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Library Open 24/7 Through Finals Week
The Edmon Low Library is currently open continuously through finals week so students will always have a quiet place to study whether it's 4:00pm or 4:00am.

Commencement Information
Friends and families of graduating seniors can find a wealth of helpful information about commencement programs, receptions, and parking online. Complete commencement information is available at:
http://commencement.okstate.edu/

Summer Reinstatement Program
If your son or daughter is facing an academic suspension please read below.

Students who are suspended for the first time at the end of the spring semester have an opportunity to enroll in six (6) credit hours at OSU during the summer and raise their GPA for continued enrollment in the fall semester.

If your student is eligible and interested in the Summer Reinstatement Program it is important that they speak to their adviser immediately to plan summer classes, evaluate their academic challenges, and complete the paperwork required for the program.

More details and forms are available at the Division of Academic Affairs Website HERE

Packing Up and Moving Out
Most students are expected to moving out of residence halls, campus apartments and Greek houses immediately or shortly after their last
Students - Aug. 12
Classes Start - Aug. 18
Labor Day Holiday - Sept. 1
Fall Family Weekend/Dad's Day - Sept 13
Fall Break - Oct. 24
Homecoming Game - Oct. 25
Thanksgiving Break - Nov. 26-30
Finals Week - Dec. 8-12
Semester Ends - Dec. 12

**Stay Connected to Cowboy Parents**

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Students don't have to wait until after their exams to start cleaning and packing. In fact, accomplishing small "moving out" tasks before finals week is ideal because it leaves students with one less task to worry about during exam week.

Students will find it easier to move, clean, and also study for exams if they take some time now to clean and pack before final exams. Suggest that your child pack off-season or other non-essential clothing and bedding now. This is also a great time to clean, de-clutter, and create an environment that is more conducive to study. Here are some tips to share with your student about packing up and moving out.

**Essential items:** Packing tape, boxes (try to find boxes headed toward the recycling bins on campus), large heavy-duty or "contractor" trash bags, paper or material in which to wrap fragile items.

- Move it, ship it, or store it? This is the first question to answer. Some students live too far away, or do not have the means of transportation needed to move each year. For these students it may be more practical to ship their possessions home, or simply store them during the summer.
- If moving by car, large contractor bags are great for packing and moving coats, bedding, and other bulky items that will not fit into boxes.
- Pack items that will not be needed during finals week. Most students will only need; a week's-worth of clothing, books, class notes, computers, and other exam essentials, and enough food for finals week.
- Wrapping fragile items in bedding or clothing instead of paper will save paper and hassle during packing and unpacking.
- Pack similar items together. Some items, like alarm clocks or summer clothing, will
need to be unpacked and used during the summer while others, like kitchen items used only at college, can stay packed in their box until the next academic year. Try to pack these items together.

- Try to move or ship items home before finals week begins. *Less clutter means fewer distractions while studying.*
- If OSU is fairly close to your home, consider a campus visit to move items the weekend before exams. If it is too far for a weekend visit, your student may consider packing and shipping boxes instead.

### Transferring Classes Taken Over the Summer

Many OSU students take classes over the summer at other colleges and universities and transfer those credits back to OSU in the fall. Before your student enrolls in classes elsewhere there are a few important steps to take to make sure that the classes will transfer as intended.

1. Check the classes against the online transfer guides available at: [https://admissions.okstate.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-credit-guides](https://admissions.okstate.edu/admission-requirements/transfer-credit-guides)
2. Ask an academic adviser or academic counselor if the class will transfer as a required class. Many classes transfer as credit hours, but may or may not be required for the major.
3. Once the classes are completed and the grades posted on the student's transcript, make sure that the transcript is sent to the OSU Admissions office either; electronically, via U.S. mail, or hand delivered by the student. For details about delivery options click: [https://admissions.okstate.edu/admission-requirements/official-documents](https://admissions.okstate.edu/admission-requirements/official-documents)

They're Back...
When college students return home for the summer family dynamics will shift once again. It's important to recognize that things will change and that the whole family will need some time to adjust. Just knowing that tension will occur and tempers may flare is half the battle.

By the time summer rolls around college students are used to their new independence and are probably expecting to maintain that independence at home. Of course, parents will see a child who is still a young adult and not quite as independent as he thinks he is.

There is room for compromise here. In most cases parents are willing to loosen curfews and chore requirements as long as the child checks in periodically at night and the chores are finished on time. College students will claim that they want to be treated like adults so remind them that adults:

- Are respectful of themselves and their families
- Tell their loved ones where they will be, with whom, and for how long, and check in periodically
- Follow laws regarding alcohol and drugs
- Contribute their share to the family whether it be financially, helping with housework, yard work or errands
- Maintain their own possessions including clothing, electronics, their room and bathroom, vehicle etc.
- Are willing to compromise and calmly discuss problems and work out solutions