



## **Boarding Student Packing List**

### **1. Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **How much stuff should I bring?**

Only bring the ESSENTIALS. Students should not bring excessive amounts of clothing or other items. Rooms **must** be kept clean and organized.

#### **What furniture is provided in my room?**

- Standard, US-size single bed
- Standing wardrobe to hang clothing
- Desk
- Desk chair
- Dresser with 3 drawers

#### **What Is Vermont weather like?**

Vermont weather is variable, ranging from very hot and humid to sub-zero temperatures, and from sunshine to downpour. Be prepared to dress in layers and have appropriate winter footwear.

#### **Should I label all my belongings?**

Yes, it is suggested that all student clothing, bedding, equipment and other personal items be clearly and permanently marked with the students name.

#### **What if I live internationally, or a plane ride away?**

Items can be purchased at local stores when your child arrives and most of the larger, homegood stores are in Albany, NY or Rutland, VT. You may also order items online prior to arrival and have them shipped directly to your child at SMS. [Amazon](#), [Target](#) and [Bed, Bath and Beyond](#) are good websites for purchasing items.

### **2. Packing List**

Here are lists of items you should consider bringing to campus. Remember, you can always order items from Amazon in case you forgot anything!

#### **The Essentials:**

- Valid Passport
- Bedding, including pillow, blanket or comforter, and sheets (standard single bed 75" x 35")
- Bath towels
- Toiletries
- Laundry detergent and a laundry bag or hamper (a collapsible hamper is easiest)
- Alarm clock (can also use phone)
- Hangers

- Power strips (not extension cords) with surge protection
- Long computer charge cord for use in study hall, the library, in classes and travel
- Laptop
- Waste basket & Recycling bin
- Painters tape to put up posters and pictures (no tacks, command tape or nails!)
- Water Bottle(s)
- Plastic bins for food storage
- School & Casual Clothes
- Rain Jacket
- Decorations for room - No Tacks
- **DRESSY CLOTHING:**

**Juniors:** *For Headmaster's Dinner:*

Girls - khaki pants or skirt, an SMS-issued polo shirt and closed toe shoes

Boys - khaki pants, an SMS-issued polo shirt and closed toe shoes

**Seniors:** *For Graduation and Headmaster's Dinner:*

Girls - white dress for Graduation, dress or similar for Headmaster's Dinner

Boys - Khaki pants, white button-down shirt, blue blazer, SMS- issued tie

**All Students:** *For Formal and Banquets:*

Girls - dress or skirt and nice top

Boys - khakis, dress shirt and tie

- **SPORTS:**

Fall sports options - soccer, skateboarding, cross-country running - contact your coach about what equipment to bring

### **Suggested / Optional Items:**

- Crates for storage
  - under bed storage bins (dimensions under bed: height= 11.5", length= 74", depth= 42")
  - top of armoire storage bins (dimensions: width= 22",length= 36", distance to ceiling= 37")
- Mini -Fridge
- Study lamp and/or floor lamp with light bulbs (non-halogen)
- Plate, cup, utensils and dish soap to clean them
- Slippers for the shower/dorm
- Daypack/Small backpack for trips
- Desk chair (standard chairs are provided, but students can bring their own)
- Shoe organizer that hangs over a wardrobe door (cannot be hung on dorm room door)
- Hooks that hang over wardrobe door (17" length)
- Mirror that hangs over a wardrobe door (17" length)
- Room fan (not fitted for a window)
- Printer, Printer Cartridges, Paper
- Shower caddy (all students have a drawer in the bathroom where they can store toiletries)
- Small lockbox for valuables
- Snacks / Drinks
- Landline telephone & calling card (each room has a jack for landlines if wanted)
- Curtains affixed with a tension rod (dimensions of window inside frame: width=32", length=64")

**The Following Items Are NOT Allowed:**

- Pets
- Weapons of any kind
- Halogen lamps
- Candles, incense, and any devices that create open flames
- Any appliance with a heating element including, microwaves, personal coffee makers, electric kettles, toasters and toaster ovens, hamburger and sandwich makers, popcorn poppers, hot plates and electric frying pans, electric woks, and deep fryers. *(A microwave is provided in each common room, but personal microwaves in rooms are not permitted)*
- Cinder block or wood bed risers
- TV's and projectors *(A TV is provided in each common room)*
- Gaming systems