



## WHAT TO BRING

Boarding students often wonder what they should bring with them when they move into a dormitory for the first time. Here are some guidelines that have proven helpful over the years:

### Room Furnishings

Each dorm room contains a bed, desk, chair, bureau and closet space. Each room also has at least one window and the windows are supplied with shades. The shapes and sizes of the rooms vary greatly, so new students are advised to delay bringing extra furniture, large rugs or window curtains until they have lived in the room for a while.

Students have found the following items to be useful:

- alarm clock
- wastebasket
- trunk with a lock for additional secure storage
- telephone for your land line if you are ordering one
- desk lamp
- iPod and/or computer speakers for your music

### Bedding and Laundry

*Students must bring their own pillows, blankets, and bedspreads. If you are bringing your own sheets from home, please note that you will need extra-long, fitted, twin sheets.* Students who wish to do their own laundry will find coin-operated machines in several locations on campus. An outside laundry service is available if that is your preference. You will find laundry information online from E&R Laundry. There are several plans to choose from including renting of towels and sheets.

### Room Decorations

Decorations are limited by good taste and dorm parents may ask that offensive material be removed. To preserve the paint and plaster, students may not tack, nail or use adhesive tapes to affix anything to the walls. Students must use special adhesive wall tack available in the school store if displaying decorations directly on the walls. **Due to the hazard of fire, no fabric wall hangings are permitted.**

### Clothing

Although our dress code is relaxed, there are several times during the year when more formal attire is required. Please be sure to bring the following items: collared shirt, tie, sport coat, dress pants, shoes and socks (not athletic shoes) for boys and the equivalent APPROPRIATE "dress up" attire for girls. At all times, modesty and respect for self and the learning of others should be exhibited (please see our rule book, *Omnibus Lucet* for more specific dress-code information).

New England weather can change quickly. Students should arrive at school in September with ample warm clothing and rainwear. Hats are not allowed to be worn in the dining hall or any academic building.

### These Items Are Prohibited

For safety reasons, no electrical or cooking appliances may be used in dormitory rooms except UL-approved stereos, computers, radios, clocks, electric blankets, irons, lamps, and low -power hair dryers.

Prohibited items include:

- halogen lamps
- heating coils
- hot plates/pots
- rice cookers
- refrigerators
- monitors that exceed 25"
- candles or incense burners
- any other use of open flame in the rooms
- televisions
- all types of pets

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