

Perkiomen Resolved

Perkiomen School 2020-2021 Academic Year

We are eager to welcome you to campus for the 2020-2021 school year! This document was created to assist you in making travel arrangements and to alert you of new protocols for campus arrival. Please refer to ongoing communications from Head of School, Mark A. Devey, for more specific information for the 2020-2021 school year. Our Perkiomen Resolved webpage, www.perkiomen.org/resolved, will also be updated on a regular basis.

Perkiomen School's campus, including dormitories, will open for the fall term on **August 27, 2020**. Registration will be held between **August 27 and September 1, 2020**. If your arrival date falls outside of these dates, please coordinate your arrival directly with the Student Life Office.

Requirements for International Students

- When planning your arrival to campus, all students are required to complete a [travel form](#), which will include arrival details and a timed reservation to move into the dormitory, with final confirmation from the Student Life Office. Please complete by August 1, 2020.
- Transportation to campus must be reserved through the Student Life office, unless students are driven to campus with their parents.
- All students will meet with health center staff for a health assessment before being allowed in any building on campus. Dormitory entry is limited to the residents of that dormitory and on-duty Perkiomen staff.
- Boarding students whose primary residence is more than 500 miles away from campus must designate a host person or family who will house the student if this is required due to student illness or other COVID-19-related issue, including campus closure. The host would need to live within driving distance of campus and be able to transport the student by car. Any family that cannot provide this is required to contact Student Life for help in developing a pandemic care plan for the student.

Recommendations for International Students

- Once international students arrive in the United States, they are encouraged to remain in the United States. If desired, a student can begin the year on campus and return home to continue learning online. Our recommendation is that you participate with in-person instruction for the full year and purchase either:
 - a one-way plane ticket, arriving in August 2020, or
 - a round-trip ticket that has a return date in June 2021.



- Residence halls will open August 27, 2020, will be open during all school breaks, and remain open until June 2, 2021.
 - During breaks, the campus will be staffed to ensure continued care and well-being of students.
 - Students staying at Perkiomen School during school breaks will incur an additional charge of \$75-\$135/day.

- Families are expected to monitor and follow travel guidelines pertaining to their home country. The President has issued five COVID-19-related proclamations to limit travel to the United States. These proclamations will remain in effect until terminated by the President. The affected countries are listed on the [CDC website](#). Any student or family member arriving from one of these countries would need to isolate in another location for 14 days before entering the United States. Because of the changing array of restrictions, we recommend regularly checking travel advisories.
 - The [CDC website](#) provides updated information about current travel restrictions to the United States.
 - The [NAFSA: Association of International Educators website](#) tracks US visa and entry restrictions related to COVID-19.
 - Information will be updated on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) [COVID-19 resource page](#) under the Nonimmigrant Students and SEVP-Certified Schools section.
 - The [US Department of Homeland Security website](#) lists arrival restrictions related to COVID-19.

- If a student is unable to arrive on campus prior to the first day of classes, due to travel restrictions or visa issues, the student will participate in online classes and campus activities like Advisory and Institute-related programming. When the student is able to return, dormitory space will be ready to resume on-campus instruction and residential life.

Note: Students who are unable to return to a full boarding experience for an extended period due to travel restrictions or visa issues will be given specific consideration and the school will evaluate crediting their accounts.

- When determining what to pack, please refer to our list on the [Residence Life page](#) of our website. While we want students to be comfortable, we encourage all boarding students to bring a minimum number of belongings and consider clothing and linens that are easily laundered.

We understand that families may have additional questions or specific scenarios. We are happy to work with you to create a smooth transition this fall. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we take extra steps toward our collective success, maintaining a healthy environment that values our close-knit global community.

Please reach out to Assistant Head of School for Student Life Kevin Manferdini at kmanferdini@perkiomen.org or Director of Student Life Programs Amber Goupil at agoupil@perkiomen.org for additional assistance.

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