

PURPOSE: To itemize and expand upon the room inspection guidelines in the student handbook.

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Part of MSMS standards is the weekly room inspections. Students are responsible for cleaning their room and bathroom to ensure the health and safety of themselves and others. Because MSMS brings together people from all different backgrounds and home lives, some students have not been expected or do not know how to clean their room and bathroom before.

The current room inspection guidelines in the student handbook are vague and only describe items that they look for and not descriptions about the items (ex. “beds” instead of “beds made in organized fashion”). If the handbook were more descriptive and reflected the up-to-date inspections standards that residence life staff abide by, students would have an easier time cleaning for inspections as well as having a reference for how to clean even outside of MSMS.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 93 of the student handbook (PDF 99) under the section “HOUSEKEEPING/INSPECTION” the following would be change to:

RL.49. Failure to pass room inspection will result in disciplinary action. Although inspections occur weekly, a basic degree of cleanliness is expected at all times. All rooms will undergo a full inspection after students leave the building for holidays and extended weekends. The purpose of room inspection is to ~~insure~~ ensure cleanliness, safety, wellness, and a climate conducive to learning. Room inspections include, but are not limited to:

- ~~• beds, dressers, desks, sinks, vanities, closets, refrigerators, vents, windows, blinds, carpets, woodwork, and any other type of furniture, or equipment, a student has brought into the room. The staff will also check to be sure there are no unauthorized items in the room and that trash has been removed.~~
- All dirty laundry put away in hampers
- All clean clothes are put away neatly (folded in drawers or neatly hung in closets)
- All trash is taken out to the dumpster
- All remaining items, books, papers, etc., are arranged neatly
- Windows and blinds are clean
- Bed made
- All surfaces dusted and cleaned
- Floors swept & mopped to a shine

- All toiletries arranged neatly
- Toilet clean (No trash around the toilet. Toilet itself cleans on the sides, in the bowl, under the seat, etc.)
- Shower clean (This includes the tub being white, soap scum being removed from walls, any shampoo or soap neatly arranged, curtain being devoid of grime)
- Mirrors cleaned
- Sinks scrubbed clean
- Under sink cabinets clean and organized
- Students must ensure no pungent odors or foul-smelling items are present during inspections
- Staff may also check to be sure there are no unauthorized items in the room and that trash has been removed

SECTION THREE (APPENDIX):

RESPONSE ONE (AN ANONYMOUS SENATOR):

“I think it’s a good change. Mr. Allen sends us an email guideline of what is expected of us every so often, so putting these expectations into the handbook should make his job a little easier. It also gives students preparing to come to MSMS an idea of what to expect.” – An anonymous senator