



# SOAR '24

Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration



Tennessee  
TECH

Supporting My Student Living at Home

# Who is a Commuter Student?

Any freshman commuting from their parent/legal guardian's main residence.

## At Tech...

8,838 total undergraduate enrollment (Fall 2023)

2,281 residential

**6,557 commuter**

Myth: Commuter students are not able to be as involved and engaged as their residential classmates.

# What does it mean to be a Commuter?

Unique needs and interests

- What are some needs your student may have as a commuter at Tech?
- What responsibilities does your student have?

# Expectations of Commuters

Same as residential students!

- Be on time and attend classes
- Take responsibility for assignments (group & individual)
- Utilize resources and seek assistance when necessary
- Communicate with faculty & advisors

# Challenges

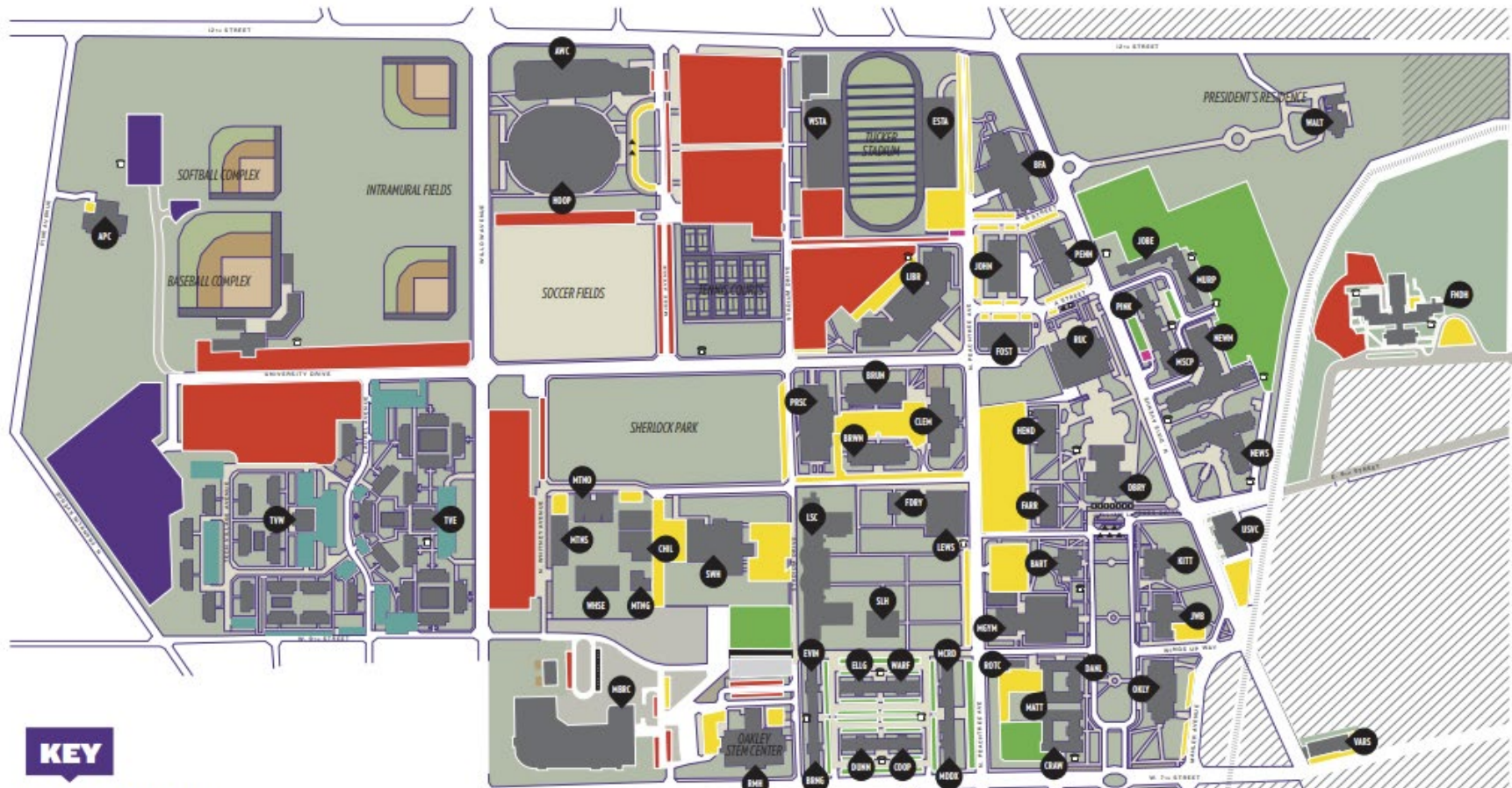
*Some common challenges may include:*

- Getting to campus & parking
- Weather & closings
- Time management (work & home responsibilities vs. college responsibilities)
- Navigating home/family expectations
- Feeling connected & sense of belonging

# Parent Tips: Getting to Campus

Encourage your student to build in plenty of time.

- Commute, Parking, Settling In
- Pro Tip: Check map/traffic and weather apps while getting ready for the day.



## KEY

### ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE & ATHLETICS

- Academic Wellness Center \_\_\_\_\_ AWC
- Athletic Performance Center \_\_\_\_\_ APC
- Bartoo Hall \_\_\_\_\_ BART
- Bell Hall \_\_\_\_\_ BELL
- Brown Hall \_\_\_\_\_ BRWN
- Bruner Hall \_\_\_\_\_ BRUN
- Bryan Fine Arts Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ BFA
