

PURPOSE: To aid with the inconsistent heating/cooling throughout the residence halls and lessen the severity of menstrual cramps, the implementation of heating pads and heated blankets could be utilized.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE SENATE:

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

In the handbook, the use of heated blankets and heating pads is not allowed within the residence halls. This is because they could be seen as a fire hazard. However, with the advancement of technology, this risk is minimized. Therefore, with the inconsistencies in heating/cooling of the residence halls and to help minimize the pain from menstrual cramps, heating pads and heating blankets should be implemented.

According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, “of the 500 fires per year that are linked to electrical blankets and heating pads, 99% are caused by blankets or pads that are more than ten years old.”

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 89 of the Student Handbook (PDF page 92), under the section “Student Affairs,” the following would be changed to:

RL.22. The following items are prohibited:

Laser pointers

Exercise Weights

Non-power strip extension cords

Couches over 6 feet long 2

Motorized scooters

Weapons 3

Cooking appliances 1

Televisions

Monitors/Displays larger than 40"	Handcuffs
Hammocks	Pets
Portable heaters	Martial arts equipment 4
Burning Incense	Dangerous scientific equipment
Open flame items like candles	Halogen lights
Empty alcohol containers used as decorations	Darts and dartboards
Spray paint/ Fixatives/other harmful aerosols	<u>Heated blankets</u>
Volatile, caustic/corrosive, and/or flammable solvents 5	
Toxic glues/cements/other adhesives	
Items removed from public spaces 6	

This list is not intended to be all inclusive. The school reserves the right to disallow additional items if needed.

1. This includes, but is not limited to, microwave ovens, popcorn poppers, hot plates, toasters/toaster ovens, coffeemakers with hot plates, heating coils, etc.
2. A weight room is available on campus.
3. This includes, but not limited to, knives with serrated or sharpened edges, razor blades, box cutters, X-acto knives, and novelty advertising tools/items with sharp blades.
4. If approved for classes, such items may be stored in the office.
5. This includes, but is not limited to, turpentine, mineral spirits, and denatured alcohol.
6. This includes but is not limited to highway/street/traffic/business/parking signs or orange cones removed without consent.

Heated blankets/heating pads are allowed under the assumption they are within the list approved by the school. The school reserves the right to remove items if needed.