

# Blue Mountain Academy



## Dorm Handbook

**2023-2024**

## Mission

Because of our understanding of Scripture, Seventh-day Adventists believe that the work of education and the work of redemption are one. We believe that the restoration of man in the image of his Maker is an educational process. Hence, our function, above all others, is to provide an educational environment that will assist you in acquiring or maintaining a faith relationship with Jesus Christ by relying upon His strength in your life.

*To bring man back into harmony with God, so to elevate and ennoble his moral nature that he may again reflect the image of the Creator, is the great purpose of all the education and discipline of life. (White, Counsels to Teachers, p. 49)*

Blue Mountain was established to prepare the student to live in this world and for eternity by providing a high-quality education that affects the mental, physical, and spiritual aspects of life. Since the fall, man has sought self-destruction (death) and a misrepresentation of God and his gift to man (life). It is the mission of BMA's dormitories to share with all who reside within our walls a vision of the power of God and the life that results from relying upon His strengths solely.

*True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come. (White, Education, p. 13)*

## Goal

Through our doors each year pass young men and women, many away from home for the first time. Some come from homes that have prepared them well, others not. It is our hope when each one exits those same doors for the last time on graduation day, they leave as a young, Christian disciples, better suited academically, spiritually, and socially for life. To this end, we believe that the education of our students does not end outside the classroom. Within the dormitory, the educational process continues in the spiritual and social realm. It is our goal to instruct young men and women in acceptable Christian standards: social skills, hygienics (body, clothing, living environment), proper dress, work ethics, attitude, respect and decorum-attributes that make them a representative of Christ.

*The greatest want of the world is the want of men-men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name; men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. (Ed. 57)*

## Philosophy

The type of day you have, and how others respond to you, is determined by your choice of ATTITUDE.

Choosing a *FAITH* attitude with God is the key to a successful, happy, fulfilling life.

- Read: Romans. 1: 16 17, 1John 5:4, Ephesians 3:20

Remember... Faith is reliance upon God's power in your life (completely and continually). So "let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews. 12:2).

"The testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If you lack wisdom, ask God, who gives it willingly without finding fault" (James 1:3-5).

## Notice

Any student taking up residency in the dormitory relinquishes some personal rights including, but not limited to, right of entry. BMA reserves the right for a Dean, his representative, or the school administration, to enter and inspect a student's room and personal possessions whenever reasonable cause or necessity calls for it. BMA reserves the right for a Dean to perform random inspections for banned or illegal items. The student and his parent/guardian acknowledge this right upon the student assuming residency in the dormitory.

## What to Bring

Bible, bedding for twin-size bed, mattress pad/cover, pillow, Sabbath dress clothes (see student handbook) & **shoes**, towels, flip-flops, toiletries, wastebasket, liquid laundry soap, fabric softener, dryer sheets, & laundry bag, sleeping bag, battery-operated alarm clock, canteen/refillable waterbottle, school supplies, athletic wear (clothes, cleats, etc.), cleaning supplies for dorm room, and hygiene products.

## Items to Leave Home

These items include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Items depicting alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sexuality, rock/rap artists, violence, spiritualism, demonism or witchcraft
- Any and all drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, and or chemicals that are brought on campus or into the dorm with the intent to get high, buzzed, to sell, or to give away. (This campus and dorm are in a drug free zone by state law. Any attempt to bring these banned or illegal substances onto campus will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.)
- Televisions, VCRs, DVD players, Video/computer games\* and movies
- Any speakers or amplifiers (Bluetooth, etc)
- Inappropriate CDs, DVDs, Siu-rays, Video Games (Parental Advisory, questionable lyrics, violent or spiritualistic games, movies)
- Weapons of any kind or weapon look-alikes
- Coffee makers, hotplates, electric frying pans, iron ("open" heating utensils)
- Matches, candles, cigarettes lighters, incense & incense burners
- Flesh foods, Caffeinated beverages, pets
- Jewelry and inappropriate clothing
- Hammers, nails
- Walkie-talkies

\* See the Dean for possible exceptions

## Leaving/Returning to Campus

At the start of the school year, the dormitory opens on Sunday, the day of registration, after completing all other stations. You may begin moving into your room from this time on after you have cleared financials with the registrar at the main office and after you have completed the necessary paperwork in the Dorm Lobby.

At the close of the school year, the dormitory will close graduation day. Please prepare to have your student and their belongings picked up this day. STUDENTS, PLEASE BE COURTEOUS IN THIS MATTER BY HAVING YOUR ROOM CLEAN AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS READY TO GO BY THIS TIME.

