



Dear Parents and Families;

Here at TCNJ we want to ensure that every student reaches his or her full potential. As such, we urge parents and families to continue to engage and support their students.

Parents and family members should keep in mind that the academic experience at The College of New Jersey is very different from that of high school and other institutions. We firmly believe that college should be a transformative experience that turns young adults into high-achieving, independent learners. For this reason, we expect students to take charge of their academics and, autonomously, tackle any problems they encounter. Families should encourage students to address any issues head-on; but ultimately, it is the student's responsibility to reach out to the appropriate faculty members and campus resources. TCNJ has an advising structure through which students can receive guidance on particular classes or their general academic progress. This advising structure includes faculty members, academic advisor(s), department chairs, and assistant dean(s).

TCNJ has also created an early intervention model that allows students to access a Mid-term Progress report that provides feedback from instructors. Students will receive either a "Satisfactory", "Caution", or "Unsatisfactory" indicator towards the middle of the semester. Please encourage your students to be proactive by checking their reports and reaching out to faculty to discuss their academic standing in the class.

Students can give their parents and family members access to their financial and/or education records through PAWS Auxiliary Access. A student can set this up through his/her PAWS account by clicking on the Auxiliary Access link under "Personal Information", and can choose what kind of access to grant the auxiliary users. Accessible options include the ability to view and pay the student's bills and monitor his/her education records and grades. If a family member is granted access, he/she will be given a username, password, and pin number which will enable them to log in to PAWS. Visit our Authorized Users (Auxiliary Access) website to learn how to become an authorized user.

<http://authorizeduser.tcnj.edu/>

Please keep in mind that, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), we cannot discuss or disclose student records if Auxiliary Access cannot be authenticated. For more information about FERPA, please visit the Student Privacy web-page at <https://recreg.tcnj.edu/student-privacy-rights/>

Students should also be encouraged to continuously check the Records and Registration website for important enrollment information and the academic & registration calendar for deadlines.

<http://recreg.pages.tcnj.edu/>

Once again, we would like to congratulate you on your student's enrollment at The College of New Jersey, Please consult TCNJ's parent website <https://parents.tcnj.edu/> for additional resources. We look forward to supporting your student's experience at TCNJ.

Sincerely,

The Office of Records and Registration