



10 THINGS THAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT POST-SECONDARY

1. Your child is an “adult”
 - There are no age requirements for most programs, and institutions consider the relationship with applicants to be an ‘adult’ one. Parents are not involved in the typical application and admissions process—but they are welcome to pay for it!
2. You do not have access to your child’s post-secondary information
 - Parents cannot request to see any information about the marks or performance of their children in post-secondary.
3. There are no intercom systems on campuses
 - You can’t call and ask someone to contact or give your child a message.
4. Institutions offer many support services—but only to students
 - There are plenty of free support services available on campus, but they are not available to other family members—only the student.
5. Courses are cancelled if tuition and other fees are not paid
 - There are deadlines to pay fees; if they aren’t paid, courses can be cancelled.
6. Transcripts are Permanent—You can’t undo an ‘F’
 - The transcript is a permanent record; failures or poor marks can’t be removed.
7. Students should never just quit—they need to ‘withdraw’
 - If a student decides not to finish a semester they should never just quit—that will show on their transcript. They need to formally withdraw from their studies.
8. After a certain date, there’s no refund on fees
 - A percentage of some fees can be refunded if a student withdraws or drops a course, but only if they do so before the deadlines that institutions set.
9. Students may be able to ‘opt out’ of some Extended Health & Dental Plans
 - You may be able to opt out of mandatory Extended Health & Dental Plans if there is equivalent coverage already in place for your family.
10. Be aware of recent changes in tax regulations pertaining to tuition fees
 - At one time, some tuition credits could be transferred to parents, but that’s no longer the case. It’s important to be current on tax credits related to tuition fees.