### Going off-campus

You must have parental approval and the Dean's permission in order to sign out at the front desk. To visit a home off-campus, a letter from your parent/guardian listing the names of desirable residences you wish to visit is required, or the names must be listed in your student resident file in the Dean's office. Otherwise an email from both parties will be necessary. The individual signing you out and transporting you off campus must be over 25 years of age and approved by your parent/guardian. BMA reserves the right to refuse leave permission regardless of parental permission because of grades, conflicting events, or closed campus, etc. CLR students are campus bound while their names remain on the CLR list.

If you are checking out at such a time that the dorm will be locked because of school activities (i.e. Friday night vespers), please inform the person picking you up that they will have to do so prior to our departure time or the locking of the dorm. Otherwise, you will be required to join the rest of the students at the arranged activity and they may pick you up there. PLEASE NOTE: leaving an off-campus school activity is under the same requirements as though leaving campus.

### Going off campus with another student

Generally speaking, students are not allowed to ride in the vehicles of other students unless it is approved by administration. Nevertheless, the Dean must speak with both parents/guardians and students must be in compliance with school policy when leaving campus with other students. You must also sign out and back in at the front desk prior to leaving and when returning.

### Overnight leaves

Overnight/weekend leaves will not be granted to students who are campus bound (CLR). The Deans reserve the right to deny overnight leaves. You must sign out properly when you leave the dorm, and sign back in upon your return. Once you sign out, please make every effort to remain out of the dormitory during your leave. Your presence in the dorm prior to your estimated return time will be taken for your having checked back in early (Your leave will be terminated upon your arrival to the dorm).

### Student Vehicles

Dorm students are allowed to bring a vehicle to school if approved by administration, but they must abide by school policy or risk losing their privilege. At minimum, the dean will keep the vehicle to the car until it is needed by the student. No dorm student may transport another student at any time (exceptions made for weekend or leave trips home with permission from administration and both parents, written). All vehicles must be registered with the Head Dean.

Every other weekend students will have the opportunity to go to wal-mart to purchases items needed. If student is on CLR they lose their privilege to go. No meat, caffeine, or any item not coherent with school policies can be brought back on campus.

### Home leaves

Throughout the school year we have extended weekends or home leaves that allow full-time boarding students to go home, or to a friend or relative's house with parent/guardian permission. It is strongly urged that the student, if possible, makes plans for a place to go during these periods early. Only those who are approved by administration can remain on campus. These students will do service during the days in which they stay.

NOTE: After the dorm closes on the day of break, a student will be charged \$100 for every hour late, unless prior arrangements have been made with administration. The dorm will not reopen for students until 3 PM on the return day. The cafeteria does not re-open until Monday morning or the morning following the last day of Homeleave, which means students need to make dinner plans.

### Airport/Bus Transportation

If you are using airport or public bus transportation to leave or return from a home leave you must find your own transportation to and from the airport or bus station. This transportation must be approved by your parents, the driver, and the Dean. If your flight or bus leaves or returns during the hours that the dorm is closed, you are responsible for making arrangements to stay at another location until the dorm reopens.

## Dorm Cleanliness

### Daily Room Cleanliness

Each individual dorm student is expected to maintain his [side of the] room in a clean and orderly fashion. THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL. Morning inspections will be made by the Dean on duty Monday through Friday on a point basis. Your bed is to be made each morning and your clothes picked up and put away. The room is to look neat at a glance. Failure to keep your room neat may result in forfeiture of privileges. This inspection is worth 10 points per infraction daily (see below). You have to achieve 80 points minimum out of 100 points per day to pass. Results are posted in the lobby of the dorm each day. Those failing to meet this expectation will, at the minimum, have Sunday dorm cleaning duties the approaching weekend which will disable them from getting their weekend requests approved. Furthermore, if you do not complete correcting the areas you failed in by the end of each day, you will be charged \$5.00 per day until your room is graded clean by a dean.

### Sunday Early Morning Cleaning Duties

Sunday cleaning is time accrued for service due to room fails, bad dorm attendance, and/or behavioral issues. In general, each mark against a student will be a service time of 30 min, starting at 5:30 am Sunday morning. On Saturday night before lights out, a list will be posted in the Dorm lobby to inform each student how much time they owe.

## Areas of Inspection

1. Bed not made/Linens Dirty
2. Apparel/Clothing not put away
3. Clutter/Messy
4. Dust
5. Electricity not turned off
6. Fan Dirty/not turned off
7. Ground dirty
8. Trash/or Trash not emptied
9. Door Left Unlocked
10. Window left open/tampered with
11. Yukie = Failed room check (multiple areas)

No dorm supplies or items are to be kept or left in any dorm resident's room.

