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“Understand the A&M traditions and encourage participation.”
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“Be willing to listen.”
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“Make arrangements to come up to see your students – don’t wait for Family Weekend.”
“Be supportive and understanding because some classes can be challenging, even for the brightest students.”
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“Get involved and build a network to connect with other families. For example, Aggie Mom's clubs, Corps parents groups, prayer list, B-CS church groups, etc.”
“Communicate with your child and encourage them. First semester freshman year is a huge transition for most and can be overwhelming especially since most communication and assignments are received and submitted electronically.

Most students have not had to constantly check their email and in college they need to be made aware how important it is to check both personal and TAMU emails.”
"My one piece of advice would be, don't be surprised if your straight A student in High School brings home B's and C's their 1st semester, this is normal. Some kids never had to study before, they are adjusting to college life and figuring out dining dollars and eating on campus by themselves are huge accomplishments. Be supportive, encourage them to go to office hours, call their DG Mom/Dad for advice, they will get it figured out by the end of their Freshman year."
ADVICE FROM THE AGGIE PARENT & FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL:

“Ask every question you can, especially of student assistants. They have the most meaningful insight of how things really work (especially true in the Corps). “
“Trust your kid! You raised them for this!”
FAMILY DINNER
OVERVIEW

• Family Survey
• Expectations & navigating your new relationship
• Student Panel
• What would you do scenarios
• Day 2 overview
SURVEY

1. Take out your cell phone
2. Open a web browser and go to slido.com
3. Enter code: AGGIEFAMILY
NAVIGATING THE NEW NORM
This is an optional subhead
SUMMER TRANSITIONS

- Often students will push boundaries before leaving
- Students might spend extra time with high school friends
- Spend time this summer preparing students for their move to Aggieland
Welcome to the Aggie Family!

On behalf of the entire Texas A&M Community, welcome to the Aggie Family. You and your student are about to embark on an exciting journey. Along the way, there could be several potential challenges as you and your student adjust to their life in Aggieland. Our hope is that New Student & Family Programs can support you and your student during this transition. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of you and your student's life during this important time. There are several items to discuss and to do to take care of before your student leaves. This worksheet serves as a starting point for you and your student to set expectations as you prepare for their first semester at Texas A&M.

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**Communication:**

We plan to talk ________ (number of times) per ________.

We will communicate using the following methods:

During an emergency we will communicate by:

The following is considered an emergency:

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**Visits:**

The student should plan to come home at the following times:

The family should visit during the following times:

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**Transportation:**

The student will get around campus & Aggieland in the following ways:

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**Access to information:**

The student will provide the following access to family members:

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**Money and Budgeting:**

We agree that the student will get money in the following ways:

___ Job
___ Monthly Allowance (amount: $____)
___ Financial Aid

And spend it in the following ways:

___ Meal Plan/Groceries
___ Spending Money
___ Rent
___ Bills
___ Other:

Limitations for spending money are:

We will handle financial emergencies in the following ways:

A financial emergency could include:

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**Dealing with the unexpected:** When challenges arise in the following areas (Academics, Living Arrangements, Roommate(s), Money, Friends, Health Issues (physical/mental), Homesickness, Disciplinary/Legal issues), we agree to do the following:

**Student:**

**Family:**

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**Other Topics to Consider:**

Does your student know how to:

___ Grocery shop/ meal plan
___ Cook simple meals
___ Maintain a budget
___ Do laundry
___ Make appointments

Have you talked to your student about utilizing medical services and health insurance?

How will your student stay safe on campus?
THE FIRST FEW WEEKS

- It can be an emotional rollercoaster at first.
- Stay on campus for four weeks.
- Remember the phrase: How are you going to handle that situation?
- Remember your role as the 12th Man.
STUDENT SURVEY
POLLING QUESTIONS

- What surprises you about the results from the student polls?
- Does seeing these results change the way you think about communicating with your student?
STUDENT PANEL
This is an optional subhead
WHAT WOULD YOU DO

This is an optional subhead
HOME SICKNESS

It’s a few weeks after move-in and your student calls you one evening to tell you they haven’t made any friends at Texas A&M and are feeling lonely on campus. They tell you they want to come home that weekend, with no intention of returning to campus. What do you do?
ROOMMATE ISSUES

Your student calls you one evening, enraged, because their roommate has eaten their pint of Cookies & Cream Blue Bell. What do you do?
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Your student has completed their first semester at A&M and has brought home a grade record of all “C”s. They were a straight A student in high school. While at A&M, they have gotten very involved in activities and organizations, and seems to be having a great time socially. Your student tells you “I just don’t enjoy my classes.” What do you do?
INDEPENDENCE

Your student has come home for a few days during a break in classes. The first night they are home they stay out with their friends until 3 AM. Before they left for college, their curfew was 12 AM. What do you do?
WRAP UP

• What is one new thing you learned today?

• What is one strategy you think you might use with your student during their first few weeks?

• What remaining questions do you have?
STAY CONNECTED

HOWDY! | WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE.

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