

MISSING STUDENT POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the university's response to reports of a missing student, as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/>). This university policy applies to students in the BUILD program who reside in university-operated residence halls and apartments.

For purposes of this policy, a student may be considered to be a "missing student" if the person's absence is contrary to his/her usual pattern of behavior and unusual circumstances may have caused the absence. Such circumstances could include a reasonable/reliable report or suspicion that the missing student may be endangered. Examples include, but are not limited to, a possible victim of foul play, expression of suicidal thoughts, alcohol or other drug abuse, a life-threatening situation, or recent contact with persons who may endanger the student's welfare.

1. No later than 6 hours from the time that the student is determined to be missing in accordance with the procedure above, the Vice President of Student Experience, the BUILD Director, or designee will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) that the student is believed to be missing.
2. With the exception of the above described timeline for notification of the parents/guardians, the procedures beyond this step will be as detailed in the Missing Student Policy in the Student Life Campus Policies and Procedures (<https://betheluniversity.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/stulife/pages/50824701/Missing+Student+Policy/>).