



SOAR '24

Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration



Tennessee
TECH

A Deadline is Not a Suggestion

About Us

- At TTU, students are not only gaining a degree, they're gaining a community
- We have high standards, and we receive high accolades.

Teach your Student to Think

- Don't be afraid to let your student know that you don't have all the answers and neither do they.
- Let them make age-appropriate decisions
 - “MAD” Degrees
- Encourage them to find their passion.
- Encourage them to explore all the resources

Teach your Student to Ask and Listen

- Let them know that they don't know it all.
 - New place
 - New life stage
 - First time on their own
- Encourage them to ask questions of their teachers, their advisors, their classmates
- Teach them to question with respect
- Teach them to listen to hear not to listen to respond

Teach your Student to Learn from Mistakes

- Dropping a class is not a failure.
 - If they have exhausted all their resources and still are not grasping it maybe that class or that teacher is not for them.
- A deadline is not a suggestion
 - Professors are NOT required to extend due dates
 - Professors are NOT required to give Makeup Exams
 - Professors are NOT required to give extra credit
- If they have never made a B, they probably will, it is not the end of the world.

Be a support beam

- Wait for them to ask before you give advice.
 - They will ask for advice much longer
- Encourage them to come to us, we are here to help them succeed.
 - I will work just as hard to help them succeed as they do, but I will not work harder
- Support them in their decisions as best you can, they won't always be good ones, but remember, yours weren't always good either.

Don't Just Don't

- Don't remind them of due dates
- Don't do their laundry every weekend
- Don't put unrealistic expectations on them
- Don't contact their teachers or advisors for them except in emergency situations
- Don't do their homework for them
- Don't encourage them to miss class or ask to miss class when your breaks don't line up.

Be a Drone Parent

- A drone parent is a parent who stays off the radar until they are asked or they sense disaster is about to take place then they fly in at a moment's notice to HELP their child fight their battles.



Final thoughts

- This is their college experience
- This is their entrance into adulthood, respect that.
 - Yes they are still your child and always will be
- Sit back and watch them grow and flourish
- And if you are facing an empty nest embrace it, you can now eat popcorn or whatever YOU want for dinner.

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