**Please note that this is a general orientation reminder email. Students will receive an email reminder including the date of their orientation program about 3 days before the program starts. All email communications will be sent to the email the student provided during the orientation registration process. Please check the junk/spam mail folder too.**

New Student Orientation Reminder

Orientation check-in begins at 10:15 a.m. on day one. Orientation is a two day experience at MSU Mankato. The orientation program begins at 1:00 p.m. on day one. All orientation activities, including registration for classes, will take until 4:00 p.m. on day two. Please make sure to plan accordingly. **Attendance at the entire orientation program is required in order to register for classes.**

PARKING INFORMATION

The location for Orientation parking is GREEN LOT 16. The closest GPS address is 420 Ellis Avenue, Mankato, MN.

Park ONLY in areas designated as GREEN permit parking in Lot 16. DO NOT park in GOLD permit parking, pay meter stalls, handicap stalls (unless you have a permit), or any other posted University stalls. You may be ticketed and towed at your own expense.

There is a pay lot available for $3.00 for the first hour and $2.00 for each additional hour. If you choose to park in this lot you will be asked to pay before you leave. Orientation will not reimburse you for this fee.

Directions and Parking Map

STUDENT CHECK-IN LOCATION AND INFORMATION

Orientation check-in occurs between at 10:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on day one in the Preska Residence Hall Community. Students will need photo identification to check-in for orientation. At check-in students will receive a program schedule, be assigned to a room for the night, a student ID appointment time, and receive all program materials. Lunch on day one is on your own, the remaining meals are part of the orientation experience. **Orientation begins at 1:00 p.m. on day one, all students and guests need to have checked in by that time.**

Student roommates will also be assigned at the time of check-in. Students will share a suite with up to three (3) other new students. If you have a roommate you would like to stay with, please arrive to check-in together. Linens **are not provided** in student rooms. Plan to bring a pillow, blanket or sleeping bag and towels. The beds in student rooms may also be lofted off of the floor.

Students attending orientation are assigned an on campus room as part of their fee. Students may choose not to stay overnight on campus, however adjustments will not be made to the orientation fee.

**Students arriving after 12:30 p.m. should proceed directly to the Centennial Student Union Ballroom for check-in.**

FAMILY/GUEST CHECK-IN LOCATION AND INFORMATION

Registered family/guest check-in occurs between at 10:15 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on day 1 in the Preska Residence Hall Community. At check-in registered guests will receive a program schedule and receive all family program materials.
Family housing is not included in the family/guest fee. Families must have registered for a housing space separately at an additional cost.

Families who reserved on campus housing will receive their room assignment at check-in. This room is separate from student housing. Each on campus room includes a full shared bathroom, two single beds, linen service, and air conditioning. Families who reserved an on campus housing room will be sharing an unlocked bathroom suite with another family. A television and phone are not provided. Families/guests who are arranging their own hotel stay during orientation can visit our Hotels/Lodging website for hotels offering MSU Mankato group rates.

Guests arriving after 12:30 p.m. should proceed directly to the Centennial Student Union Ballroom for check-in.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION AND SCHEDULES

Students and guests will receive an official schedule during the check-in process. Below you find links to information that will be helpful to the orientation experience. Orientation does last until about 4:00 p.m. on day two. Please make sure to plan your travel arrangements accordingly.

Pre-Orientation Information Sessions and MavCARD Appointments (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
After checking in, students will be assigned a MavCARD (student ID) appointment time between 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on day one, or an appointment on day two of orientation. Student Financial Services will also be providing a variety of informational sessions on financial aid during this time. More information will be provided at orientation check-in.

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Orientation Activities if under the Age of 18
Students are able to participate in a variety of orientation activities (volleyball, basketball, fitness classes, rock climbing, etc.) offered in the Campus Recreation facilities, Centennial Student Union, and a variety of other campus locations. All students that choose to participate must sign a liability waiver. If a student will be under the age of 18 when attending orientation, he/she must have a parent/guardian also sign the liability waiver(s). If you are under 18 and plan on participating in these activities, please print the following waivers and provide the proper signatures for this event. Bring these forms with you, and you can turn them in during check-in. Students who are 18 or older, will have the ability to sign this waiver prior to participating in any orientation activities.

General New Student Orientation Waiver
Rock Climbing Forms (If you plan on using the Rock Climbing Wall during orientation, BOTH of these forms need to be filled out in addition to the general New Student Orientation Waiver.)

MATH AND ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST INFORMATION

The Math and English Placement Test will occur during the orientation program. Students who do not meet the ACT requirements would need to take the placement test. This testing information is used for placement into English and Math. Not all students will need to take this test.

You may need to take the Math Placement Test if...

- You have not submitted your official ACT scores to the Office of Admission prior to orientation.
- Your Math ACT subscore is below 19.
- You would like to try to be placed in a higher Math course for your major.
- It has been more than 2 years since you completed the ACT or Accuplacer test.

You will need to take the English Placement Test if...

- You have not submitted your official ACT scores to the Office of Admission prior to orientation.
- Your English ACT subscore is below 18.
- It has been more than 2 years since you completed the ACT or Accuplacer test.

Questions regarding Math and English Placement Testing should be directed to the Center for Academic Success at 507-389-1791. More information about the policy, placement guidelines, and practice questions can be found at http://www.mnsu.edu/success/placement/.

Testing Accommodations: Students requesting testing accommodations need to contact the Minnesota State Mankato Office of Disability Services at 507-389-2825 as soon as possible to establish an academic accommodation plan. Testing accommodations are available only to students with documented disabilities. Students with disabilities must provide current documentation of their disability and meet with the Director of Disability Services in order to develop their accommodation plan. This plan must be in place prior to Orientation if test accommodations are to be provided.

ORIENTATION RESERVATION NOTES/CANCELLATION POLICY

- Orientation activities last until 4:00 p.m. on day two of orientation, including registration for classes. Student attendance at the entire Orientation program is required to register for classes.
- MSU Mankato is an alcohol, tobacco and smoke free campus. Alcohol consumption, regardless of age, is prohibited on campus.
- Changes to your orientation reservation can be made by going to the orientation registration site, www.mnsu.edu/newstudent/orientation and clicking “Register for Orientation.” If you need additional assistance, please call the Office of New Student and Family Programs at 507-389-5498.

Reservation Cancellation Policy: Orientation reservations may be cancelled online or by phone (507-389-5498) until five (5) business days prior to your scheduled orientation session date. Students will receive a partial refund of 50% and family members will receive a full refund if a cancellation request is submitted at least five (5) business days prior to your
scheduled session date. Those who do not give five business days’ notice, or do not show up, will be charged the entire program fee.

You may contact the Office of New Student and Family Programs with questions at 507-389-5498 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We look forward to seeing you at orientation!

Sincerely,

The Office of New Student and Family Programs

**Students:** Don’t forget to "Like" [MSU Class of 2017](http://www.mnsu.edu/classof2017) on Facebook!

**Family Members:** Sign up to receive communication and updates from MSU Mankato during the academic year by visiting [http://www.mnsu.edu/family/newsletter/subscribe.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/family/newsletter/subscribe.html).