

**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 ~~THREE~~ 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:

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**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:

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| Laser pointers                      | Non-power strip extension cords | Motorized scooters   |
| <del>Televisions</del> Cable/box TV | Cooking appliances <sup>1</sup> | Heated blankets      |
| Monitors/Displays larger than 40”   | Hammocks                        | Portable heaters     |
| Couches over 6 feet long            | Exercise Weights <sup>2</sup>   | Weapons <sup>3</sup> |
| Handcuffs                           | Burning Incense                 | Pets                 |

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| Martial arts equipment <sup>4</sup> | Dangerous scientific equipment                | Open flame items like candles                                       |
| Halogen lights                      | Darts and dartboards                          | Empty alcohol containers used as decorations                        |
| Spray paint <sup>L</sup>            | Fixatives/other harmful aerosols              | Volatile, caustic/corrosive, and/or flammable solvents <sup>5</sup> |
| Toxic glues/cements/other adhesives | Items removed from public spaces <sup>6</sup> |                                                                     |