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# FRESHMAN BULLDOG CHECKLIST

Between Orientation and Move-in day (MVNU2MSU), we believe it's important for you and your student to spend some time together discussing their transition to university life. Please take a moment to go over the following information, insuring your student is positioned for a successful freshman year. As always, you are welcome to contact the Office of Parent & Family Services if you ever have questions or need guidance.

**Encourage your student to:**

- ✓ Be themselves!
- ✓ SYNC **Bully Mail** (student e-mail account) with their phone (and check email daily!)
- ✓ Make sure Banner info is always updated with current contact information (**student** info!)
- ✓ Use a calendar daily (ex. due dates from syllabus, academic calendar, holidays, finals)
- ✓ Stick with their schedule. **DO NOT** drop/add classes without academic advisor approval.
- ✓ Get to know their Navigator **freshman.msstate.edu**
- ✓ Attend class and purchase ALL class materials (books, access codes, supplies, etc.)
- ✓ Read/Follow syllabus & get to know their professors
- ✓ Park in designated spots only to avoid tickets **parkingservices.msstate.edu**
- ✓ Be responsible (sleep, eat, and exercise!)
- ✓ Be respectful (roommate expectations/classroom conduct)
- ✓ Get involved & make friends
- ✓ Be resourceful - use student resources:

Dean of Students' Office  
Center for Student Activities  
The Learning Center  
The Writing Center  
The Math Domain  
College/Departmental Tutoring  
Mitchell Memorial Library

Student Health Center  
Student Support/Disability Services  
Student Counseling Services  
Holmes Cultural Diversity Center  
Center for Student Success  
Career Center  
University Academic Advising

- ✓ When in doubt, ASK FOR HELP!

**Have a conversation with your student regarding:**

Expectations and Consequences (G.P.A., scholarships, behavior, spending, etc.)  
Campus Safety and Awareness **emergency.msstate.edu**  
Communication Expectations (how often - cell phone, texts, emails, etc.)  
Time Management & Managing Freedom  
Code of Student Conduct **policies.msstate.edu/policypdfs/91100.pdf**

**Know important dates, fees, and deadlines**

**Fall Tuition is due by August 1**

Academic Calendar: **registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar**

August 28: Last day to drop a course without a grade (Withdraw from the University - 90% refund)

October 15: Mid-point of semester & Last day to drop a course with a W grade (0% refund)

November 16: Last day to withdraw from University

Refund Schedule: **registrar.msstate.edu/files/withdrawal-refund-schedule.pdf**

Tuition Costs: **controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition**

Student Financial Aid: **sfa.msstate.edu**

State Financial Aid: **riseupms.com**



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**Discuss the budget**

Make sure your student makes you an Authorized Payer (QuikPAY®) so you can access account details.  
[controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/paymentinfo/authorizedpayer](http://controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/paymentinfo/authorizedpayer)

	Items to Consider	Semester Cost
<b>MSU Student Account</b> All of these expenses will be credited or charged to the centralized MSU Student Account.	Family Contribution	
	Student Income	
	Scholarships	
	Financial Aid (federal grants/loans, state grants)	
	<b>Total Student Funding</b>	
	Tuition/Fees (may include Printing & Lab fees)	
	On Campus Housing	
	Dining Plan (Ultimate, Gold, Silver, Greek)	
	Parking Permit	
	Football Tickets	
	Longest Center Health Center	
	<b>Total MSU Student Account Expenses</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b> None of these expenses will be charged to the centralized MSU Student Account.	Books/Supplies (\$600 per semester is typical)	
	Groceries/Eating out	
	Renters Insurance	
	Cell Phone	
	Entertainment	
	Clothing & Laundry	
	Automobile (payment, insurance, maintenance, gas, etc.)	
	Student Involvement (i.e. organizational dues)	
	Other	
	<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	

**Have your student grant you access to the Parent Portal**

Visit [family.msstate.edu](http://family.msstate.edu) and click on Get Access under the Parent Portal information box to find out how your student can grant you access.

**Submit Proof of Immunizations ([health.msstate.edu](http://health.msstate.edu)) to:**

Longest Student Health Center | P O Box 6338 | Mississippi State, MS 39762

**Submit FINAL high school transcript ([admissions.msstate.edu](http://admissions.msstate.edu)) to:**

Office of Admissions and Scholarships | P.O. Box 6334 | Mississippi State, MS 39762

\*Final transcripts should clearly identify the date of graduation\*

**Submit Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test scores ([registrar.msstate.edu](http://registrar.msstate.edu)) to:**

Office of the Registrar | P.O. Box 5268 | Mississippi State, MS 39762