- Clement Hall \_\_\_\_\_ CLEM
- Daniel Hall \_\_\_\_\_ DANL
- Donyberry Hall \_\_\_\_\_ DBRY
- East Stadium \_\_\_\_\_ ESTA
- Farr, T.J. Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ FARR
- Foster Hall \_\_\_\_\_ FOST
- Foundation Hall \_\_\_\_\_ FNDH
- Foundry \_\_\_\_\_ FDRY
- Health & Physical Education Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ MGYM
- Henderson Hall \_\_\_\_\_ HEND
- Hooper Eblon Center \_\_\_\_\_ HOOP
- Jere Whitson Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ JWB
- Johnson Hall \_\_\_\_\_ JOHN
- Kitzell Hall \_\_\_\_\_ KITZ
- Laboratory Science Commons \_\_\_\_\_ LCS
- Lewis Hall \_\_\_\_\_ LEWS

- Mathews Hall \_\_\_\_\_ MATT
- Oakley Hall \_\_\_\_\_ OKLY
- Pennebaker Hall \_\_\_\_\_ PENN
- Prescott Hall \_\_\_\_\_ PRSC
- Ray Morris Hall \_\_\_\_\_ RMH
- Roaden University Center \_\_\_\_\_ RUC
- Awesome Mail & Print \_\_\_\_\_
- Campus Dining \_\_\_\_\_
- University Store \_\_\_\_\_
- Marc L. Burnett Student Recreation and Fitness Center \_\_\_\_\_ MBRC
- Military Sciences \_\_\_\_\_ ROTC
- Southwest Hall \_\_\_\_\_ SWH
- Stonedraper Lecture Hall \_\_\_\_\_ SLH
- Varsity Building \_\_\_\_\_ VARS
- Volpe Library \_\_\_\_\_ LIBR
- Walton House \_\_\_\_\_ WALT
- West Stadium \_\_\_\_\_ WSTA

- Dunn Hall \_\_\_\_\_ DUNN
- Elington Hall \_\_\_\_\_ ELLG
- Evins Hall \_\_\_\_\_ EVIN
- Jobe Hall \_\_\_\_\_ JOBE
- M.S. Cooper Hall \_\_\_\_\_ MSCP
- Maddux Hall \_\_\_\_\_ MDDX
- McCord Hall \_\_\_\_\_ MCRD
- Murphy Hall \_\_\_\_\_ MURP
- New Hall North \_\_\_\_\_ NEWN
- New Hall South \_\_\_\_\_ NEWS
- Pinkerton Hall \_\_\_\_\_ PINK
- Tech Village East \_\_\_\_\_ TVE
- Tech Village West \_\_\_\_\_ T VW
- Warf Hall \_\_\_\_\_ WARF

