

## Parent & Family Pulse Poll – October 2015: Student Involvement

Results (161 responses)

My student is a:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
N/A - my student is still in high school	0.0%	0
Freshman	51.6%	83
Sophomore	21.7%	35
Junior	11.2%	18
Senior	11.8%	19
Grad student	3.7%	6
How many student organizations is your student involved in at Texas Tech?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	16.4%	23
1	34.3%	48
2	23.6%	33
3	21.4%	30
4 or more	4.3%	6
What type of student organization(s) is/are your student involved in at Texas Tech? Select all that apply:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Fraternity or Sorority	30.0%	42
Academic organization	28.6%	40
Faith-based organization	14.3%	20
Sports club	13.6%	19
Special interest group	22.1%	31
Honors organization	17.1%	24
Study group	12.9%	18
My student isn't involved in any student organizations	11.4%	16
Other (please specify)	23.6%	33

Are you pleased with the number of student organizations your student is involved in at TTU?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes--my student is involved in the right amount of organizations	64.3%	90
No--my student is not involved enough	32.9%	46
No--my student is too involved	2.9%	4

If you feel your student is too involved, what are your concerns?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My student's academics/grades will suffer	57.7%	15
Student organization expenses are too high	7.7%	2
My student won't have time to work	11.5%	3
I am concerned about the time commitment involved in my student's organization(s)	38.5%	10
I am concerned about the type of activities involved in my student's organization(s)	15.4%	4
Other (please specify)	23.1%	6

If you feel your student is not involved enough, what do think the reason is? (Select all that apply)		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
My student is shy	38.6%	22
My student is too busy with academics	40.4%	23
My student is too busy with work	12.3%	7
My student plans to get involved but hasn't found the right opportunity	33.3%	19
My student isn't interested in student organizations	12.3%	7
Other (please specify)	21.1%	12

Most respondents report their students are involved in one student organization (34%), two organizations (24%), or three (21%). The most common organization types are fraternities and sororities (30%), academic organizations (28%), or special interest groups (22%). Common organizations listed in "other" are band, athletics, and ROTC. Respondents are mostly pleased with the number of student organizations their students are involved in (64%). Those who feel their students are not involved enough cite students' being busy with academics (40%), shyness (39%), and students' not finding the right opportunity yet (33%) as the most common reasons. Those who feel their students may be overinvolved share concerns about grades suffering (58%) and the time commitment in being involved (39%).

Encourage your student to become involved outside of the classroom to enhance his or her connection and experience as a Red Raider. Students can browse registered student organizations at <http://ttu.orgsvnc.com/>. Students should also watch TechAnnounce, a daily email that shares involvement opportunities. Winter Raider Welcome during the first week of the spring semester will also offer ways to get involved on campus. Should you have any concerns about your students' experiences with their student organization, you can search for the organization's faculty/staff advisor at <http://ttu.orgsvnc.com/> and contact him or her or call the Center for Campus Life at 806-742-5433.