RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE

Residential Life Handbook

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Residential Life (Boarding Program)

The Residential Life Handbook provides boarding students and their families with important information about living on campus at Rivermont Collegiate. It outlines residential expectations, daily routines, policies, procedures, and resources designed to help students have a safe, successful, and rewarding boarding experience.

If you do not find the information you need in this handbook, please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook, which contains additional school-wide policies, procedures, and expectations that apply to all Rivermont Collegiate students.

The information and regulations that follow apply to all boarding students except where otherwise indicated. Boarding students should understand that they are under the school's jurisdiction at all times during the school year except when signed out with permission from their parent/guardian. However, boarding students need to keep in mind that they are always representing the school, even when off-campus.

Contact:
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ResLife@RivermontCollegiate.org
563-359-1366

Before You Arrive

What to Bring

- Washcloths
- Bath towels
- Sheets and pillowcases
- Mattress pads or covers
- Blankets and bedspreads
- Laptop
- Prescription medications (with doctor's note)
- Passports/Visas

Important Documents

Important documents such as passports and visas will be kept in the school safe. Students are advised to avoid keeping large amounts of cash or valuable items in their rooms. Rivermont Collegiate is not responsible for personal effects in residence halls and has no insurance for theft or loss of students' property. Parents are advised to consult with their insurance agents to determine if their personal property is covered by homeowner or other family policies.

Health Insurance

International residential students are required to purchase basic health insurance before arriving on campus. Rivermont Collegiate recommends either ISM Insurance or ISO Insurance. Links will be provided upon request. Efforts should be made to comply with vaccination requirements before arrival on campus. Students who are unable to procure all necessary vaccinations will be taken to the Scott County Health Department to ensure that the school meets all state and federal vaccination requirements.

What the School Provides

- Single bed and mattress
- Student desk
- Desk chair
- Chest of drawers
- Waste basket

Prohibited Items

- Electrical appliances:
- Air conditioners
- Irons
- Sun lamps
- Halogen lamps
- Electric blankets
- Room heaters
- Popcorn poppers
- Microwaves
- Rice cookers
- Hot pots or hot plates
- Candles
- TV
- Animals or pets of any kind, including fish
- Non-prescription medications
- Items that contain or once contained alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or drugs
- Posters depicting or glamorizing alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products, or which are considered sexually inappropriat

Violations may result in confiscation of the banned item and may also lead to disciplinary action and possible monetary fines. Refer to the Student Discipline chapter in the Student/Parent Handbook.

Optional Items

We encourage all residents to personalize their rooms to make them cheerful and comfortable. Keep in mind, *nails and tape are not permitted on the walls.*

- Throw rugs
- Bean bag or director's chairs
- Desktop Monitor
- Pictures and posters
- Study lamps

Travel Procedures

If you have questions, please contact Leigh Ann Schroeder at lschroeder@RivermontCollegiate.org.

*Arranging for Travel

Please forward a copy of the student's airline ticket to reslife@rivermontcollegiate.org or lschroeder@rivermontcollegiate.org. **Tickets are due no later than three weeks prior to the school vacation.** Ground transportation cannot be arranged until we have a copy of the airline ticket. Rivermont Collegiate cannot guarantee transportation for a dorm student if their travel information is not received in a timely manner.

*Services and Fees

Transportation is offered to and from the Quad City International Airport (MLI) in Moline, IL, and bus stations in Moline, IL, and Davenport, IA. Students must make every effort to fly through MLI. If students travel outside of the approved transportation hubs, they will be charged a significant fee for driver costs ($600 for one-way to Chicago). There is a shuttle that runs from Chicago O'Hare to the Quad Cities for a much lower cost, and the school can help arrange this.

Living on Campus

Daily Schedule

School starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Boarding students are expected to have all school-related items before they leave for class each morning. Students are not allowed to return to their room without dorm parent permission.

