Kindergarten to College: Parenting a UT Student

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“Our job as parents is to work ourselves out of a job!”

Parents as Partners
Spartan Code

The community of learners and educators at The University of Tampa strives to support the development of each student as a productive and responsible citizen who embraces the values of honesty, citizenship, trust, respect, and responsibility.

As a member of The University of Tampa Spartan community, I agree and pledge that I will...

... promote and practice academic and personal honesty.

... commit to actions that benefit the community, as well as engage in activities that better others.

... discourage intolerance and acknowledge that diversity in our community shapes our learning and development.

... conduct myself in a manner that makes me worthy of the trust of others.

... respect the ideas and contributions of all persons, allowing for an environment of sharing and learning.

... accept full responsibility and be held accountable for all of my decisions and actions.
* Calling too much
* Texting too much
* Assuming one side of the story
* Assuming your student’s role
* Robbing students of the ability to make decisions

* Parent Errors to avoid from iConnected Parent
* Write, care packages
* Ask questions. . . But not too many
* Expect change . . . It may be a little or a lot
* Encourage them to manage their time

* Let them resolve their own problems
* Visit . . But not too often (Family Weekend is great)
* Trust your student
* Encourage involvement and volunteerism

*Do this!
* Don’t ask if they are homesick
* Don’t worry too much
* DO NOT say “These are the best years of your life”

* Don’t resolve their problems for them
* Don’t call or text too much
* Don’t accept one side of the story
* Don’t rob your student of the ability to make decisions

* Not that
A college freshman - essentially a high school senior without parents around.

Biggest problem for new students: FREEDOM
* Finances
* Resolving problems
* Communication
* Health and Wellness
* Alcohol and Other Drugs

* Unexpected Detours
* Establish ground rules for spending money
* Beware of credit cards
* Define emergency, nothing you can eat, drink, or wear!
*UT email
*Spartan Web
*Blackboard
*UT post office box
*Global emails

*Communications
* Dickey Health and Wellness Center
* McNiff Fitness Center
* Intramurals
* Wellness Student Organizations

* Health and Wellness
* UT supports FL state law and our own published policies

* FL is a zero tolerance state for under-aged drinking and driving

* Support students to make healthy choices

* The majority of UT students DON’T abuse alcohol or other drugs.

* Warn your students about fake ID’s

* Students lose housing after first drug violation

* Alcohol and Other Drugs
If you want to speak to me or other faculty/staff from the UT community you must fill out the FERPA form.

I have forms with me if you would like one.
Office of Campus Safety

CampusSafety@UT.EDU
813.257.7777
Or on campus at ext. 7777
This is the students perception of dealing with Campus Safety
* .....in reality we are here to help.
The Office of Campus Safety provides a safe environment for all students, faculty and staff.
* Officers are assigned to certain residence halls from 1100 PM to 700 AM seven days a week. They handle complaints and check ID’s of persons entering the building. Guests must be signed in by a resident of the building.

* ID checks done at night
* Officers monitor all parking areas 24/7.

* Traffic and Parking Enforcement
To provide a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors while on the campus.
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* Campus Safety Office (24 hours/7 days/365 year)
  * 813 257 7777

* Office of Residence Life
  * 813 253 6239

* Dickey Health and Counseling Center
  * 813 253 6250

*Who do I call if......
* Tampa Police Dept.
  * 813 231 6130

* Hillsborough County Sheriff
  * 813 247 8000

* Or if off campus....
* Have your student program their phones for our numbers.
* Encourage them to travel to places after dark in groups and always stay together.
* Never go with someone they do not know.
* Do not go into an area they are not familiar with or even looks like it may be a problem.
* Think.

*Help us help them*
RNC

If you have no idea what those letters are here are some details:

1. Republican National Convention
3. Approx ½ mile from UT
4. Expected to draw over 50K people
5. Attracts many protestors and anarchists.
6. Over 500 buses will be used to bring delegates into downtown
7. Nearly 4500 law enforcement will be on duty
8. Projected temperatures in excess of 95 degrees and heat index of 100+
9. UT is prepared for the influx of people and has a priority of safety to students

* UT staff and officers will be on duty along with law enforcement and contract security to provide a safe environment for everyone.

* Encourage your student to think safety first and to limit their downtown movement during this week.
* Questions . . . And even some answers