Red Raider Families: Supporting Your Student’s Transition
Welcome to the Red Raider Family!

On your way in:

- Notepad and pen
- Postcard from Home
- Invitation to Family Weekend
- One-page Academic & Event Calendar
- Red Raider Family decal
- Double T Pin
What we’ll share today:

- The Red Raider Family Network
- Conversations to have with your students
- Important dates and reminders
- Additional ways to get involved
- Postcards from home
Parent & Family Relations

Your Red Raider

Texas Tech

You

STUDENT SUCCESS!
Parent & Family Relations

Student Success Team

You! And Parent & Family Relations

Campus Living

Academic Support

Campus Safety

Financial Support

Health and Wellbeing
Meet Our Team

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Connect With Us

- Parent & Family Relations is your support team on campus!
  - Red Raider Family Network and Newsletter
  - Webinar Series
  - Red Raider Family Guide
  - Social media

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Red Raider Orientation for Parents & Family Members

- go.ttu.edu/parentrro

Red Raider Family Webinar Series

- Ready, Set, Texas Tech – May 29th
- Tuition, Financial Aid, and Scholarships – June 5th
- Health and Wellbeing at Texas Tech - June 26th
- Campus Safety – July 10th
- Academic Student Success at Texas Tech – July 17th
- Preparing Your Student for On-Campus Living - July 24th
Family Weekend & Family Days

- Family Weekend is the weekend of September 27-29, when we play Cincinnati.
- Family Days are year-round activities for families so you can visit your student when it’s convenient for your family.
- go.ttu.edu/familydays
Red Raider Family Guide

- This helpful guide is a favorite with Texas Tech parents and is designed to encourage, provide support, and answer your questions.
  - go.ttu.edu/parentrro
College Ready eBook

- Use Promo code **Raider2024** at checkout for your **FREE** digital copy!
Let’s check in!

How are you feeling about your student starting at Texas Tech?

- Excited
- Emotional
- So many questions!
- A little worried
- All of these!
**What Families Want to Learn Most at RRO**

- Transitioning to college
- Academic support resources
- Finances
- Getting involved on campus
- Health & Wellbeing

**Biggest Fears**

- Safety
- Academics
- Sense of Belonging
- Time Management
- Being Away From Home
Red Raider Family Network

- Make sure you’re signed up – ttu.campusesp.com
- Monthly newsletter and newsfeed with emailed digests
- Browse and join “communities” based on your interests and student’s college
Red Raider Family Network and FERPA

- FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
- Once in the Red Raider Family Network, you can **request** a connection to your student to view class schedule, grades, holds, and financial information
- This will give you an overview, not details
- Talk to your student about your expectations for sharing academic progress
Conversations about Academic Success:

- Asking for help is smart
- Faculty are friends
- Know your syllabus
- Technology is different in college

www.depts.ttu.edu/ithelpcentral
Conversations about Finances

- Who will pay for what?
- Budgeting
- Making the most of your meal plan
- Staying on top of financial aid and scholarship requirements
Conversations about Health and Wellbeing

- How will you plan to manage stress?
- Keeping up with current mental health plan
- Alcohol use and sexual misconduct
- Medical history for when making doctor’s appointments
- HIPAA
Conversations about Safety

- Keeping your property secure
- Bicycle locks
- Keep your contact information updated in Raiderlink and TechAlert!
- Safety at night – TechRide app
- Add the TTPD non-emergency number in your phone: 806-742-3931
Conversations about Campus Living

- Making connections
- “The best time of your life…”
- Dealing with roommate conflicts
- Getting involved on campus
- Preparing for a career
Campus Resource Fair: 3:30 – 5:00
Breakout Sessions: 3:45 – 5:45
  • Financial Matters: Financial Aid, Scholarships & Student Business Services will be here in the Allen Theatre
Fajita Dinner with your Student in the Food Court and Ballroom: 5:45 – 6:30
Parent & Family Social at the McKenzie-Merket Alumni Center: 6:30 – 8:00
Students will have programming through 10:00 p.m.
Schedule Highlights

- **Explore Lubbock**
  - Family Days Calendar
    - [go.ttu.edu/familydays](http://go.ttu.edu/familydays)

- **Day 2**
  - Preparing for Student Success at Texas Tech is here at the Allen Theatre at 8:30 a.m., followed by Academic Advising at various locations
  - OneStop for Questions: SUB Red Raider Ballroom 10:00 – Noon
  - Individual Meetings with Financial Aid & Scholarships, Student Business Services, and Military & Veterans Programs: 10:00 – 1:30
  - Tours: Residence Halls, Library, and Rec Center – check your schedule
What’s Next?

Important Dates and Reminders

- **Fall Move-in**
  - Move-in Timeslot Program – email from University Student Housing

- **Raider Welcome**
  - August 13\(^{th}\) – September 2\(^{nd}\)
  - [www.raiderwelcome.ttu.edu](http://www.raiderwelcome.ttu.edu)

- **First Day of Classes**
  - Thursday, August 22\(^{nd}\)

- **Family Weekend**
  - September 27\(^{th}\) – 29\(^{th}\)
  - [www.go.ttu.edu/familydays](http://www.go.ttu.edu/familydays)
Additional Involvement Opportunities

- The Texas Tech Parents Association
  - www.texastechparents.org
  - Local Chapters, send-off parties, scholarships
  - See them at the Resource Fair
Postcards from Home

- Write an encouraging message and turn it in to us after this session, during the Social tonight, or tomorrow during the OneStop for Questions session

- You’ll need your student’s Residence Hall name and Room #

- If you don’t have it, no worries! You can take the postcard with you and mail it later
How’d we do? Take our quick survey