

RESIDENTIAL HANDBOOK

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EXPECTATIONS OF HONESTY, TRUST AND RESPECT

Lexington Prep School beseeches members of our community to be honest, respectful and responsible individuals. Lexington Prep School strives to build a tradition of academic and personal excellence and as such, our expectations are high. Students and staff are required to represent our principles by committing to high standards at all times, both on and off our campus.

Among our requirements are the following:

- Mutual respect of all community members is expected, which means honoring differences and allowing the development of each individual's full potential.
- Prejudice or discrimination of any kind is not tolerated.
- Academic honesty and scrupulous behavior are of supreme importance. Examples of behaviors emphatically not accepted include:
 - lying
 - cheating
 - stealing
 - plagiarizing
 - disrespect of others' opinions, personal choices and/or values
 - hazing/bullying
 - physical altercations
 - vandalism
 - harassment of any kind

In the event where the attitude or behavior of a student is offensive and/or hinders the education of other students, LPS will give a warning to the student. LPS reserves the right to dismiss the student from the program after warnings, in which case, the remaining tuition will be forfeited.

Lexington Prep School adheres to all federal, state and town laws.

PROGRAM AND POLICIES

ALCOHOL AND OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS

Alcohol consumption and illegal drug use are strictly prohibited both on and off campus.

No student may buy, sell, provide, possess, or use alcohol or non-prescription drugs while under the jurisdiction of the school. Additionally, no student may return to the school's jurisdiction under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

In the event of a disciplinary matter in which a student is found to have been involved in the use of alcohol or other drugs, he or she faces expulsion. This applies to all infractions.

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCES

Attendance is compulsory. Students who are ill are required to obtain written permission from supervisory staff in order to take leave from class attendance. Students who miss classes due to illness must report their absence to the LPS administration immediately.

AUTOMOBILE POLICY

Boarding students are not permitted to operate automobiles on campus. Day students may drive to and from school but not during the school day and may not transport other students. Transportation is provided to students by Lexington Prep School staff and with Lexington Prep School vehicles. Students must have permission from the Director or from their residential supervisor and a parent/guardian in order to ride in non-Lexington Prep School vehicles and with non-Lexington Prep School staff.

CELL PHONES AND COMPUTERS

Students are permitted to use cell phones on campus, but are expected to be considerate of those around them and should have cell phone conversations only in private areas where they will not disturb others. Cell phones must be turned off in classes and other public gatherings.

Students are permitted to use personally owned desktop or laptop computers in their rooms. Access to the school's Wi-Fi network resource is provided in each student's room during designated times.

CONTACT US

Parents and guardians may want to check in on their student from time to time, or may have a need to contact someone at the school/program. Everyone is welcome to call the school and speak to the Dorm parent on duty, the Residential Director, or a teacher at any time. Please keep the time difference between countries in mind when calling.

The school phone number is 781-860-7550. The School Director, Dr. Kris Winsor: extension 246. The Dorm Parents: 781-861-0058, extension 249. We will forward messages to the teachers. After hours or in case of an emergency, please contact Rochelle Karakey, 857-930-9840. The School Director will be available from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm most days. The Resident Assistants will be at the desk most afternoons and evenings from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm.

DINING HALL

Students are expected to behave in a courteous and orderly manner when in the dining hall. Students must wear shoes and appropriate clothing to meals. Meals are served cafeteria-style. Students must clear their trays, dishes, and silverware from the tables after eating. Dishes and silverware are not to be removed from the dining hall. Additionally, students are not to take food from the dining hall, including food from the salad bar, at any time. Please do not enter the dining hall prior to meal time.

Monday through Sunday	Breakfast	8:00 AM–8:45 AM
	Lunch	12:00 PM–12:45 PM
	Dinner	5:00 PM–6:00 PM

DRESS CODE AND LAUNDRY

Students are expected to wear appropriate clothing to school that is neat, clean, and in good repair. Students must refrain from wearing the following:

- a. Anything that interferes with the educational process
- b. Shirts or tops that do not cover the midriff
- c. Skirts or shorts that end above the mid-thigh
- d. Clothing that displays any prohibited substances such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or alcoholic beverages, or presents a vulgar or offensive message
- e. Concealing hats, bandanas, hoods, sunglasses, or anything else that might interfere with the identification of a student

Weekly laundry is included in the tuition for boarding students.