- ### OPERATIONS
- Carr Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ MTNS
  - Carroll Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ CHIL
  - Facilities & Business Services Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ MTNO
  - Maintenance Garage \_\_\_\_\_ MTNG
  - University Police \_\_\_\_\_ FNDH
  - University Services Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ USVC
  - Warehouse \_\_\_\_\_ WHSE

- ### RESIDENCE HALLS & APARTMENTS
- Browning Hall \_\_\_\_\_ BRNG
  - Cooper Hall \_\_\_\_\_ COOP
  - Crawford Hall \_\_\_\_\_ CRAW



# CAMPUS MAP



- PERIMETER PARKING
- EMPLOYEE PREMIUM PARKING
- TECH VILLAGE PARKING
- RESIDENTIAL PARKING
- STUDENT PREMIUM PARKING
- MOTORCYCLE PARKING
- Fitness Center 2 Hour Parking
- Visitor Parking
- ⚡ Emergency Phones
- ▲ 30 Minute Parking
- + Fire Lanes Are Marked
- + Health Services Parking

# Parent Tip: Time On Campus

## High School Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
	Silence / Attendance					8:00
8:15	Advisory			Meeting for Worship	Team Time	8:30
8:45	English	Science	Arts	English	English	9:20
9:30	Social Studies	Break		Social Studies	Social Studies	10:10
10:15	Arts	Chinese	Social Studies	Arts	Arts	11:00
11:00	Lunch/Break				Break	11:40
11:40	Math	Math	English	Math	Lunch 11:30	12:10
12:25	Chinese			Chinese		1:00
1:10	Science	PE	Rehearsal	Science	Chinese	1:50
1:55	PE	Early Out 2:00	PE	PE	Science	2:40
				Assembly		
	Shakeout/Dismissal 3:30		Shakeout/Dismissal 3:30			

## College Schedule

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	3	4	5	6	7
		Pre-Cal. Algebra 8 - 9:15am		Pre-Cal. Algebra 8 - 9:15am	
		Cultural Geography 9:30 - 10:45am		Cultural Geography 9:30 - 10:45am	
	ECSP 4100 12 - 2:50pm				
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		English As A Second Language 4 - 6:50pm			



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		STEA Monthly Meeting 11am – 12pm		Rotaract Meeting 11am – 12pm	
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		English As A Second Language 4 – 6:50pm		SOA Training 4 – 7pm	
	Intramural Volleyball! 6 – 7pm				

# Student Lounges

- Education – TJ Farr 107 & Foundation Hall (LRC)
- Engineering – Clement Hall 208
- Nursing – Bell Hall 250
- Interdisciplinary Studies – SW Hall 180
- Business – Foundation Hall Lobbies and Hallways
- Roaden University Center – Ground Floor Lounge; Intercultural Lounge (2nd Floor)
- Volpe Library Learning Commons
- Lab Science Commons



# Commuter Class Scheduling Strategy

## Cramming classes into two days:

- Makes for really long days
- Mental fatigue (less focused)
- More tempting to skip classes
- Greater impact when you get sick
- Multiple assignments due/exams on the same day

\*Remember to designate time and space for online classes.

\*Don't be hesitant to take night classes, may impact progression towards degree!

## Spacing classes out:

- Allows more time to complete assignments/prepare for exams
- More peer interactions & engagement on campus
- Eliminates falling out of a routine



# Parent Tip: Discuss Expectations

Time at home and family responsibilities.

- Coming and going times and expectations
- Communication and updates
- Helping with family needs

Balancing work and school.

Financial expectations.

