

PURPOSE: For Students to be able to leave their dorm rooms between 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. to get water from the water fountain.

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Students need to be given access to water 24 hours a day 7 days a week. With the current restrictions in place, students cannot leave our dorms from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. ~~in the morning~~. This means students are left without access to filtered water for 5 hours. Even with students supposedly being asleep, if they wake up in the middle of the night or need some water to go to sleep, they cannot go and get it.

Students are allowed to have pitchers, water filters, and disposable plastic water bottles in their dorms that they can use during the night. However, water filters can be too expensive for many students to buy. Once bought, the filters also have to be replaced periodically. These can also be very expensive for students to buy. If a student continues to drink from the pitcher it can lead to serious health problems. The use of plastic water bottles is an unsustainable practice for students to keep. Therefore, explicitly allowing students to access the filtered water fountains in the hallways at all hours is as essential change to our handbook.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

Lights Out – RL.42. All lights including computer monitors must be turned off by 12:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. To allow students to return to rooms prior to lights out, the laundry rooms and computer labs will be locked at 11:55 p.m. and open the next morning at 7:00 a.m. On Friday and Saturday, quiet time begins at 12:00 a.m., and the laundry rooms and computer labs will close at 11:55 p.m. and will open the next morning at 8:30 a.m. RL.43. Students found outside their rooms will be considered in an unauthorized area. Unless permission is given by the Hall Director on duty allowing time for extended study, students must retire to bed. ~~Or unless students are going to the water fountain. They must have a water bottle in hand and may not be out for longer than 10 minutes.~~ For the purpose of early morning study only, students may leave their rooms, but not the building, no earlier than 5:00 a.m.

SECTION THREE (APPENDIX):

“Sometimes new RAs get mad when students, including myself, try to get water late at night. Clarifying that we are allowed access to the fountains at all times should relieve that problem.”

- anonymous

“This bill is a great idea to create security for drawing a line with residential life.”

- Avery Bodmer

“I think allowing us to water late at night is a good night is a good idea because many students don’t have bottled water in their room, and some can’t go to the store because they are so busy. Late at night I get thirsty myself and I think I would use the water fountain if I didn’t have a water bottle.”“

- Michelle Yang