The Source Orientation Survey and Results

1. Did you participate in an M State orientation/registration event either on-campus or online? (select one)
   Yes  No  I don’t remember

If Yes, Why (Branch to number 2)

If No, Why (Branch to number 8)

2. (If Yes to #1) What did you find most helpful from attending the orientation/registration event?
   • Finding out what classes are needed/program page
   • Tour of campus
   • Meeting with advisor
   • One stop place to get questions answered
   • Mapping of academic plan
   • Prepared for what to expect as a student; step by step of what to do prior to semester start
   • eServices navigation
   • Available resources
   • Fast & simple (eCampus)
   • D2L
   • PSEO prep
   • Layout and quizzes made you pay attention (eCampus)
   • Familiarity with the school
   • Broad spectrum of info.
   • Tips on how to succeed (eCampus)
   • Get back in to school (returning students; non-traditional)
   • Program information
   • Faculty involvement
   • Friendly staff

3. What was left out that would have been helpful to you?
   • Who advisor is and why haven’t I met yet
   • Faculty background
   • Tour of whole campus
   • Career planning
   • IT department – services and free download info
   • Better D2L instructions
• Average years it takes to graduate
• Not aware how to progress with day after completing Accuplacer
• Tour, not map
• Better outline of eCampus site
• Bathroom locations
• Info on courses needed for common degrees
• Selling books back
• FA and how it works
• Difference between online and on campus courses
• More help on financial matters
• Tutoring information, subjects covered
• Detailed program information
• Study hints, study time needed
• Virtual tour
• Transfer programs, what schools can transfer to, what courses transfer
• Immunizations needed on file
• Online navigation
• Offices – who does what, what to go there for
• Student Engagement opportunities/events
• Importance of student email account
• Tips on registration
• What to expect when I get in to (dental program)
• Copy of academic calendar
• Advice from college students and instructors
• Unsure of who to contact for help
• What to do when orientation was over
• Time mgmt.
• Work load balance

4. How did you find out the information that was left out?
• Asking around
• Haven’t found info
• Picked up pieces here and there from students
• Students
• Campus employment/peer advising
• On own
• Website/Spartan Net
• Advisors
• SDS office/front desk
• Parents
• Instructors
• Google
• Monitors, bulletin boards, emails
5. Please tell us what you think M State students need to know to be a successful student at the college.
   - Attend classes
   - Do your schoolwork/work ethic
   - Study/study skills
   - Don’t procrastinate
   - Read
   - How to access Spartan Center in non-intimidating way/get tutor when needed
   - Resources available to succeed
   - Learn what classes to take with what majors
   - Time mgmt/organization
   - Imp dates to remember
   - How to build resume/market to land employment/job placement info
   - D2L
   - High standard – not just a CC
   - Difference from high school
   - Selective admissions criteria
   - Work load; how to balance
   - Be prepared
   - Ask questions
   - Self-discipline
   - Know when classes are offered (if not offered every semester)
   - What is expected of us as a student
   - Tour of building and where classes are held
   - Student engagement activities
   - Importance of communication w/instructors
   - Online courses are not easier
   - Online vs ecampus resources
   - Budgeting
   - Forms
   - Library resources

6. When and how should the college get this information to you?
   - Tell them – a lot;
   - Posters/pamphlets
   - College blog
   - Peer mentoring
   - Faculty
   - Prior to semester start
   - An event
- End Survey for Yes to question 1 -

8. (If No to #1) Why didn’t you attend orientation?
   - Didn’t know/wasn’t invited
   - Didn’t have time, registered late
   - Didn’t think it was necessary
   - eCampus only student
   - commitment already on same days
   - Not enough time
   - Unnecessary
   - Over seas
• Already had classes set up
• Already knew college

9. (If No to #1) How did you get information that you needed to navigate the various processes at M State?
• Alumni
• Online, website
• Advisor
• On own
• Faculty
• Help link
• Emails
• Students
• Staff at college
• Coach

10. Please tell us what you think M State students need to know to be a successful student at the college.
• To meet with an advisor – academic planning
• Do school work
• Study/study skills
• Selective admission info
• Resources available to them
• Do your best
• Spartan Center – how to obtain tutoring
• Go to class
• Be in contact with faculty
• Time mgmt./organization
• Use 1st semester to get a feel for college
• Online vs campus courses – challenges with each
• Costs
• Orientation for all students should be required
• How to learn
• Opportunities M State has to offer

11. When and how should the college get this information to you?
• At time registering for classes
• Emails
• Faculty
• Online
• Prior to start of semester
• Prior to registration period opening
• On own
• Advisors
• Current students/alumni
• Welcome week
• Signs around school
• Meetings
• Text
• Phone calls
• Mailing
• Orientation

12. Any additional comments related to the orientation/registration process:
   • Better communication from advisors – especially related to online and campus course offerings
   • Offered each semester
   • Availability and flexibility of employees
   • Needs to be implemented more
   • Helpful to new students
   • More when students are on campus

-End Survey for No to question 2 -