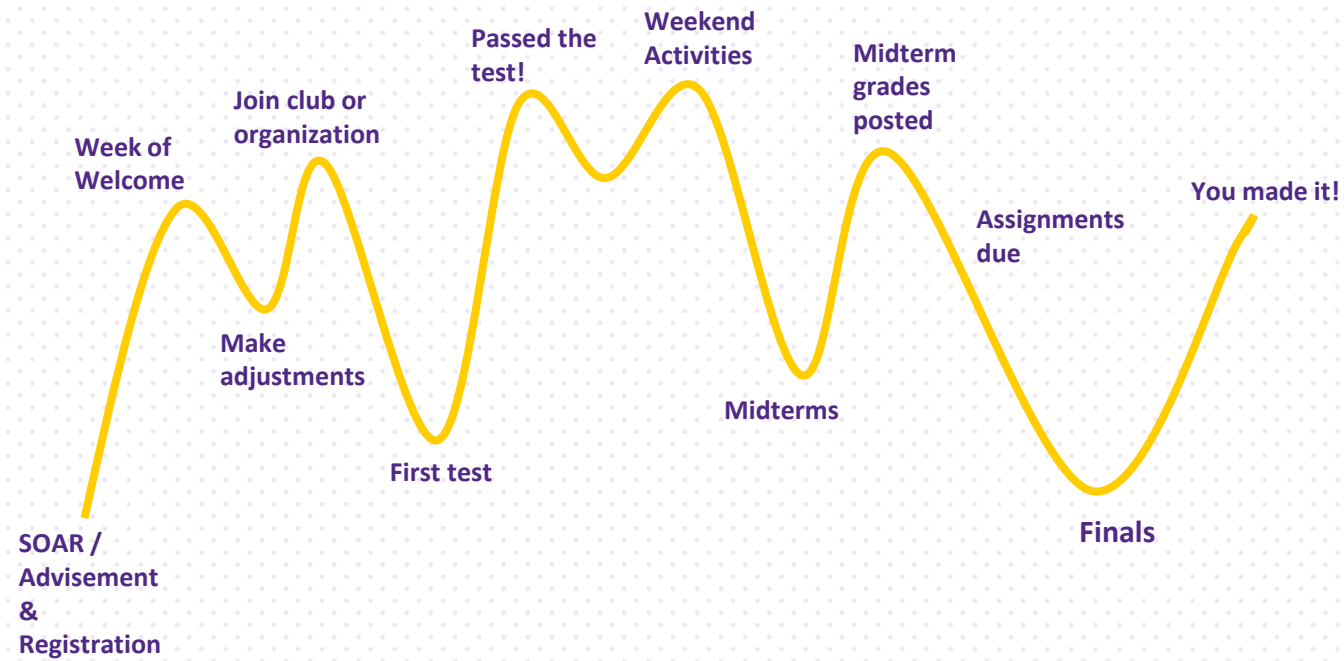
Campus engagement.

# Parent Tip: Help Your Student Know & Prioritize Their Responsibilities

1. Adjusting – Be proactive about possible challenges.
2. Be aware of outside obligations that may conflict with class times.
3. Open communication – with faculty, employers, & outside commitments

NOTE: On-campus students must do these things, too.

# Ebbs & Flows of the Semester



# Getting Involved

- Commuter students who join student organizations and/or work on campus are much more likely to be satisfied with their campus engagement and connected to others.

	Satisfied with Engagement	Connected To Other Students
All Respondents	44%	79%
Those Involved in a Student Org	62%	87%
Those Who Work On Campus	63%	83%

(Fall 2023 Commuter Student Survey)

# Off-Campus & Commuter Student Services

- [www.tntech.edu/commuter](http://www.tntech.edu/commuter) provides a parents guide, information about commuters' favorite spots on campus, FAQ's, off-campus housing, and more!
- Contact [commuter@tntech.edu](mailto:commuter@tntech.edu) with any questions or for support.



# Off-Campus & Commuter Student Network

- Monthly newsletters, Commuter Connect events, and more. Student should join while they are here at SOAR!



# Student Resources

- Campus Dining
- Library
- Fitness Center
- On-campus jobs
- Launch Pad
- Health Services
- Counseling Center
- Intercultural Affairs
- Off-Campus Housing Consultant



# Week of Welcome 2024

Week of Welcome is the start of the semester. Commuters should plan ahead to attend these and other events:

- Sat, August 17 - Commuter Picnic (families invited!)
- Mon, August 19 – Convocation & Club Golden Eagle
- Tue, August 20 – Prepare for Takeoff
- Wed, August 21 – Mix & Mingle



[www.tntech.edu/weekofwelcome](http://www.tntech.edu/weekofwelcome)



**Questions?**