



Parent/Advocate expectations

- 1) We are glad your student is attending NPC. **College is preparatory** for either employment or transfer to another college or university. As a result, a **level of independence** is expected of our students. Please ask questions if you are unclear about next steps, but do not assume that things will be automatically done for you.
- 2) Program requirements can be found on the www.npc.edu webpage or by speaking with an academic adviser. It is wise to **ask about placement testing and required classes** as there may be classes you can take that are not required but may help in completing the required ones. The learning environment at NPC consists of **course material intended for college students**. Students will likely be exposed to concepts and material that is intended for adult audiences.
- 3) Applying for financial aid and ADA services are **best done early**. Due to the personal nature of your tax information and disability documentation, the **student is responsible** for providing that information. NPC does not store your personal documents.
- 4) There are a multitude of resources to help students through a variety of sources. The student should be the one asking for help in connecting to these resources. As a parent/advocate, you are **most helpful in encouraging** the student to ask questions rather than asking them yourself.
- 5) FERPA stands for Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. This release of information allows you access to a student's information and can be changed by the student at any time. It is **your responsibility to notify** anyone at the college that a FERPA release is on file granting you access to the information. Without that notification, you are not likely to get the information you seek.
- 6) Resolving concerns requires going through specific steps. Please **learn what those steps** entail by speaking with an instructor, adviser, Early College adviser, or disability services coordinator (OAI) first. Leapfrogging to a Dean, Director or higher is not advised and will likely slow the process down.
- 7) Many classes will require the student to upload assignments, research information, and take quizzes and tests through an online platform. If your student is not familiar or is uncomfortable with their technology use skills, **you can reduce a lot of stress** by suggesting the student improve these skills before enrolling in classes.
- 8) The student is responsible for **providing their own transportation** to and from NPC. In some cases, there may be scholarships to offset the cost of transportation. The student can learn more by talking with an academic adviser.
- 9) Textbooks can be purchased through any online store. It is important to get **the ISBN number of the required textbook** off the www.npc.edu webpage and shop around for the best deal. Keep in mind that it may take a while for shipping so do not wait to order textbooks. Purchasing used workbooks or lab manuals will likely mean that the pages you need to complete assignments may be missing. ReadWrite is free software for students that can be downloaded from www.npc.edu/oai and used in conjunction with an eBook to get audio content.
- 10) Also found on the webpage, is the **academic calendar** <https://www.npc.edu/academic-calendar>. In addition to a course syllabus, the academic calendar provides important information about when the college is closed for holidays, when schedules are available, and last days to drop or withdraw from classes.

