



WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME!



RESIDENTIAL MOVE-IN WEEKEND GUIDE

We are excited to welcome you to campus and help you settle into your new home. Move-In Weekend is a busy and exciting time, and this guide is here to make the process as smooth as possible.

Welcome Weekend Events



Throughout the weekend, we have planned several events to help you get to know your peers and settle into campus life:

Campus Tours

Explore key areas of campus with a guided tour.

Icebreaker Activities

Fun and engaging games to help you meet fellow residents.

Orientation Sessions

Learn about campus resources, academic expectations and get answers to any questions you may have.

Move-In Schedule



Please note that students are expected to move-in and begin sleeping in the dorm the day of arrival. Overnight leave is not permitted during welcome weekend. Students are also required to participate in all welcome weekend activities to foster community within the dorm.

Friday, August 7

12-4 p.m. — Resident Hall Council arrivals

Saturday, August 8

10 a.m.-12 p.m. — RHC Brunch

12-5 p.m. — Mini Student Leadership Session

5-6 p.m. — Break

6-8 p.m. — Dinner

Sunday, August 9

8 a.m.-3 p.m. — New Student and Returning Student Arrivals

2-5 p.m. — Campus Resource Fair + Admin

- ID Cards
- Medical
- Campus Store
- College Counseling
- Meet International Advisor
- Athletic info session

4-5 p.m. — Campus Tour

5-6:30 p.m. — Welcome Dinner (Hosted by Advancement)

6:45-7:45 p.m. — New Student & Parent Orientation

7:45-8:30 p.m. — Unpacking and Goodbyes

8:30-10 p.m. — Ice Breaker Activities

10:30 p.m. — Bed Checks and Lights Out

Monday, August 10

8 a.m.-5 p.m. — Unpacking and Settling in
May sign out however, must be back by 5 p.m.

8-10 a.m. — Swim Practice (Swim Team Only)

8:30-11:30 a.m. — Physical Exams

10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Brunch

1-3 p.m. — EKG for Sports Participation
(location TBD)

5-6 p.m. — Dinner in the Canteen

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Trivia Night in McGehee Auditorium

10:30 p.m. — Bed Checks and Lights Out

For new parents, The Bolles School is hosting a New Parent Social for Day and Boarding students inside of Bolles Hall.

Tuesday, August 11

8 a.m.-5 p.m. — Unpacking and Settling in
May sign out however, must be back by 5 p.m.

Practices start

8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. — Swim Practice

12:30-3:30 p.m. — Town Center Trip, uniform and school supply shopping

5-6 p.m. — Dinner in the Verlander Dining Hall
6-7 p.m. — Village Breakouts (various locations announced at dinner)
7-8:30 p.m. — Field Games on the Turf
7-8:30 p.m. — Volleyball in Davis Gym
10:30 p.m. — Bed Checks and Lights Out

Wednesday, August 12

8 a.m.-3 p.m. — Orientation for new students
3-5 p.m. — Swim Practice
12:30 p.m.-TBD — Physical Exams
1-3 p.m. — Senior college counseling
4-6 p.m. — Target/Publix
6-7 p.m. — Dinner
7:15-8:15 p.m. — All Dorm Meeting in McGehee Auditorium

- Evening Routines
- Study Hall Expectations
- REACH Expectations
- Campus Location Expectations

8:30-9:30 p.m. — Night Swim

Thursday, August 13

Classes Begin

Friday, August 14

1-3 p.m. — Physical Exams

Tips for a Smooth Move-In



✓ Pack Smart

Label your boxes and suitcases with your name and room number for easy identification.

Bring a basic toolkit (screwdriver, scissors, etc.) for assembling any furniture.

✓ Stay Hydrated and Energized

Water and snack stations will be set up on each floor. Be sure to take breaks and stay hydrated throughout the day.

✓ Connect with Your Roommates

Reach out to your roommates before move-in to discuss any shared items (e.g., mini-fridge, microwave) to avoid duplicates.

What to Expect During Move-In



Arrival and Check-In

Upon arrival, proceed to the designated check-in area where you will receive your room keys, ID card and welcome packet.

Student leaders and Dorm Parents will be available to help you find your room and settle in.

Parking and Unloading

Follow the signs for parking near your residence hall. Temporary unloading zones will be available close to the entrance. Please move your vehicle to long-term parking after unloading.

Moving Equipment

Carts, dollies and bins will be available to assist with moving your belongings. These will be at the check-in area and in each residence hall lobby.

Room Setup

Once in your room, feel free to start setting up your space. Dorm Parents will be on hand to answer any questions and assist with any issues.

Key Services Available



Airport Transportation

For those arriving by air, shuttle services are available from the airport to campus. These times are the only times a shuttle will run to and from campus. Students should expect to experience wait times.

ID Cards and Security

Your student ID will grant you access to your residence hall and other campus facilities. If you encounter any issues, visit IT Services Desk located in the main lobby during Move-In Weekend.

Health and Safety

Campus Health Services will be open during Move-In Weekend for any medical needs and to collect any student prescriptions. Additionally, safety briefings will be conducted as part of orientation.



Important Contacts

Resident Life Office:

Phone: +1(904-256-5400)

Dorm Duty Phone: +1 (904-626-6056)

Director of Resident Life

Associate Director of Resident Life:

Jessica Mechoso (mechosoj@bolles.org)

Health Services:

Phone: +1(904-256-5107)

Nurse: Kristi Ruzanka

Health Assistant: Kayleigh Toblin

Location: 1st floor of Bolles Hall



Important Travel Notes

Please ensure you have sent all departing and arrival travel information, including the flight itineraries, so we can arrange for airport drop-offs and pick-ups. If your child is an international student, please remember they must carry their I20's and passports with them when traveling in and out of the United States. It is important that both documents are kept together and in a safe place. When entering back into the country, the students are advised to hand both documents to the immigration officer unfolded and opened to the picture page of their passports. Should your child experience any issues entering back into the United States, please contact our Principal Designated School Official, Mrs. Kila McCann, Dean of Enrollment and Accessibility either by email at mccannk@bolles.org or WhatsApp at +1-770-547-9226. Mrs. McCann is also a member of the WhatsApp Parent group chat. Upon return to The Bolles School, students must hand in their passport and I20 documents to the team member on duty.

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At the airport, you will meet a representative with a BOLLES SCHOOL sign in baggage claim. After you pass through security, follow the signs to go down to baggage claim. The Bolles representative will be waiting for you at your flight's baggage carousel where you get your luggage. If you have any issues, please call the Resident Life Duty Phone (904)626-6056. If your child is flying as an Unaccompanied Minor email Jessica Mechoso (mechosoj@bolles.org).

