



# 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