Monday – Thursday:

- 7:15-7:45 am – Breakfast
- 8:00 am – School day begins … morning meeting/homeroom
- 3:00 pm – Classes end, Residence halls open
- 3:00-5:00 pm – Free time, Sports Practices, etc.
- 5:00-5:30 pm – Dinner (check in with dorm parent on duty)
- 8:00 pm – On-campus curfew
- 9:00 pm – In-Building Curfew
- 11:00 pm – In Rooms

Friday:

- 7:15-7:45 am – Breakfast
- 8:00 am – School day begins … morning meeting/homeroom
- 3:00 pm – Classes end, Residence halls open
- 3:00-5:00 pm – Free time, Sports Practices, etc.
- 5:00-5:30 pm – Dinner (check in with dorm parent on duty)
- 8:00 pm – On-campus curfew
- 10:00 pm – In-building curfew
- 12:00 pm – In Rooms

Saturday:

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm – Brunch in dining hall (check in with dorm parent on duty)
- 5:00-5:30 pm – Dinner (check in with dorm parent on duty)
- 9:00 pm – On-Campus Curfew
- 10:00 pm – In-Building Curfew
- 11:00 pm – Quiet Dorm Time
- 11:30 pm – 12:00 am – Out of Commons for Cleaning

Sunday:

- 11:30 am-12:00 pm – Brunch in dining hall (check in with dorm parent on duty)
- 1:00 pm-3:00 pm – Store Trips
- 5:00-5:30 pm – Dinner (check in with dorm parent on duty)
- 8:00 pm – On-Campus Curfew
- 9:00 pm – In-Building Curfew
- 10:30 pm – Common Spaces Close, Quiet Dorm Time
- 11:00 pm – In Rooms

Housekeeping

The janitorial service cleans dorm rooms once a week. Boarding students are expected to keep their rooms neat and clean. Furniture is not to be removed from the residence hall rooms in which it is originally placed. Bed height may be adjusted with the assistance of the dorm parent.

Special adhesive or molding brackets are the only means by which wall hangings or posters may be mounted. Desks are to be kept in good order. Residence hall consequences may be assigned for violations of the above, and charges will be made for damages. Damages to common areas will be assessed to all residents of the living unit unless someone assumes responsibility.

Each residence dorm parent will hand out a room condition report to each boarder as the school year begins. Each student should take the time to see that these reports are complete and accurate before returning them to the residence hall leader. If, for any reason, a student is approved to change rooms during the school year, they must be sure to fill out another room condition sheet and return it to his or her dorm parent. When moving out, the room should be made to appear the same as it did on the day of moving in.

As needed to make repairs or check equipment (heaters, air conditioners, sinks, etc.), a member of the maintenance staff may enter a room. Before entry, all staff will coordinate with the dorm parent to ensure the privacy and safety of students.

Boarding students are also expected to help keep the residence hall neat and clean. Weekly activities will be planned and implemented to support this goal.

Cleanliness Standards:

- Trash taken to the dumpsters if filled to the brim, or if containing ANY food waste
- Room is empty of all dishes
- All laundry is stored in a hamper, basket, or the provided dressers
- Floors are clean and clear of clutter
- Beds are in a tidy state

Dorm Space Privacy Rules

In the interest of encouraging privacy and respect on campus, there are certain areas Dorm Students are banned from entering.

- Male Dorm students are not permitted beyond the 1st Floor (Ground Floor) of the Carriage House
- Female Students are not permitted on the 3rd floor of the STEAM Center, or inside ANY 2nd Floor Dorm Rooms
- No student is permitted to enter a Dorm Parent's apartment without permission

These rules are strictly enforced, and violations will result in immediate disciplinary action.

Mail

Student mail is delivered to the mansion mail room (Building 2) and may be retrieved by students during school hours.

To facilitate delivery to boarding students, please address mail as:

Student Name
Carriage House / STEAM Center
Rivermont Collegiate
1821 Sunset Dr.
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Laundry

Washers and dryers are in each residence hall for student use. Third- party laundry services may be available and must be approved by the Director of Residential Life and the dorm parent.

