Suggested Packing list for Boarding Students

It is hard to know exactly what to bring the first time you come to boarding school. During Orientation, we will make shuttle trips to Target and other stores in the area, so it is not necessary to have everything on this list! Advisors and hall parents are very helpful in getting students something that they need. We do strongly suggest labeling your student’s items in case they are misplaced, especially items like jackets or blazers that all look alike. Additionally, please think carefully before sending expensive clothing or expensive personal items with your student.

Each dorm room includes: bed, mattress cover, desk, desk chair, trash can, recycling bin, and dresser. Beds are Twin XL. Most new students will be in a double room with a roommate – there is more information below.

Clothing

Classroom dress items – please see dress code.

Note: if you are a 3rd form parent, remember this is often a BIG growth year for students. Students change clothes for afternoon activities and only wear classroom dress for Thursday night dinner and a Sunday meal. Pants, skirts, dresses and blazers can often be worn more than one time in a given week.

1-2 blazers for classroom dress (This is a good idea, but I would not go with expensive models for younger students still in major growth mode. A navy (or black) blazer is always good to have on hand – I keep one in my office and suggest Day students have one in their locker.)

jeans or khakis without rips or holes (for Spirit Dress – some Fridays and all Service Saturdays)
t-shirts and athletic shorts
shoes and socks for classroom dress and outdoor activities (we have great trails and lots of opportunities to be in the gym, on our fields and in the woods)
casual shorts, pants, shirts and other attire for weekends
conservative swimsuit
pajamas
rain jacket and rain boots (really good idea – should fit over blazer!)
winter coat and snow boots (snow boots not a necessity-we don’t get that much snow!)
hat and gloves
any personal items needed for athletics or afternoon activities including appropriate shoes (Uniforms will be provided for athletic competition)

School Supplies – many of these available in the School Store

pens, pencils, erasers (with a pencil bag/pouch)
starter supply of paper (lined and graph)
3-ring binders: D ring with clear cover pocket on front (1.5”)
a few spiral notebooks
assignment book (Asheville School planner will be given to all new 3rd Form students)
seat cushion for desk chair
backpack (wide enough to carry a few textbooks and binders at the same time)
index cards (3 x 5) for flash cards or a box of blank flash cards
Laptop cover for 13” MacBook Air – some available in School Store. All new students will be issued a computer on Opening Day which they will use during their entire tenure at Asheville School including summers. Please read the Technology Policy for more information.

Calculator – TI-83+, 83+ Silver Edition, 84+, or 84+ Silver Edition (Please check requirements for specific Mathematics class that your student is taking.)
Toiletries
shampoo, conditioner, face-wash, and body-wash or soap
deodorant
hair care supplies
shower caddy to carry toiletries to the shower
shower shoes
toothpaste, toothbrush, and floss
shaving supplies or electric shaver
feminine hygiene products
sunscreen and bug spray
Note: Any OTC medications (Advil, melatonin, etc.) must be approved and inspected by the Health Center before they can be kept in a student’s room. This is not a big deal – students just take them by and have a sticker put on them. All prescription medications are kept in the Health Center.

Linens and Laundry
pillow
bed linens for Twin XL (mattress covers are provided)
towels and washcloths (at least two of each)
robe to wear to the showers
comforter/blanket
laundry bag
laundry detergent
dryer sheets
You may choose to order dorm bedding and bundles from American Made Dorm and Home, click here. This service ensures your dorm bedding (comforters, sheets, towels, mattress pads, pillows and more) will be at Asheville School when you arrive!

Window Treatments (Optional)
The school provides blinds for dorm room windows. Curtains and curtain rods are not provided by the school. If you would like curtains hung in your room, your hall parent will submit a work order to maintenance during orientation. The maintenance department is happy to properly hang a curtain rod provided by you. You should not attempt to hang the curtain rod so that we can avoid damage to our walls.

If you would like to purchase curtains, here are the dimensions of the windows in the dorms:
1st Lawrence: 96 x 84
1st Anderson: 48 x 72
2nd & 3rd Lawrence and 2nd & 3rd Anderson:
  single - 48 x 63
  double - 96 x 63
Kehaya: inside dimensions - 64 x 64 (rod to floor - 95”)

You can see information about room layouts here.
**Miscellaneous**

alarm clock (preferably battery powered)

wrist watch

window fan (only Kehaya is air conditioned so Window Fan is a necessity!)

flashlight

batteries

water bottle

plastic drinking cup, fork, knife, spoon, mug

sealable plastic containers to store snacks

decorations for room (posters, pictures of family, small plants)

Note: posters must be put up with "FUNTAC" - no nails or tape

desk lamp (optional but a very good idea!)

area rug (optional)

comfortable chair for reading or lounging (optional but most students get a desk chair for more comfortable studying)

*You may bring sports equipment or musical instruments. Only Prefects can bring a fridge. Please DO NOT bring irons, coffee pots, Keurig's, hot plates, string lights or other heating elements!*