

Tips on how to prepare your neurodivergent teen for in-campus living

Student	Parent
Before Move In	
☐ Tour the school and dorms	☐ Meet with the schools Disability Services team
☐ Consider your personal needs - Quiet space vs Shared space	☐ Explore housing options - Shared vs Single dorm
☐ Meet with Resident advisors (RAs)	☐ Introduce Independent living skills
☐ Pair down to Essentials	☐ Request Early Move-In
☐ Connect with potential roommate(s)	☐ Meet with Resident advisors (RAs)
☐ Stay overnight in campus during Orientation	☐ Communicate the change ahead of time
Move-in Essentials	
☐ Draw a contract with roommate(s)	☐ Consider organization system and storage solutions
☐ Tools for staying organized	☐ Provide a safe place to store medication.
☐ Make your living space your own	☐ Encourage Flexibility Build Self-Accountability
$\hfill\Box$ Be open to opportunities to meet people and make new friend	☐ Help your teen Build Self-Accountability
Keeping things manageable	
☐ Participate in clubs and extracurricular activities that interest	☐ Do a "Dry-Run" before class starts
you and allow you to meet people who share your interests.    Be mindful of your schedule when taking medications	☐ Consider setting reminders during the first weeks to ease your teen into their new routine
Familiarize yourself with available services	☐ Help them self-identify triggers and behaviors
☐ Be proactive about your needs	☐ Identify tasks that can be outsourced
	☐ Consider and Executive Function Coach
Healthy Habits	
☐ Implement a strong study strategy	$\ \square$ Allow your teen to solve their own issues before intervening
☐ Build Self-Accountability	☐ Identify your teen's strengths and lean on them
☐ Practice Flexibility	☐ Establish a "check-in" schedule
☐ Implement strong organization systems	☐ Keep check short