Guests

Boarding students may not have overnight guests in a residence hall. Guests (Rivermont day students) may visit between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 pm Sunday through Thursday in the Commons, and during posted hours on the weekends. Additionally, students must receive permission for a guest to enter Rivermont's campus BEFORE the guest arrives. All guests must follow the rules of the residence hall and Rivermont Collegiate.

Boarding students must ask dorm parents if they intend to invite a guest into the dorm. Boarding students must also seek advance permission to invite a non-Rivermont guest onto campus.

Personal Spending Accounts

Rivermont Collegiate does not provide personal spending accounts. Students are encouraged to bring a bank card with them. Students may also set up an account with a local bank when they arrive on campus with the help of the dorm parent.

Boarding students are advised against keeping large sums of money in their rooms. The school will not be responsible for the loss of money in their rooms or in student use.

Rivermont dorm students are advised to set up an account with TBK bank.

Newly arriving students will need to make an appointment online to go in person to the bank to fill out their information and make their initial deposit. Typically, with class schedules, the times that work best are early Saturday mornings. A dorm parent can assist with setting up the appointment.

Items needed to open a bank account:

- Passport/Visa
- A second form of identification, typically a government ID or driver's license from home or a school ID
- Proof of address. A dorm parent can provide a signed letter to fulfill this requirement if needed.
- $25 to $100 cash to open the account.

Boarding Student Meals

Dining Hall

Attendance is required at all meals unless the student has been excused by the dorm parent. Please note that appropriate clothing and shoes must always be worn in the dining room and kitchen, in keeping with health regulations. Students should help clean up after they eat.

Students are not permitted to remove dishes, silverware, glasses, or other equipment without permission from the dining room supervisor or the dorm parent.

Meal Box Requests

Students who may miss a meal due to sickness or approved extracurricular activity may request that a boxed meal be saved to grab later in the evening. Meal box requests must be submitted to a dorm parent on-duty by 4:30 p.m. for a missed dinner, and 10:00 a.m. for a missed lunch or brunch.

Campus Kitchen To-Go

Campus Kitchen To-Go offers boarding students a convenient, nutritious alternative to traditional meal delivery. Prepared fresh by Rivermont's kitchen staff, these meals offer a healthy, affordable option without the wait or expense of outside delivery.

Students can purchase meals through the Point of Sale (POS) system in the dormitory. Each afternoon, kitchen staff will deliver fresh grab-and-go meals to the dorms, making it easy for students to enjoy a satisfying meal whenever they need one.

Meals are $7.99 each and will vary with the weekly menu. Options may include a sandwich with pasta or potato salad, a fresh salad with cottage cheese, a pasta entrée with breadsticks, and other rotating selections. Non-pork and other dietary options will be available to accommodate a variety of student needs.

Meal Delivery Policy

Boarding students may order food and grocery deliveries between 4:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on school days, and 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on weekends.

All delivery orders must be submitted no later than 1-hour before the in-building curfew that day. For student and building safety, students will not be able to retrieve any orders delivered after the in-building curfew.

Meal delivery privileges will be revoked for any student who submits or attempts to retrieve an order outside of the allowed hours. Day students are not permitted to order food or drink deliveries during the school day. Violations of this policy will be referred to the dean of students.

Safety and Security

Securing Personal Property

- The school strongly suggests that boarders not leave credit cards, money, checkbooks, jewelry, and other valuables around in plain sight. A lockbox is available for student use in the dorm parent's apartment. Parents/guardians should check bills carefully if their student has a credit card.
- International students are required to keep their passport, visa, I-20, and other travel documents safely stored in their rooms. Small safes are provided for this purpose.

Dorm Security

Efforts are made to create a safe environment in our dorms. Video cameras are installed in common areas and hallways within the residence halls. The footage is accessible by the dorm parents and other Administrators when there is a concern. Additionally, the STEAM center will be locked at all times and accessible only via a magnetic key card issued to each resident.

