

SOCIAL EXPERIENCES

(Housing, Campus Activities, Ect.)

12. My child is living on campus. Are these facilities secure?

Yes, the residence halls are locked 24/7 and all residence halls have security cameras. Each hall has an adult resident director who resides within the building and resident assistants who are second year students. These people are there to ensure that students adhere to campus policies.

13. What types of activities are offered on campus?

There are a variety of activities. Dakota College at Bottineau has a wildlife club, horticulture club, ski/snowboard club, drama club and student government. Other campus activities might include game nights, movie nights, dances, bonfires, etc. There are also intramural activities going on throughout the year. Some of these include co-ed volleyball, softball, basketball, dodgeball, and more. Student Life activities provide a structured setting for meeting friends and participating in recreational and cultural events. Research shows that students who participate in campus activities or organizations are more likely to stay in school.

14. How will my child know if there is a campus emergency?

Dakota College at Bottineau has an Emergency Notification System (ENS). All students are automatically entered into this and will receive a text, email, and/or phone call should anything happen on campus.

15. Are there any books I can read that may touch on some of these subjects?

Yes, here are possible books to read:

Let the Journey Begin: A Parent's Guide to Understanding the College Years by Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger

You're on Your Own (But I'm Here if You Need Me): Mentoring Your Child During the College years by Majorie Savage

PARENT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



1. How do I know my son/daughter is choosing the right classes for their program of study?

Each student is assigned an academic advisor who assists them with their academic needs. However, it is the student's responsibility to meet with these individuals and manage their own education.

NOTE: Students are placed in English and Math courses according to their ACT or SAT scores, or by taking a placement exam (if the ACT/SAT has not been taken). This ensures that students are in courses that match their academic level.

2. What type of academic services are offered at your campus?

Dakota College at Bottineau provides tutoring services at no additional cost. Encourage your student to use this service.

3. What can parents do to provide academic support?

You can ask what he/she is learning; try not to focus on grades, but more on class content.

4. How will my son/daughter know what their grades are throughout the semester and at the end of the semester?

Grades are issued at the end of each semester. Students need to be proactive in finding out their grades during the semester. All they have to do is ask their instructor.

5. What are the attendance policies at DCB?

Each instructor sets his/her own requirements for class attendance. It is important to note that there is a high correlation between student grades and attendance. Students who do not attend class will more than likely not be successful at DCB.

6. When is payment due for the fall and spring semester?

Specific dates vary from semester to semester. Please contact our Business Office for the current semester's dates.

7. What can parents do to boost their student's health?

You can send healthy snacks, suggest ways to include physical activity, explain the advantages of a good night's sleep, and listen to your student's concerns (big or small). Be in tune to emotional issues and be considerate of his/her feelings.

8. How do I approach the topics of alcohol and drugs?

You should talk openly about it and empower them with knowledge and support to make wise decisions. Maintain open lines of communication, provide a nonjudgemental environment, and educate yourself about the substances that are out there now. Knowledge is power!

9. Will I know if my son/daughter has an alcohol violation?

Parents are typically sent a letter after the second alcohol violation, though sometimes after the first violation depending on the circumstances. We have a zero tolerance policy on illegal drugs and physical violence. If your student is involved in this type of activity, they will usually be removed from the residence halls.

10. What services are available?

DCB has a mental health counselor available on campus and appointments can be scheduled in advance. Our Health Services office is staffed by a registered nurse and services are available 20hrs/week.

11. What is First Year Experience?

DCB requires that all incoming freshman and transfer students (with less than 24 transferable credits) take SOC 105: First Year Experience. This class helps students adjust to college life and gives them the opportunity to meet other people who are also new to the Dakota College at Bottineau Campus.

NOTE: Please contact the Student Services office for the dates and times of this class if you have not received a packet in the mail. In the past this has occurred the weekend before school starts and students are required to attend.