

A PARENT'S CHECKLIST FOR SUMMER CONVERSATIONS

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SUMMER RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENTS

- ☐ finances
- ☐ campus correspondence, monitoring deadlines
- ☐ laundry, cooking, self-care

COMMUNICATION DURING THE FIRST WEEK AND MONTHS OF SCHOOL

- ☐ phone/text/email/social media/video chat
- ☐ frequency and time of day
- ☐ who initiates?

ACADEMICS

- ☐ class attendance
- ☐ grades – minimum or expected GPA – midterms
- ☐ access to MyGustavus for parents
- ☐ asking for help

FINANCES

- ☐ source for spending/living money
- ☐ bill paying – who pays for what?

VISITS

- ☐ parents and family visiting Gustavus
- ☐ student goes home – how often and when?

TIME MANAGEMENT AND BALANCE

- ☐ study time vs. social time vs. over-involvement
- ☐ responsibility for appointments and deadlines
- ☐ health (sleep, eating right, emotions)
- ☐ safety (group activities, high-risk substance use)
- ☐ roommate relationship (sharing, conflict, communication)

VALUES

- ☐ alcohol, drugs, intimate relationships
- ☐ faith practices and observances