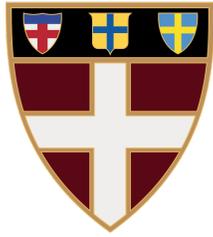


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Moving Out of the Dorms FAQ - May 2021

Revised 5/18/21

- **How do I notify the school when my child is leaving the dorm at the end of the term?**
Please fill out [this End of Year Travel form](#) with departure information if your child is leaving after their final exams. Please do this even if your child does not need a ride to the airport. If you have a special circumstance to discuss, contact john.blackmer@s-sm.org.
- **Can the school provide a ride for my child to the airport?**
Absolutely. It is highly recommended that you arrange a ride through SSM rather than trying to use any form of ride-share or taxi service. Such options are often unreliable this far away from the Twin Cities, and when they don't work out and your child is stuck, we will usually not be able to arrange special transportation of our own at the last minute. Details on fees are on the transportation and departure forms noted above.
- **My child needs to obtain a negative COVID-19 test result before they travel home. Who do I contact?**
Please email tristen.brown@s-sm.org to arrange such a test. Note that after taking the test, an in-room quarantine may be required until the negative result is obtained.
- **What is my student allowed to leave behind in the dorm for the summer?**
Please review [this document](#) for summer storage rules.
- **Can my child ship some items home? (NEW!)**
Absolutely! They need to box up the items they wish to send home (or another location) and take it to the school store. They can help your child prepare the box for proper shipment and sell boxes as well.

- **My student has their own mattress and refrigerator. Can those be stored at the school?**

There is a new policy for the storage of refrigerators that can be found in the storage rules document listed above. We're sorry, but we cannot store large, soft items like mattresses, carpets, foam pads, etc.

- **Can parents and family help students move out from the dorm? (UPDATED)**

We are still asking that only students enter the dorms until 5pm on Tuesday, May 25. After that date, 1-2 family members that are fully masked may enter to help pack and clean their child's room, but need to stay distanced from other families. In the case of roommates, families need to avoid being in the same room with others. Parents of middle school students moving out this week should check with the dorm parents regarding the new policy. The students are asked to start packing and cleaning their rooms in advance of the arrival of their parents and departure from the dorm.

- **Do parents need to provide a negative test to the school before coming to campus to get their child? (UPDATED)**

No, but vaccinations are strongly encouraged and we ask families to self-screen. Anyone not feeling well should not come to campus.

- **Is there a checkout procedure when my child leaves?**

Yes. While the details can vary a bit from dorm to dorm, each student **MUST** complete a checkout process with a dorm parent that verifies that the student properly moved out their items and cleaned their space. If a student doesn't complete the process and/or the room is left messy or damaged, parents should expect cleaning and repair fees to be charged to their account, usually around \$250.

- **My son is a member of a soccer team that is staying for several extra weeks. Do they need to check out of the dorm? (NEW!)**

Yes, even if they are staying in the same room, they need to complete the checkout process with their dorm parent as normal to make sure they store away or discard what they don't need for those few weeks and that their rooms are suitably clean. If the student leaves for a few days, they are due back in the dorm on Sunday, May 30th. Check with your son's coach for more information.

Looking Ahead to Dorm Life in Fall 2021

- **My child had a single room this year. Can they have one again next year?**

Due to the fewer number of students living in our residence halls this year, we were able to make more rooms available to be used as singles. Typically, very few single rooms are available and may not be available at all in certain dorms. Students and families should not expect single rooms to be nearly as available this next school year, so we encourage all students to prepare for, and think about, what they would look for in a roommate next year.

- **When can my child make a roommate request? What roommate rules will be in play next year?**

Roommate request forms will be sent out over the summer. It is our hope to resume most normal rooming policies and practices when we return for fall term. Please see our [Parent/Student handbook](#) for more information.

- **When will my child be informed of their roommate and dorm assignment?**

Due to the fluctuating nature of our enrollment right up until the opening of the school, this information usually only becomes available a few days before the student arrives.

- **Can my student live off campus next year instead of in the dorm?**

That is only possible if the student is living in housing supervised at all times by the child's own parent living there as well. This policy was enacted by our Board of Trustees several years ago and while the pandemic required us to relax that rule a bit for the current school year, we plan to strictly enforce it for next year. Any day student discovered to be living in a situation other than with their own parent will be asked to leave the school.