Kilgore College STAR Days
Parent Information
2022-23
Things Parents Should Know When Sending Kids to College

• This is harder on you than on them.
  • They’re heading off to exciting new places and experiences but you are left at home without them. It may take time but it will become the new normal.

• You will have the overwhelming urge to baby them.
  • When it comes to buying dinner, decorating the dorm room or sending surprises in the mail, spoil them! But allow them to make the decisions about things like classes, finances and extracurricular activities.

• Brace yourself for feelings.
  • They are experiencing lots of emotions right now, from excitement to anxiety. Talk to them now about how to deal with those feelings and possible coping skills for the future.

• They may screw up.
  • They are still kids. There is more to college than just learning in the classroom. New life experiences help shape them into adults. Help them process their consequences, whether good or bad.

• We raise our kids to leave us.
  • You’ve been training them for this and you’ve done a great job! Now let them progress to the next stage of life!

https://yourteenmag.com/teens-college/college-life/sending-kids-to-college
Differences between High School and College

In High School:

• Your child will usually be told what to do and corrected if their behavior is out of line.
• Someone else is keeping track and will inform your child of what they need to do.
• Progress reports and midterm grades are sent home to parents.
• Teachers and Administrators contact you about your child's progress.

In College:

• Your child is expected to take responsibility for what they do and don’t do, as well as for the consequences of their decisions.
• Your child is responsible for their academic life and for seeking out the resources they need to be successful.
• Final grades are posted on your child’s college account and you must get your child’s permission to see them.
• Instructors and Administrators aren’t allowed to tell you anything about your child.

https://blog.prepscholar.com/high-school-vs-college-15-key-differences
https://www.macalester.edu/parents/tipsforsuccess/highschoolvscollege/
Privacy and FERPA

- Confidentiality of student education records is governed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).
- The act specifies that school officials may not disclose personally identifiable information about students nor permit inspection of their records without written permission.
- FERPA protects the rights of any student who has reached 18 years of age or who is attending an institution of postsecondary education. Therefore, all KC students are covered by FERPA, even if younger than 18 (including dual credit students).
- You’re child must complete a FERPA waiver and you must provide a tax document showing the child is your dependent. Contact the Kilgore College Registrar’s Office for more information.

https://www.kilgore.edu/about/confidentiality-and-ferpa
Campus Safety KCPD:
A state-certified police agency providing protection 24 hours-a-day, every day of the year.

- Fully Authorized Police Agency
- Located at Kilgore and Longview Campuses
- Non-emergency number 903-983-8652
- RAVE ALERT sends text notifications of emergencies
- Provides Courtesy Services -
  - Unlock Vehicles
  - Jumpstart Cars
  - Safety Escorts

https://www.kilgore.edu/about/police-department-kcpd
Campus Resources: Kilgore College Can Help

• **Academic Advising**: Academic Advising, Change of Major, Academic Suspension & Appeal, Transfer Questions, Degree Audits

• **Counseling**: Mental Health Counseling

• **Disabilities Services Office**: ADA Accommodations, Disability Services

• **Career Counseling**: Career Counseling, Texas Workforce Solutions

• **Instructional Student Support**: Assistance with Books, Childcare Assistance, Transportation Assistance, Tutoring (Longview North Zone), Study Skills Counseling

• **Student Success Programs**: Study Skills Counseling, Tutoring, Computer & Internet Access, Free Printing

• **Elearning Help Desk**: Blackboard, AccessKC, Email, & other computer-related issues.

• **KC Food Pantry**: Assistance with food insecurities

• **Veterans Affairs**: Veteran Education Benefits

• **Campus Life**: Housing, Clubs & Organizations, Student Activities & Events, Dining Services, Parking Permits, KC Student ID Card, Ranger Card

https://www.kilgore.edu/future-students/offices-student-services/student-support-services-resource-list