



## Frequently Asked Questions & Boarding Student Packing List 2023 - 2024

### Kitchens

Every dorm has a kitchen that students have access to use in the evenings and weekends to prepare their own meals. Each kitchen is equipped with a stove, microwave, toaster, electric kettle and refrigerator(s). Students are permitted to bring additional appliances like a keurig and rice cooker, but they are responsible for storage of those items. Pots and pans are **not** provided by the school, so they are required to bring their own if cooking is of interest to them. Mini refrigerators are also a privilege limited to our Proctors (boarding student leaders), so please refrain from bringing.

### Dorm Room Decor & Potential Damages

We allow our students to decorate their dorm rooms according to their desire and interest. We do discourage students from using nails, push pins or other items that will cause damage. Students will be responsible for any damages to walls, ceilings, doors, floors, bathrooms or furniture.

### Items that are NOT permitted in the dorms are:

Adhesive LED lights, nails and push pins  
Lighters, matches, candles & incense  
Televisions, large computer monitors, gaming systems (PS5, Nintendo Switch, etc)  
Knives and swords  
Tattooing equipment, stick & poke and ink  
Prescribed medications (Must be secured in the Nurse's Office)

### Additional Questions

If there are additional questions that were not answered here, feel free to reach out to the **Dean of Residence Life** ([Lcoleman@solebury.org](mailto:Lcoleman@solebury.org))

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

1. What furniture is provided in each bedroom?  
*Bed, Desk and Closet/Wardrobe*
2. What size are the mattresses?  
*All beds are standard twin size.*
3. How many roommates will my student have?  
*Each dorm varies, but Hope & Holmquist are all doubles. In Walter Lamb there is a possibility of a double or triple.*
4. Are there any single rooms available on campus?  
*Unfortunately, we do not have any single rooms available on campus. All students are guaranteed to have a roommate.*
5. How can I best prepare my student for boarding?  
*Many students who are boarders, enter the community having very little experience living away from home. While there are always dorm parents available to support and assist, it'd be helpful to begin encouraging independence in certain aspects. You can best prepare them by ensuring they know how to do their own laundry, maintain a clean space, allowing them to begin managing downtime and encouraging them to advocate for themselves or others when they are struggling or experiencing a challenge. Throughout their time here all these areas will be strengthened and you'll recognize their independence when they return home for breaks.*
6. My student may need transportation to and from the airports occasionally. Is there a company that you recommend?  
*We recommend Phantasy Transportation Inc. They can be reached via email [phantasylimo@aol.com](mailto:phantasylimo@aol.com) or via phone (610) 742-2939.*



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**\*Be sure to label all personal items!\***

### Linens & Laundry

- 2 Twin Size Bed Sheets
- Towels
- Pillow
- Blankets
- Clothes Hangers
- Laundry Basket or Laundry Bag
- Laundry Detergent
- Fabric Softener
- Dryer Sheets

*\*There is no additional charge for use of washers & dryers for boarders.*

### Room Need/Storage

- Mini Trash Can
- Storage Bins
- Under Bed Storage Bins or Boxes
- Mini Refrigerators (Proctors Privilege Only)

### Desk Supplies

- Desk Lamp
- Alarm Clock
- Command Hooks
- Pens & Pencils
- Notebooks
- Folders

### Toiletries

- Shower Caddy
- Shower Shoes (Flip Flops)
- Soap/Body Wash
- Shampoo, Conditioner & Styling Products
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Nail Clippers & Nail File
- Hand Soap

### Electronic Appliances Permitted

- Hairdryers, Flat Irons or Curling Irons
- Laptops
- Portable Speaker

### Clothing

- Bathrobe (Holmquist)
- Light Jacket
- Heavy Coat (November through March)
- 1 Pair of Rain Boots
- Sneakers
- Business Casual Outfit
- 1 Pair of Dress Shoes
- Clothes (Change out items on a seasonal basis)

### Kitchen Items

*Each dorm kitchen is equipped with a stove, microwave, toaster, electric kettle & refrigerator in the kitchen. **No pots or pans are provided for cooking.***

- Food Storage Containers
- Pots & Pans (Stored in Room)
- Reusable cups, silverware & plates
- Reusable Water Bottle

*\*We are a sustainably conscious community, so single use plastic items are discouraged\**

### Miscellaneous

- Snacks & Food (Proper food storage containers)
- Masks
- Sanitizer
- Cleaning Materials (Lysol, Clorox Wipes, etc.)
- Umbrella
- Backpack
- Sports Equipment
- Lock Box (For valuable items)