



Residential Life Parent Guide

What if...

My child is having roommate trouble and wants to switch rooms?

My child is concerned about receiving a new roommate?

My child needs special housing accommodations because of a medical concern?

My child has been involved with a policy violation and I want to learn more about ASCTE's disciplinary process?

Then...

You should encourage your child to first contact their Resident Assistant (RA). The RA can work with the students to talk through concerns and help develop mutually agreed-upon solutions. If this first option does not resolve the issue, then your child should ask the Director of Residential Life to assist.

Remind your child that per the House Occupancy Agreement, residents only occupy a space in the room, not the whole room. Residential Life reserves the right to change room assignments, to assign roommates, to consolidate vacancies, and to change occupancies as it deems to be necessary and without consent of the occupants.

You should discuss these with your child and encourage him/her to address them with the Dean of Students and the Director of Residential Life. If the request is approved, ASCTE staff will work to make the necessary accommodation.

It is helpful to know that ASCTE has a student conduct system that handles infractions against rules and regulations. When a student is involved in an incident, a report is filed by a staff member, a hearing is conducted (in which the student has the opportunity to present relevant facts of the case), and then a finding (responsible or not responsible) is made. To review the Code of Conduct check out the ASCTE Student Handbook.

My child is not answering their phone and I haven't heard from them in a few days?

You are welcome to contact our staff; however, please be understanding of the time frame. Sometimes, when students go off to school, they don't always return phone calls as quickly as they once did. If you are worried about your child's safety and/or well being, please contact the staff on duty phone number.

My child believes there may be pests in the room or there are facility issues that need to be repaired?

Encourage your child to tell the RA so that we can begin treatment or have repairs made. We will offer temporary relocation to another space if necessary.

Pests are attracted to food sources. Encourage your child to keep food locked in airtight containers and store them off the floor.

My child was involved in an incident and I am seeking information?

We will encourage students to communicate with parents directly for minor cases, where we can ensure their privacy. In cases of emergency and when it is deemed necessary, ASCTE staff will communicate with parents.

I want to mail a letter or package to my child?

We will provide mailing information for all residential students. Please make sure the student's full name is on the address label.

I want to find out about educational opportunities for my child?

The residential community engages programs and initiatives designed to meet the needs of residents. Educational plans come to life through community programming, one-on-one conversations, mentoring opportunities, and participation in school events.

Message to Parents:

Part of our expectation for ASCTE students, residential and commuter students alike, is that they learn to be responsible, self-reliant, and self-sufficient.

It is important for parents to give their children space to grow and learn at the school without interjecting themselves into areas that are a matter of student responsibility. For example, it is reasonable for parents to communicate with advisors every two weeks or so, but it is not reasonable to call daily and expect an immediate answer. ASCTE will not provide daily and weekly updates to parents because we believe this does not promote student independence and self-reliance.

ASCTE is not a therapeutic or tutoring school; we are a STEM-focused boarding school that is not designed to provide students with regular counseling or daily intervention. Instead, we offer a safe environment in which students can navigate independently in their work, their responsibilities, and their relationships with peers and staff. We ask parents to support and encourage students to take responsibility for their own education at ASCTE. We urge parents to communicate with ASCTE staff immediately about areas of major concern.