Parent Schedule

7:00 – 8:45 AM
Check-In
Creative & Performing Arts Center, Orville Hanchey Gallery
Welcome to Parent Connection! This is your opportunity to become familiar with the people, services, and resources that will be important to your NSU student’s success.

9:00 – 9:45 AM
Welcome Session
A. A. Fredericks Auditorium
Your official welcome to Northwestern State University.

9:45 – 10:00 AM
Coffee Break
Orville Hanchey Gallery

10:00 – 10:30 AM
Parents as Partners
Magale Recital Hall

10:30 - 11:45 AM
Student Services Panel
Magale Recital Hall
Hear about the most important services and resources available to your student. From student health to move-in day, our Student Affairs staff will provide advice and tips that will help your NSU student be successful in their first year at Northwestern State and beyond.

12:00 – 12:45 PM
Academic Life at Northwestern State
Magale Recital Hall
Learn about the policies and student expectations concerning the NSU academic experience. The importance of academic advising and the registration process will also be reviewed.

1:00 – 2:00 PM
Lunch
Iberville Dining Hall

2:30 – 3:30 PM
Straight Talk with NSU Students
Magale Recital Hall
Join us for a candid conversation with upper-class students. These students will share information about their first year of college regarding social issues, time management, budgeting, and the general adjustment to university life.

3:30 – 4:15 PM
Paying Your Bill & Financial Aid
Magale Recital Hall
Concerned about the rising cost of higher education? Northwestern State’s financial aid officers will answer your questions about tuition, scholarships, the TOPS program, loans, scholarship eligibility, financial policies and options available for paying for college.

4:15 – 5:00 PM
Parent Interest Sessions

Band Parent Meeting
CAPA, Room 122 (Band Room)
This meeting is for parents of students who plan to participate in marching band while enrolled at NSU regardless of academic major. The band directors will answer all your questions and provide helpful information about being a member of the “Spirit of Northwestern” marching band.

Ensuring Success with Disability Services
CAPA, Room 105
The Office of Disability Services facilitates equal access to programs and activities, promotes independence and inclusion of all students, and pursues innovative solutions in providing services for students with disabilities. Join us for this session and find out about the services and accommodations available to students with documented disabilities.

Supporting Your Student Athlete
CAPA, Room 103
This meeting is for parents of students who have been actively recruited by the NSU Athletic Department. Balancing academics and inter-collegiate athletics can be challenging for some student-athletes. Members of the NSU Athletic staff will share information on academic services, advising and tutoring programs, policies, responsibilities and expectations of student-athletes.

6:00 PM
Parent Social and Cookout
University Columns Clubhouse
The Northwestern State Residential Community will host a cookout in honor of your NSU student and our new family members. This is a great opportunity to connect with other new parents, as well as faculty, residence life, and student affairs staff.

How involved should my parents/guardians be when choosing my major?
Growing up, your parents have the majority of say-so in your life. They will always aspire that you will become the very best, but as a student you should always follow your dreams and make your own decisions. Academics are important to both you and your parents and it is important to include them in your academics and to keep them updated on your studies.

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