A PARENTS’ CHECKLIST

BEFORE YOU GET HERE.
___ Review your homeowner’s insurance policy and/or create a renter’s insurance policy for your son or daughter. We are not responsible for damages or theft of resident belongings.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL DAY.
___ Write down the room number and mailing address of your son or daughter. Remember…care packages are always welcome a few weeks after they arrive! 
___ Meet your student’s Resident Assistant. Their names and phone numbers will be posted at the entrance. (Look for them on check in day, too!)

DURING THE YEAR.
___ Let go of the daily phone call…but when you do call, have your conversations contain a balanced mixture of what’s happening on campus and what’s happening at home.
___ When talking about academics, ask your student what they are learning in class instead of focusing on grades.
___ If your student mentions a new person’s name, casually ask about the person (“So John is a friend from..?”) rather than drilling for details.

“So When Should I Get Involved?”

Each year, it is not uncommon for us to receive a phone call from a concerned parent with a familiar request: “Please don’t tell my child that I called, but I wanted to make you aware of this.” We realize that “not getting involved” has to be the most challenging part of this entire experience for you. You should get involved when you feel it is appropriate, but remember that we expect students to take responsibility for:

*their behavioral choices
*respecting rules and policies
*academic honesty and persistence
*personal integrity and care
*developing healthy study, eating and sleep habits
*seeking assistance when needed
*being a positive member of the UTEP campus community

This is why it isn’t always up to you to “fix” things when something happens. Many staff members on our campus are available to students to help them “right a wrong”. When they take responsibility for their choices and actions, they'll find support every step of the way, here in the Department of Residence Life!

TALKING SAFETY

One of our top priorities at Miner Heights, Miner Canyon, and Miner Village is the safety of our residents. As they become familiar with campus resources to keep themselves safe, please encourage your son or daughter to assist us by following these steps:

1) Room doors should be locked at all times, and residents should carry their Miner Gold Cards to gain entry to the access gates that surround Miner Village and the doors to all building in Miner Canyon. Miner Heights has a keypad entry system.

2) Residents should report suspicious behaviors right away to a staff member. Encourage your son or daughter to meet their neighbors! This is always helpful when they need to ask someone to turn the music down, and they may even recognize someone from one of their classes! This strengthens our community!

3) Residents should walk together in the evenings and use well lighted areas and routes on their way to sporting events, the library, parking areas, and city businesses.

4) In the event of a campus emergency, all UTEP students may receive important information through their cell phone. Visit the website miners.mobilecampus.com for more information.

INVOLVEMENT = SUCCESS

From Orientation to Graduation, we know that students who are involved in UTEP’s campus life…through campus organizations, athletics, and beyond — are more likely to stay in school, and receive better grades.

When a student gets to campus, they are searching for a sense of belonging. They will look to peer groups for acceptance. Rest assured, they can focus on academics while participating in out-of-class activities. By encouraging them to create a portfolio of involvement alongside a solid academic transcript, you will be guiding them on the path to success!

Should you ever have a concern about your son or daughter, please contact us at 915-747-5352!

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