

# BULLDOG *checklist*



Between Orientation and the first day of class, 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, ensuring your student is positioned for a successful year. As always, you are welcome to contact the Office of Parent and Family Services if you ever have questions or need guidance.

## Encourage your student to:

- SYNC Microsoft 365 (student email account) with their phone (and check email daily)
- Make sure Banner info is always updated with current contact information (student info)
- Enroll in Duo two-factor authentication (details explained at [servicedesk.msstate.edu](https://servicedesk.msstate.edu))
- Download CANVAS app
- Use a calendar daily (ex. syllabus due dates, advising appointments, academic calendar, holidays, finals)
- Stick with their schedule. **DO NOT** drop/add classes without academic advisor approval
- Get to know their Navigator at [freshman.msstate.edu](https://freshman.msstate.edu) (if a freshman) and Advisor
- Attend class and purchase **ALL** class materials (books, access codes, supplies, etc.)  
*Reduce the cost of traditional textbooks by up to 50% with Bulldog Bundle!*
- Read/Follow syllabus & get to know their professors
- Only park in designated spots to avoid tickets ([transportation.msstate.edu](https://transportation.msstate.edu))
- Get involved and make friends
- Be familiar with scholarship and financial aid requirements
- Use student resources such as:

Career Center  
Center for Student Activities  
Center for Academic Excellence  
College/Departmental Tutoring

Dean of Students' Office  
Holmes Cultural Diversity Center  
The Math Domain  
Mitchell Memorial Library

Money Management Center  
Undeclared  
The Writing Center

## Talk to your student about:

- Being themselves
- Asking for help when needed
- Being responsible (sleep, eat, and exercise)
- Being respectful (roommate expectations/classroom conduct)
- Expectations and Consequences (G.P.A., scholarship & financial aid requirements, behavior, money, etc.)
- Campus Safety and Awareness ([emergency.msstate.edu](https://emergency.msstate.edu))
- Communication Expectations (frequency of phone calls, texts, emails, etc.)
- Time Management and Managing Freedom
- Code of Student Conduct ([policies.msstate.edu/policy/91100](https://policies.msstate.edu/policy/91100))

**□ Important dates, fees and deadlines:**

- Tuition Dates: Fall (**August 1**) | Spring (**January 1**)  
*Enroll in a payment plan or pay the full balance on your student's account by the above deadline.*
- Academic Calendar: [registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar](http://registrar.msstate.edu/calendars/academic-calendar)  
**August 27:** Last day to drop a course *without a grade* (Withdraw from the University - 90% refund)  
**October 14:** Last day to drop a course *with a grade* (0% refund)  
**November 15:** Last day to withdraw from the semester
- Refund Schedule: [registrar.msstate.edu/files/withdrawal-refund-schedule.pdf](http://registrar.msstate.edu/files/withdrawal-refund-schedule.pdf)
- Tuition Costs: [controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition](http://controller.msstate.edu/accountservices/tuition)
- Student Financial Aid: [sfa.msstate.edu](http://sfa.msstate.edu)
- State Financial Aid: [msfinancialaid.org](http://msfinancialaid.org)

	ITEMS TO CONSIDER	SEMESTER COST
MISSISSIPPI STATE STUDENT ACCOUNT	Family Contribution	
	Student Income	
	Scholarships	
	Financial Aid (federal grants/loans, state grants)	
	<b>Total Student Funding</b>	
	Tuition/Fees (may include Printing and Lab fees)	
	Books - Bulldog Bundle (\$20 per credit)	
	Housing (on-campus/off-campus)	
	Dining Plan ( <a href="http://dining.msstate.edu">dining.msstate.edu</a> )	
	Parking Permit	
	Football Tickets	
	Longest Student Health Center	
	<b>Total Mississippi State Student Account Expenses</b>	
MISCELLANEOUS	Groceries/Eating out	
	Renters' Insurance	
	Cell Phone	
	Off-Campus Housing Utilities	
	Entertainment	
	Clothing and Laundry	
	Automobile (payment, insurance, maintenance, gas, etc.)	
	Student Involvement (i.e. organizational dues)	
	Other	
		<b>Total Miscellaneous Expenses</b>

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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)
  
- Have your student grant you access to the Parent Portal.**  
Visit [family.msstate.edu](http://family.msstate.edu) and click on the Parent Portal information box to find out how your student can grant you access.
  
- Submit Proof of Immunizations to:**  
Longest Student Health Center | P.O. Box 6338 | Mississippi State, MS 39762  
[healthcenter.msstate.edu](http://healthcenter.msstate.edu)
  
- Submit FINAL transcript from previous institution(s) to:**  
Office of Admissions & Scholarships | P.O. Box 6334 | Mississippi State, MS 39762  
[admissions.msstate.edu](http://admissions.msstate.edu)  
*Final transcripts should clearly identify the date of graduation and final grades.*
  
- Submit Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) test scores to:**  
Office of the Registrar | P.O. Box 5268 | Mississippi State, MS 39762  
[registrar.msstate.edu](http://registrar.msstate.edu)
  
- Mississippi State Family Hub:**  
Keep up with important communications, academic resources, and more by registering at [family.msstate.edu/get-connected](http://family.msstate.edu/get-connected).

## ACCESS TO PARENT AND FAMILY RELATED RESOURCES

[FAMILY.MSSTATE.EDU](http://FAMILY.MSSTATE.EDU)

### PARENT PORTAL\*

The Parent Portal provides a snapshot of general account details and recorded progress grades, reported absences, class schedules, and meal plan balances.



Requires a user ID (email address) to login

### QUIKPAY®\*

QuikPAY® allows authorized payers to review billing statements, account transactions, and make payments.



Requires a login name to login (this is not an email address)

### MISSISSIPPI STATE FAMILY HUB

The Mississippi State Family Hub is our communication platform providing personalized newsletters and 24/7 access to information, news and resources.



Requires a user email to login

\* Make sure your student authorizes you to access BOTH QuikPAY® and Parent Portal. These are two different platforms! Bookmark the login pages and securely store your login information for easy access.