Fire Safety

Rivermont Collegiate takes careful precautions to reduce the chances of fire. Student cooperation with these precautions is both important and

expected. Specifically, many of the items listed above in the “What Not to Bring” section are prohibited for fire safety reasons. Absolutely no combustible materials or open flames are permitted on campus in residence hall rooms, hallways, or any other portion of buildings in which students are housed – this includes candles, incense, matches, lighters (including electric lighters), etc. A student whose action leads to a fire, trips the fire alarm, and/or sets off the sprinkler system will be subject to fines and disciplinary action. Strong disciplinary action will also be taken for unauthorized use of fire alarms or extinguishers.

Fire Drills

Special fire drill instructions will be given at the beginning of the school year. General guidelines are: at the sound of the alarm, all students will proceed to the exit designated for their area. Wait in the designated meeting area for attendance check and for further instructions.

Cooperation and attention to these instructions are critical.

Free Time and Recreation

Evening On-Campus Free Time

The time between dinner and 9:00 p.m. is free time. There are lounges, referred to as the Commons, in both residence halls that are open for coed visiting during this period. Boarding students are not permitted to be outside their own residence halls after 9:00 p.m. check-in Sunday through Thursday nights, unless attending school-sponsored events.

Evening free time is a privilege that may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the dorm parent.

Off-Campus Recreation

Weekend recreation is an important part of the Rivermont Collegiate community experience. Each weekend, a variety of activities may be offered. These activities may include:

- Off-campus offerings: hiking, camping, sledding, skiing, snowboarding, biking; trips to shopping malls, movie theaters, bowling alleys, and much more
- Cultural recreation offerings: musical performances, performing arts, theatrical productions
- Community service offerings: local service opportunities
- On-campus events: volleyball games, basketball games, game night, movie night, dodgeball, karaoke, etc.

Boarding students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of off-campus opportunities. Leaving campus helps break up the monotony of residence life, bond with classmates, and relieve stress by having fun. Additionally, recreational opportunities should be viewed as part of the educational experience, expanding your horizons and exposing you to new experiences. Some recreational offerings are mandatory, and student attendance is required.

Behavioral eligibility is necessary to participate in any optional recreational event. This is determined by the dorm parent and the Dean of Students.

Weekend recreation events are announced by calendar at the start of each semester. Sign-ups for optional events are collected prior to the event in question.

Weekend Leave

Except for a few closed weekends, a boarding student may be excused to visit home on weekends or, with permission from home, to visit elsewhere. The procedure is outlined below.

Students may not leave before the end of their last class on Friday. If, for any reason, the student has a change in weekend plans, it is the responsibility of that student and/or his or her parent to notify the dorm parent.

All boarding students MUST return to their residence hall before 8:00

p.m. on Sunday evenings. Ample time should be allowed to cover delays en route. If unforeseen circumstances cause a student to be late, the student or parent must call the dorm parent.

The school reserves the right to cancel or revoke any off-campus weekend privileges at any time; off-campus weekends are a privilege, not a right.

Extended Absences: Parents/guardians of boarding students must notify the school when the student will be away for an extended period. Students must also complete the Planned Absence Form, available in the Honors Commons or from the administrative assistant in the Mansion, in advance of the scheduled departure.

Check-In/Check-Out Procedures

One of the most important responsibilities of a boarding school is knowing the whereabouts of its students at all times. It is each dorm student's responsibility to notify dorm parents of their whereabouts. During free time, students are required to sign in and out of the dormitory using the magnet boards in each building.

Weekdays

- Students may go off campus after school hours, between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Students must check out with their residence hall dorm parent each time they leave campus and check in when they return. Students should not go off campus before receiving permission from an on-duty dorm parent.
- Failure to receive permission prior to leaving the school grounds will result in disciplinary action and suspension of off-campus privileges.
- Weekends
- Students should follow the same procedures on weekends as during the week if they leave campus. If a student plans to miss a meal, they must provide their own meal if appropriate.

