



Why Tiger DEN?

Right now, four out of five students work part-time jobs, averaging 19 hours per week, while attending classes. However, only 18% of students in one study reported being able to cover their college expenses by working a job. Instead, 41% depend on financial aid to cover their college expenses and 16% utilize scholarships. Looking at these statistics shows us that a surprising number of students live at or near the poverty level. In 2013, the national poverty rate was 14.5%, but for students who were not living with relatives or on campus the poverty rate was nearly 52%.

Northeast Mississippi Community College strives to support students and encourage completion and graduation with the help of the entire campus. However, food insecurity is strongly linked to lower graduation rates. When these statistics were reviewed, our college knew that something had to be done. The response was to create a food pantry for NEMCC students.

Tiger D.E.N. stands for Delivering Every Need. Not only does our campus provide food, but we are providing personal hygiene products too. From toothpaste to laundry detergent, every need can be met.

Mission Statement

The mission of NEMCC Tiger D.E.N. is to establish a healthy community of students by combating hunger and providing for basic needs through the distribution of food and simple necessities.

Procedures

Any student wishing to receive products from Tiger D.E.N. must be a currently enrolled Northeast student with a minimum of one credit hour in the current semester. To qualify, students must fill out an application online. Once the application is approved, the student will then fill out the request form. On this form, students can select the type of food and items they like and need. The amount of food will be based on family size.

Location

The Tiger D.E.N. is located within the Tutoring Lab inside the Student Success Center housed in Wright Hall.

Contact

You may contact the Tiger D.E.N. by email at tigerden@nemcc.edu. You may also check out the website at: www.nemcc.edu/current-students/tigerden. Or you can contact the director, Emily Pollard at ext 7310.

Future Dates

The Tiger D.E.N. is open for registration each month until the last Tuesday of the month. The pick-up date is the last Thursday of the month. For Spring 2019 the following dates have been set:

Registration Dates

Pick-Up Date

January 1-29

January 31

February 1-26

February 28

March 1-26

March 28

April 1-23

April 25

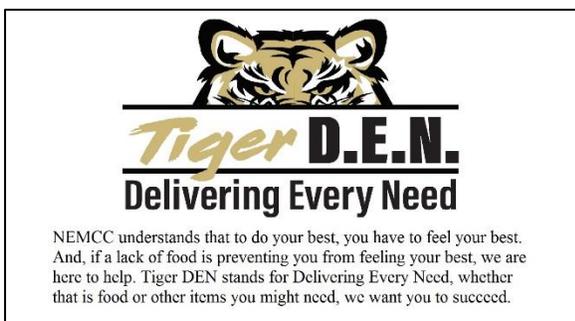
Student Organization Support

Each student organization or club is encouraged to participate in the Tiger DEN. Each month an organization or group of organizations can come together to collect donations (food or money) and help stock the pantry as well as organize the pantry. This is putting our students at the center of this program.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:

72 hour bags

This service is not publicized to students. It is just for faculty/staff to know about. This will be for students who may need help before or after the monthly give-a-way. These bags are designed for on campus students (off-campus students can use it well) who may need to make it over the weekend. There will be enough food for 72 hours that is microwavable or easy to grab. Examples include water, snack bars, chips, canned meat, ravioli, easy mac, pop tarts, etc.



Process for Students:

The process is simple:

1. Your first time requesting this service, we ask that you fill out the easy application. It is found online at www.nemcc.edu/current-students/tigerden
2. Once you have been approved, meaning staff check to see that you are a registered student, you will be given a DEN ID.
3. Log onto our Tiger D.E.N. website and fill out the Request Form. Here you will choose the types of food you like or need, types of cooking appliances you have available, and time you are going to pick up.
4. When the pick-up time is confirmed and your order is ready, you will receive notification via your official NEMCC email.
5. You will come to Wright Hall, go to the Student Success Tutorial Lab, and look for the Tiger D.E.N. Pick-Up sign. You will present your Student ID and receive your order.

QUICK INFO:

-Tiger DEN is for any student enrolled in at least 1 hour at NEMCC.

-We have non-perishable food and personal hygiene items.

-It's as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4!

1. APPLY

Go online to our website and fill out the Application

2. GET DEN #

Wait for your approval and Tiger DEN # to come to your NE email

3. REQUEST

Go online and fill out the Request Form

4. PICK UP

On the pick-up date, go to Wright Hall Student Success Center Tutorial Lab to get your package.

For more information and forms, go online www.nemcc.edu/current-students/tigerden