FIRE PROCEDURES

There are fire sprinklers as well as heat and smoke detectors in all student rooms and dorms. These sprinklers and detectors must be kept clear of hanging objects at all times. Students must not hang on or swing from the sprinkler pipes. By law, fire escapes may not be used for any reason other than as emergency fire exits. Burning candles or incense, smoking, or using matches are prohibited in student rooms and are considered major disciplinary offenses.

GAMBLING

The school does not condone any form of gambling. Students should not bring poker chips to campus, nor should they engage in any form of card play for material gain. Students are also prohibited from using the school's computer network to engage in online gambling. Infractions against this policy can result in dismissal.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All health forms, permissions and information are submitted online via the LPS online registration process: <http://lps.campbrainregistration.com>

The following are required:

1. A physical exam, in English, performed within 24 months of the student's start date. Exam must include physician's name, address and phone number.
2. Immunization Records (in English)
 - a. Massachusetts State Law requires that all students provide written proof of the following immunizations:
 - i. 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP)
 - ii. 4 doses of polio
 - iii. 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
 - iv. 3 doses of hepatitis B
 - v. 2 doses of varicella vaccine or documentation of chickenpox disease in childhood, signed by the physician.
 - vi. 1 dose of Tdap vaccine
 - vii. 1 dose of Meningococcal (MCV4/Menactra or MenACWY)
 1. We have a separate waiver available to sign if your student can not have the meningococcal vaccination.
3. We also ask that you electronically sign and submit the Permission to Medicate/Administer Medication form. We provide 24 hour nursing care to all the students while attending the LPS programs, and should your student require certain medication for minor ailments, we ask your general permission on that form.
4. Health Insurance is required for all students while attending Lexington Prep School courses. Please provide proof of health insurance.

LOST AND FOUND

Students should mark all possessions with their name. Books should have names written on the inside cover, and clothing also be labeled. Books or clothing left in public spaces and hallways will be taken to the office. Found valuables such as watches, glasses, cell phones, calculators, wallets, etc., should be turned into the main office. While the school makes all reasonable attempts to help students locate missing items, it is not able to offer financial reimbursement for lost items. Students are encouraged to exercise common sense regarding where they leave their belongings.

MAIL

During this summer, mail can be sent to campers at the following address:

CAMPER'S NAME
LEXINGTON PREP SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM
265 LOWELL STREET
LEXINGTON, MA 02420

Please refrain from sending food products in care packages as some campers may have severe allergies to certain types of food.

MUSIC PLAYERS, TV'S, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, DVDS, VIDEOS, & COMPUTER GAMES

Students who bring music players to school must also bring headphones. After 7:00 p.m., headphones must be used in conjunction with all music players. Before 7:00 p.m., music players must be kept at a level that cannot be heard outside a student's room. Students may not watch television after 10:30 p.m. Students who practice musical instruments should do so in the designated practice rooms.

QUIET HOURS

Quiet hours begin in the dorms at 9:30 p.m. This period is designed to limit noise in the dorms to ensure that those who want to study in their rooms have the opportunity to do so.

ROOM FURNISHINGS

Due to safety precautions and a limited number of electrical outlets, students may have only the following electrical appliances in their rooms:

- radios
- stereos
- hair dryer, hair irons
- personal computers
- fans

Students may **not** have the following electrical appliances or combustible items in their rooms:

● refrigerators	● percolators
● televisions	● halogen lamps and sunlamps
● electric blankets	● candles and incense
● irons	● firecrackers
● hot plates	● lighter fluid
● heating coils	● propane torches

Students may not use collections of alcoholic beverage bottles or cans as room decorations.

Students may not bring pets of any kind to school.

OFFENSIVE MATERIAL

Lexington Prep School recognizes the rights of students to make individual choices and to represent individual values when reading or viewing printed material. However, the school must maintain certain standards of propriety and decency relative to the use of printed material by students in student houses. Consequently, students are not permitted to have the following printed materials at school:

- pornographic magazines, posters, books, or other obscene materials demeaning to human beings
- racist, homophobic, or sexist materials
- hate materials

School policy prohibits having the following electronic material at school:

- pornographic images or videos, or other obscene materials demeaning to human beings
- racist, homophobic, or sexist materials
- hate materials

This policy is broad and, consequently, applies to downloading, uploading, storing, viewing, and printing electronic material that is profane or obscene, or that uses language degrading to others. The distribution of offensive electronic material to others is a serious violation of school policy and can result in dismissal.

