



Sam Houston  
State University

---

Office of the Provost

---

## Tools to Support Student Success

Welcome back, faculty and staff! Here a few reminders about student success initiatives and resources available to you as you begin a new semester.

### Academic Policy Updates

There are two recent policies, both posted and shared with campus in January 2025, that affect the classroom this semester:

1. APS 800401, [Class Attendance](#)

- Faculty are expected to monitor course attendance (section 1)
- Faculty should be mindful that some types of absences must be excused (section 2)

2. APS 240430, [Course Structure and Management](#)

- Faculty are required to enter grades into their Blackboard course gradebook (section 3)
- Early and frequent feedback to students is encouraged whenever possible
- Student success teams will pull gradebook data periodically to identify students who are struggling, so they can connect them with helpful resources, eliminating the need for faculty to complete progress reports
- SHSU Online instructional designers are ready and available to assist faculty with setting up their Blackboard course gradebooks

### Blackboard Course Page Additions

For faculty and students' convenience, each Blackboard course page is now auto-populated with:

- Bearkat Student Success Hub module
- TimelyCare – Mental Health Support module

Faculty, please consider building your course content *after* these modules, so the modules are easily visible to students at the top of the course page throughout the semester.

## **Academic Integrity Online Instructor Resources**

Faculty have access to the Academic Integrity Instructor Resource Platform in Blackboard, which provides helpful resources and guidance to use in efforts to foster a culture of academic honesty.

For artificial intelligence support resources, faculty may utilize the information available on the [SHSU Generative AI Guidance Webpage](#). The page includes introductory resources to share with students, syllabus statement examples, and more.

## **Campus Connect Student Alert System**

Any student concerns, including academic, attendance, financial, food/housing, and behavioral, should be [reported in Campus Connect](#) so students can be connected to the appropriate resources.

---

*This email is being sent to faculty and staff in the Division of Academic Affairs.*

---



MEMBER THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

1905 University Ave. | Huntsville, TX 77340 US

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.