

PURPOSE: To amend the handbook to decrease confusion about televisions.

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

The list of prohibited items in dorm rooms states that televisions and monitors/displays over 40” are prohibited. I found this confusing. Am I or am I not allowed to have a TV? Modern televisions can be smaller than 40” and do not take up as much space as vintage box TVs. They also do not require cable boxes to operate anymore. I find the prohibitions contradictory, and I believe there should be more clarity, such as cable/box TVs should not be allowed.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 86 of the Student Handbook (PDF page 92) under the section “APPROVED AND NON-APPROVED ITEMS ” the following would be changed to:

APPROVED AND NON-APPROVED ITEMS

Some of the items students need to bring with them are: lab coats, towels, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, mattress covers, pillows, waste baskets, hangers, alarm clock, laundry detergent, all personal care items, and school supplies.

Some of the items a student may wish to bring are: bed spread or comforter, clothes iron with automatic shut-off (MSMS provides ironing boards), a one-cup coffee dispenser with automatic shut-off similar to a Keurig, desk light/lamp, cell phone, posters/pictures, personal computer, surge protectors, comfortable desk chair (school provides standard plastic chairs), lock box, sports equipment, dry erase board for messages, musical instruments, and a bathing suit. Fans are strongly suggested.

RL.22. The following items are prohibited:

Laser pointers	Non-power strip extension cords	Motorized scooters
Televisions Cable/box TV/Smart TV(Apple, Roku, Google, etc.)	Cooking appliances ¹	Heated blankets
Monitors/Displays larger than 40”	Hammocks	Portable heaters

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Couches over 6 feet long	Exercise Weights ²	Weapons ³
Handcuffs	Burning Incense	Pets
Martial arts equipment ⁴	Dangerous scientific equipment	Open flame items like candles
Halogen lights	Darts and dartboards	Empty alcohol containers used as decorations
Spray paint ⁴	Fixatives/other harmful aerosols	▲ Volatile, caustic/corrosive, and/or flammable solvents ⁵
Toxic glues/cements/other adhesives	Items removed from public spaces ⁶	

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