- **MTSU Choral and Vocal Programs:** With four choirs at Middle Tennessee State University, we offer a range of repertoire and musical experiences for all levels of singing. Our choral groups are open to all MTSU students. Each of the MTSU choirs performs two to three concerts per semester, both on-campus and off-campus. If your student is interested in participating in choirs at MTSU, they can complete our [Choir Interest Form](#).



What's Next?

Wondering what's next? We will give you a checklist of final things to do. Once you check these items off, you'll be ready for your orientation session!

Task 1: Lightning Lingo Recap

Let's take a moment to recap several resources that are going to be very important during your time here at MTSU.

- [MTMail](#) is the email system for all students, faculty, and staff at MTSU! All official university communications will be sent to your student's MTMail account.
- [PipelineMT](#) is your student's one-stop-shop for scheduling classes, checking grades, viewing financial aid, paying your bill, and much more!
- [Canvas](#) is MTSU's online learning platform. Canvas is home to class materials for On-Ground, Blended, Synchronous (Remote), and Online classes. This is where instructors post announcements, assignments, and other class content.
- [Housing Portal](#) - Students apply for on-campus housing through the [MT Housing Portal](#). On-campus housing at MTSU is limited and is not guaranteed, so we recommend applying as soon as your student is committed to coming to MTSU!
- [Student Health Portal](#) is where your student can upload immunization records and schedule appointments to visit MTSU Health Services.
- [MyMT](#) is your student's hub for student organizations and clubs as well as campus events! Find and attend events, browse and join organizations, showcase involvement, and student's can access their Event Pass for campus activities!





Task 2: Getting Ready for Orientation

GET READY FOR YOUR ORIENTATION SESSION:

- Your orientation to the campus layout and campus resource personnel, advising, and course registration will take place on the Orientation date you selected.
- If you are coming to campus, be prepared to walk around campus and become familiar with our buildings and where to find resources to help you. Dress accordingly to move about and check the weather forecast to be prepared for the weather.
- The schedule of the day's events is located here for [FRESHMEN](#).



Put your Orientation Session on your calendar.



Dress to walk and dress for the weather.



View the schedule at mtsu.edu/orientation.

Task 3: Remind Your Student to Check Their Email Daily

REMIND YOUR STUDENT TO CHECK THEIR EMAIL DAILY

- Your student will receive an email from the Advising Center of their major in the days leading up to their Orientation date. This will include advising materials designed for them, as well as information to prepare for their advising appointment.
- Your student will receive reminders from the Orientation office and several other offices with information that will complement these Pre-Orientation modules.
- Additional information from the Orientation office will be sent via email, including information about the events and meetings available on your Orientation date.

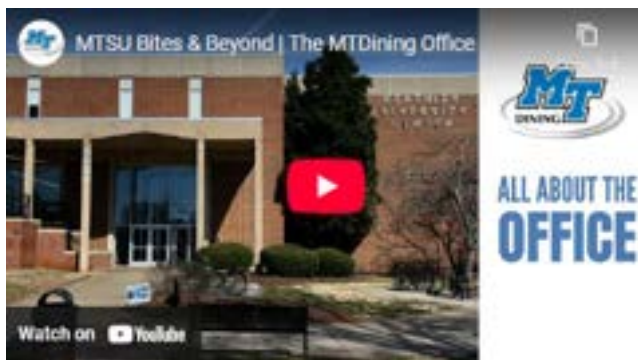


Additional Resources

MTSU Bites and Beyond

Welcome to Bites and Beyond, the MTSU dining series that takes you beyond the plate. Here, we explore all things dining on campus—whether it's navigating meal plans, discovering nutritional tips from our dietitian, or learning about dining services available. Join us for quick, informative episodes designed to help your student make the most of their MTSU dining experience!

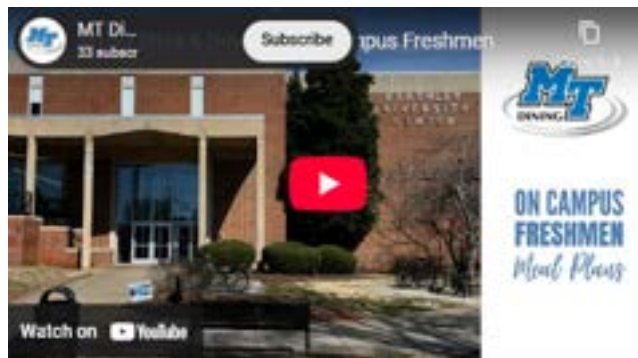
The MT Dining Office



Additional Meal Plan Options



On Campus Freshmen



Dining With Allergies

