



Shady Side Academy Residential Life: What to Bring?

Most of the items you will need as an on-campus student resident are common sense articles. You should not have to spend a lot of money; many of the items on this list are probably things that you already have. Generally speaking, students tend to accumulate items over the course of the school year. We recommend starting off with the basics and then adding items (and taking them home!) as needed. In addition to a sufficient supply of school and after-hours clothes boarders should:

Bring

1. **A bathrobe** for walking to and from the shower. Given that you will live with male and female faculty members and their families, appropriate dress is considerate and respectful. Many students bring **flip-flops** or some other form of shower sandals along with **“shower caddy”** to carry toiletries back and forth from their rooms.
2. **One set of formal dress clothes** for special Academy assemblies, off campus events, etc. *It is very important for boarding students to always have one complete set of formal dress clothes on hand in their rooms, as “formal dress days” sometimes can sneak up on us!* See the Dress Code document and/or the Student-Parent Handbook for a full description of formal dress (Formal Dress is NOT wearing a SUIT... it is a blue blazer with khaki pants or skirt!).
3. **Athletic wear, including a bathing suit**, for sports, PE classes, and evening “open gym” or “open swim.”
4. A **laundry hamper** is handy, and for 5-day boarders, a portable one that can be easily loaded and unloaded into your car on Fridays and Sundays.
5. A **fan** is sometimes helpful in keeping cool in the early fall and late spring.
6. **Hair dryers, curling irons, and straightening brushes** are permitted but must be unplugged when not in use.
7. Linens are not provided, so please bring **sheets (twin – NOT twin extra long), blanket and/or quilt, a pillow case, towels, a pillow and mattress pad**. An extra set of linens might be helpful just in case. We recommend that 7-day boarders do have two sets of linens.
8. **Snacks**. For that in-between meal and late night hunger. These must be properly stored in containers so as to limit any possibility of attracting insects, etc.
9. **School Supplies**. The basics are enough for the first week of school. Teachers will clarify what specific supplies they expect students to bring to school. These can also be purchased once school begins at the school cafe or on a school-sponsored trip to local businesses.
10. **Command Strips/wall putty** for hanging posters and such on the walls. (Note: Due to fire code, no more than 50% of wall space may be covered.)
11. **Hangers, storage bins, chargers**.

NOTE: We will have a number of shopping expeditions over the first several weekends for 7-day boarders to find items they need and might not have had space in luggage to bring. Trips to these venues will be a regular event on weekends throughout the year. There will also be an opportunity for 7-day boarders to visit a local bank to set up an account that includes use of an ATM card.

Leave at Home

- Multiple and/or excessively large computer screens, monitors, or speakers
- Air-conditioners
- Halogen lamps
- Heat-producing appliances: toaster, hot pot, microwave, coffee makers, or any other cooking appliance
- Inappropriate pictures or posters that do not support Shady Side’s Guiding Principles
- Pets, including fish
- Anything else that would not be appropriate in a community living situation (Questions about this? Ask Mr. Green!)

Here is what Croft and Morewood Dorms have and what you may want to consider bringing:

12. Each dorm room is equipped with a bed (with a regular twin mattress), desk, dresser and chair for each student. In addition, each room has one closet, one mirror, and a wastepaper basket. Pillows are not provided.
13. Students may bring their own furniture, but it must be in good condition and fit in the room! If upholstered, it must be certified and labeled to have passed either the California Technical Bulletin 117 (2013 edition) or National Fire Protection Association Standard 260 (2009 edition). Please see the *Student and Parent Handbook for further information*. Furthermore, any furniture brought to the dorm must not hinder the cleaning, use and safety of the room. If a student wishes to move any furniture in or out of his/her room, a Dorm Adviser should be consulted first. Although there is a dorm refrigerator where food can be stored, students may have a small, compact fridge in their room (max size of 3' x 2'). Most students bring a desk and/or floor lamp as well. (Reminder: no halogen lamps.)
14. While pictures and posters may be hung from the walls, nails are not permitted. "Funtack" or a similar removable sticky putty should be used. All decorations must be in good taste as defined by the Dorm Advisers and the Dean of Residential Life. The Academy reserves the right to prohibit artwork or room decorations that it finds to be inappropriate, or in contrast to our school's Guiding Principles.
15. Music sources (phones, ipads, computers, bluetooth speakers, etc.) may be used in student rooms provided that doors are kept closed and the volume is not disruptive to anyone inside or outside the dormitory. Use of these devices during study hours must be done with headphones/earplugs. Students must provide their own "power strips" or extension cords and be conscious of fire safety by not overloading cords. **Gaming systems may be allowed with parental permission dorm rooms, or may be used in Common Rooms with the permission of the head dorm advisor (this policy is subject to change!).**
16. Students may bring computers; they are not required.
17. Each dorm common room has a refrigerator, toaster oven, and microwave, plus a selection of dishes and eating utensils.

Final Note: Space for summer storage is very limited, and will be allowed for 7-day boarders as space allows with permission of the Dean of Residential Life.