Transportation

Motor Vehicles

Boarding students may not ride in a car unless their parents have given written permission to the school. At the beginning of the school year, and as needed, parents will be asked to complete the Motor Vehicle Permission Form. Each time a situation arises that necessitates an exception to this rule, students must gain permission from the dorm parent and the dorm parent on duty. International Students: Iowa laws make it difficult, though not impossible, for international students to obtain a driver's license. Students are welcome to pursue driver's education on their own, but it is not part of Rivermont Collegiate's programming.

Boarding students in good standing who are 18 years old and own a car may park it on campus. Operating a motor vehicle on campus is a privilege. Rivermont staff reserve the right to withhold a vehicle and its keys based on a student's behavior and performance, subject to Rivermont's other rules and policies. Additionally, access to vehicles may be restricted if staff have safety concerns about a student driver. Reckless driving or unauthorized use of an automobile will result in the removal of the privilege of driving on campus. Cars are not lockers or lounges. Students may not go back and forth to their cars during the school day. Should a student need access to their car during the school day, the student must sign out and back in at the Mansion front desk.

Taxi & Ride-Sharing (Uber) Policy

Boarding students may take an Uber to an off-campus destination on Friday evenings and weekends, provided they adhere to these guidelines:

- The student has been given express permission to ride in an Uber by his or her own parent or guardian.
- The student is traveling with at least one other Rivermont student.
- The student notifies the dorm parent of where they are going and how long they intend to stay.
- The student texts or calls the dorm parent upon arrival to that destination.
- The destination is no further than a 20-minute drive from campus.

Failure to adhere to any of the above guidelines will result in loss of privilege to use Uber again as well as disciplinary infractions.

Students who take Uber's or Lyft's must set a return trip for 1 hour before that day's On Campus Curfew.

Bicycles

Students may bring a bicycle to campus or purchase one while here. Student-owned bicycles are to be stored on the 3rd floor of the STEAM building in a designated storage room. Students riding a bike must also have a helmet and a lock. Bike helmets and locks are available for purchase during the weekend store trip. Students wishing to ride a bike off-campus must also notify dorm parents and may only do so during specifically designated times and days.

Health

Non-Prescription Medication

Students should refrain from bringing non-prescription medications. Non-prescription medications brought to campus will be kept in storage until the end of the school year and will not be administered.

Students will be supplied with over-the-counter medication for pain, gastric distress, or allergies upon request to a dorm parent. The dorm parent will coordinate with the student to ensure medications are taken as prescribed.

Prescription Medication

Failure or unwillingness by the student to take prescribed medication will be treated as a violation of school policy and may lead to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Prescription medicine must be stored with a dorm parent at all times. Any student misusing prescription medication will face disciplinary action that could include dismissal from the school.

Digital Citizenship

Boarding students are subject to all rules and regulations regarding technology use as outlined in the Technology Policy in the Rivermont Collegiate Student/Parent Handbook.
Students and parents should also refer to the Technology Responsible Use Agreement.

Discipline

Boarding students are subject to all disciplinary rules and regulations as outlined in the Student Discipline section of the Rivermont Collegiate Student/Parent Handbook.

Appendix A: Useful Addresses

1. Grocery and Shopping:
    a. Walmart
    5811 Elmore Avenue, Davenport, IA 52807
    b. Target
    5225 Elmore Avenue, Davenport, IA 52807
    c. Oriental Food Store
    808 W River Drive, Davenport, IA 42802
    d. Namaste Plaza Grocery Store
    3228 Avenue of the Cities, Moline, IL 61265
    e. NorthPark Shopping Center
    320 W Kimberly Road, Davenport, IA 52806
2. Banking:
    a. TBK Bank
    1521 Grant Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722
3. Cell Phone:
    a. T-Mobile
    909 Middle Road, Bettendorf, IA 52722
    3150 E 53rd Street, Davenport, IA 52807
4. Recreation:
    a. TBK Bank Entertainment Center
    4850 Competition Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722
    b. Bettendorf High School
    3333 18th Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722