Semester Preparation Checklist

☐ Subscribe to the Parent and Family Program Newsletter
Stay connected with us by subscribing to our monthly newsletter and by connecting with us on Facebook: Colorado State Parent & Family Programs (public page) or Colorado State Parents & Families (Private Group).

Subscribe to the newsletter at https://parentsandfamily.colostate.edu/newsletter/

☐ FAMweb Access
We encourage you to work with your student now to set up a FAMweb account. This will save time and stress when deadlines arrive to pay bills or access important tax information.

Learn more about gaining access to FAMweb at https://parentsandfamily.colostate.edu/how-to-gain-access/

☐ Remind your student to check their official university email account
Remind your student to check their official Colorado State University email address. This is the email address that CSU will use to communicate important information to your student, so it is important for them to start checking this email as soon as possible.

Students can access their email at https://www.acns.colostate.edu/check-my-email/

☐ Remind your student to Request Accommodations through the Student Disability Center
If your student needs to request accommodations, have them reach out to the Student Disability Center AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to schedule an appointment. We want to ensure they have their accommodations in place as soon as the semester starts!

Learn more about the Accommodations Process at https://disabilitycenter.colostate.edu/accommodations-process/

☐ Encourage your student to submit all test scores and transfer credits as soon as possible.
Encourage your student to submit all AP, IB, and/or transfer credits to the CSU Office of Admissions as soon as possible. Submitting this information as soon as possible will help your student's advising and course registration process go more smoothly.

Learn more about submitting supporting documentation at https://admissions.colostate.edu/submitting-documents/
Remind your student to Complete their Placement Processes

Remind your student to study for and use the Math Placement Tool, complete the Composition Placement to determine their Composition course options, and complete Chem Prep if their program of interest requires CHEM 111 at least one week prior to meeting with their advisor.

For more information about Placement Processes, visit https://otp.colostate.edu/orientation/preparing-for-ram-orientation/#placement-processes

Discuss courses for your student's major or research other academic options

Explore additional majors and academic options with your student.

Learn more about CSU’s academic programs at https://admissions.colostate.edu/academic-programs/

Help your student complete all health-related tasks

Support your student as they complete their health-related tasks, such as submitting their completed immunizations form.

Check out the CSU Health Network New Student Checklist at https://health.colostate.edu/new-student-checklist/

Purchase textbooks from the CSU Bookstore

Remind your student to purchase their textbooks from the CSU Bookstore. They can reserve their textbooks early and CSU bookstore employees will pull their schedule and get all the books they need ready to go for them to pick up before classes start!

Learn more about preordering textbooks: https://www.bookstore.colostate.edu/preorder

Help your student set up their finances

Help your student figure out their finances:

Billing and Financial Aid: https://financialaid.colostate.edu/

[Optional] Students can set up a bank account using a convenient on-campus option:

- Canvas Credit Union Link
- First National Bank of Omaha

Haven and AlcoholEdu

The Haven: Sexual Assault Prevention and AlcoholEdu modules must be completed by all incoming students. Remind your student to complete these as soon as they become available 35 days prior to the beginning of the semester.
Assist your student in signing up for DUO
Your student will need to sign up for DUO: Two Factor Authentication in order to access certain CSU services. To sign up, have your student visit https://www.acns.colostate.edu/duo/ and follow the directions to register and manage their devices.

Remind your student to get their RamCard
RAMCARD (student ID)

Encourage your student to Get their Student ID -- Stop by the RamCard Office to request your RamCard. Remember to bring your original, physical version of a government-issued ID.

RAMCASH

RamCash is the declining-balance account that makes purchasing on campus quick and convenient. Students living in a residence hall, with an on-campus meal plan, automatically get a $150 RamCash allowance each semester. Is your student living Off Campus? They can set up their RamCash account at MyRamCard.colostate.edu for the convenience of campus purchases with their RamCard.

Need to add more RamCash? Students can set up “Guest Login” access at MyRamCard.colostate.edu to allow you and others to deposit RamCash when needed. Once you have access, log into this site to make a deposit.

RamCash balances at the end of a semester carry over to next semester, as long as your student is actively enrolled. For more information about RamCash, please visit ramcash.colostate.edu.