

# Family and Friends Resources

Family and friends play a crucial role in the academic and social success of their students. TCCNHS believes that students whom are supported by their family and friends experience an easier transition into and during their college experience. Additionally, TCCNHS hopes to foster a collaborative working relationship between family and friends, the student, and TCCNHS. Working together we can make this experience great and help lead your student to a successful academic career.

At TCCNHS, we offer an opportunity and information to help you help your student during this time. Family and friends are welcomed to attend NSC with their student or use our website to find helpful resources. During NSC, family and friends will attend sessions concurrently with their student and attend helpful sessions where you learn how best to support your student throughout his or her time in college. The links on our website provides useful information and contact information for family and friends to support their student.

## What is FERPA?

### *Family Education Rights and Privacy Act*

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records. Once a student turns 18 years of age or establishes any contact with the College resulting in the creation of an educational record, the rights of access to the student's academic records belongs to the student.

This means that all academic information regarding your college student goes directly to the student unless the student has given specific, written permission to release that information to someone else. It is important to remember that your student may, or may not, wish to sign this release. Students can sign a FERPA waiver located with the Registrar to have academic records released to someone else. An exception is made for parents that provide document in writing that the student is still claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes. The college may require you to submit your most recent tax forms in order to support this claim.

### ***What does FERPA mean for you as a college parent?***

Generally FERPA rules mean that student academic information such as grades or academic standing (GPA, academic transcript, academic warning, academic probation, or discipline records) will be given to the student and not to the parents. College students are considered responsible adults who may determine who will receive information about them. College representatives are prohibited from discussing information about the student's academic record unless given permission by the student.

The best way to find out how your student is doing is to ask them. The sharing of student academic information with family and friends becomes a family issue rather than an institutional issue. FERPA should not be seen as a barrier in communication but as another opportunity for family and friends to communicate with their student about their expectations and student's responsibilities.

Please consult this list of useful campus contacts for additional information about important Departments and services offered at TCCNHS:

Financial Aid - 513-585-2402

Academic Advising - 513-585-2401

Tutoring Services and The Writing Center - 513-585-2066

Academic Accommodations - 513-585-2959

Career Services - 513-585-3339

## Suggested Resources

### Websites

[www.collegeparentcentral.com/about-college-parent-central/](http://www.collegeparentcentral.com/about-college-parent-central/)

[www.collegeparents.org/](http://www.collegeparents.org/)

[www.collegetipsforparents.org/](http://www.collegetipsforparents.org/)

### Books

*Don't Tell Me What to Do, Just Send Money: The Essential Parenting Guide to the College Years.* Helen E. Johnson & Christine Schelhas-Miller (St. Martin's Press, 2000)

*The Launching Years: Strategies for Parenting from Senior Year to College Life.* Laura Kastner and Jennifer Wyatt (Three Rivers Press, 2002)

*Letting Go: A Parents' Guide to Understanding the College Years.* Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger (Harper, 2009)

*You're On Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College Years.* Marjorie Savage (Fireside, 2003)