SECURITY

Lexington Prep School is monitored by a 24 hour security system. Each student receives a key to his/her dorm room. Exterior doors should remain locked at all times and students should not prop open doors. Each student should also keep his/her dorm room locked at all times.

In the event that there is a need to lock down the campus due to a security situation, air horns will sound continuously, indicating that students and adults should immediately seek shelter inside the building and follow instructions given by supervisory staff.

Tampering with any life safety apparatus, including but not limited to fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems, air horns, door wedges, etc., is considered a major disciplinary offense and may result in dismissal.

SICKNESS

When students get sick, they must notify the residential assistant (RA) on duty, who will notify the residential director. Students should not miss classes unless it is absolutely necessary. The residential director will determine whether a student needs to see a doctor. A nurse is available between 9 am and 3pm daily.

In an effort to provide the safest environment for all students, the residential director oversees the administration of all prescription medications and controlled substances for all students. Day students taking prescription medication and/or controlled substances

while at school must keep them in the infirmary, where they will be administered by a staff member.

SMOKING

Due to the obvious health risks, students are prohibited from smoking cigarettes, including e-cigarettes or vapes, or using chewing tobacco products on the Lexington Prep School campus, on school-sponsored excursions, or in the town of Lexington. A student who is caught smoking or using other tobacco products will be subject to a combined health and disciplinary response.

TRANSPORTATION

Boarding students will be picked up and dropped off at Boston Logan Airport, North Station or South Station at the beginning and end of each session based on each individual student's travel arrangements.

Students traveling from Russia and Asia are asked to arrive in Boston one day early on Saturday to allow for adjustment to jet lag. If traveling alone, these students may request to be picked up and may stay at LPS Saturday night. All other students are asked to arrive between 12 pm and 4 pm on Sunday, day 1 of each session. Brunch will be provided on Sundays from 10 am – 11 am for the students staying two sessions or arriving the night before.

Each two-week session officially ends the evening of the second Friday. All transportation should be arranged for the following Saturday morning. The last shuttle to Boston will leave at 2 pm on that Saturday.

VISITATION

Students may not visit other students of the opposite sex in dorm rooms.

Visitation privileges allow students and student visitors to be in common rooms only, and not on the hallways or in any student room. Visitors must sign in at the reception desk and should be introduced to the Director or the RA on duty. When visitors leave, students must have them check out with the RA on duty.

WHAT TO BRING LIST

The following list is a general guide for what an average child will need for 10 days. This is based on laundry being done once a week and returned within 2 days. Students should wear comfortable, but appropriate clothing. Please see our student handbook for more information on our dress code.

WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHING:

- 8 shirts
- 2 pajamas
- 6 shorts
- 2 jeans
- 8 pairs underwear
- 8 pairs socks
- 1 jacket (seasonally appropriate)
- 2 pairs shoes and/or sandals
- 1 pair slippers
- 1 swimsuit, cover-up & swim towel
- 2 washcloths
- 2 bath towels
- gym clothes and gym shoes

***SUGGESTED ALLOWANCE \$100 PER
2 WEEK SESSION**

TOILETRIES:

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Hair Dryer
- Soap
- Brush or comb
- Shampoo & Deodorant
- Sunscreen
- Nail clipper

ACADEMIC ITEMS:

- Notebook or binder with paper
- Pencils and pens
- Reading books
- Dictionary
- Highlighters
- Musical Instrument (if student plays)
- Calculator

WHAT NOT TO BRING

PROHIBITED

Electronics:

- Televisions

- VCRs

- Video game systems

- Refrigerators

- Air conditioners

- Music CDs with inappropriate language

Weapons of any kind, including:

- Fireworks

- Knives

- Martial arts weapons

ILLEGAL ITEMS:

- Recreational drugs

- Alcoholic beverages

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Offensive clothing or pictures

- Hot-plates

- Electric blankets

- Matches or lighters

- Paintball guns or pellets

- Cigarettes or any tobacco products

- Pornography