## Study Hall

Once a week, on Sunday, the dean checks the current grades of the students. Those who have a D, F, or I will be required to report to a strictly monitored study hall with a tutor/supervisor. Directly after recreation/intramurals during the week, Unruh hall residents should head to the chapel for worship. When chapel dismisses, each student will have 5 min to get what they need and go to the area they need to be in for study hall at 7:45 PM. At 9:30pm study hall will end. This is the time for all to prepare for lights out. All students will have lights out at 10:00 p.m. It is neither recess nor meal time. It is time to get a drink, go to the restroom, shower, and get ready for bed. You have 30 minutes. The RAs will begin room check at 10:00 p.m. to see that LIGHTS ARE OUT AND YOU ARE IN BED. Any student still "awake" will receive Sunday service detail.

### Dean's list

No restrictions. Student's who have obtained higher than a 3.0 with no more than 1 "C," no failed room checks, an A in attendance, have no discipline issues, and have a good attitude. They have the ability to study outside of their own room with another person of the same restrictions.

### Regular Status

Students not on the DF&I or the Dean's List have a relaxed study hall each night. These students are restricted to their own rooms during study hall until 9:30pm and will be monitored by an RA.

### D, F, or I (any combination)

Any student with a D, F's, or an Incomplete is subject to a strict study hall in the dorm lobby study room. There will be no talking allowed and they will be monitored constantly by an RA, Dean, or Tutor.

### DF&I Assignment logs

These will be given to students who either have numerous down-grades or are habitually on the DF&I list. These must be checked by the RA/Dean at the beginning of study hall each night and a nightly report will be discussed about each individual with the Dean on duty.

### DF&I Cell phones

Students on DFI will receive their phones only during recreation time until they are off of DFI. If they need to speak with parents, they can use the desk phone in the lobby, or use their personal phone under the supervision of the Dean on duty in the dean's office.

### Sabbath and Vespers Dress

Sabbath meetings (Vespers, Sabbath School and Church) are special occasions. THE STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR SABBATH DRESS DETAILS (OR THE SCHOOL BULLETIN). CHECK THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE FOR PROPER VESPERS ATTIRE.

### Sabbath/Friday Night Vespers 7:30 p.m

Every Friday night we have vespers. The location, what it entails and what dress is appropriate vary at times, so please refer to the weekend bulletin.

### Sabbath Breakfast

Served in the cafeteria.

### Sabbath School/Church 10:00am/11:00am

Anyone staying in the dorm through the weekend will be expected to attend services, as the dorm will be closed.

### Lunch

A noon meal will be served after the morning service. Sabbath Dress is required in the cafeteria for lunch.

### Sabbath Afternoon

Sabbath Afternoon is generally your time to relax, many times there are optional or mandatory events each student has to attend. Check the Announcements for the weekend for this information.

### NO GAMES ALLOWED DURING THE SABBATH HOURS

The gym will not be opened during the Sabbath Hours and access to the outdoor playing courts and field areas are not allowed. Playing sports, board games, video games, computer games, etc. is not allowed. The Sabbath is a day we are asked to give to Jesus and keep our mind on eternal things, not things of this world.

### Dinner

The dinner meal will be served in the cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. (unless otherwise posted).

### Sundown Worship

The closing of Sabbath will consist of a short worship just prior to sundown in the dorm, in the chapel, or out on the campus. This moment of prayer is to honor the God who created you, and His Sabbath as a day of rest.

### Saturday Night Activities

Virtually every Saturday night we will have an activity planned. "What" is happening will be announced. Watch your school calendar and newsletter for upcoming events.



Prepare for lights out. This is the last opportunity for showers.

11:00 P.M. Saturday Night Lights Out

You should be in bed with the lights off.

Sunday 5:30 a.m

Sunday cleaning detail for those with marks against them

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Brunch will be served in the cafeteria at this time each Sunday until 11:30 a.m. Remember, pajamas are not acceptable attire in the cafeteria.

Sunday Afternoon

Walmart trips are taken every other weekend. This time period is a dorm bound time frame where students need to remain in the dorm unless there is an open campus or another pre-approved event happening.

7:00 p.m. Worship

Please plan on arriving back at the dorm for worship and announcements.

8:00 p.m. Study Hall

The study hall atmosphere will be maintained as during the week to allow those on DF&I to concentrate. Get your work done during the day if you have to, but THERE ARE NO LATE LIGHTS SUNDAY NIGHT!!!

Before Lights out

Students who signed out for the weekend are required to be back to the dorm before 9:30 PM. If this isn't possible, please make other arrangements to sleep for the night.

### Dean on Duty

If you need a dean please see the placard in the lobby to find out who is on duty. If you are in need of permission for something and the dean on duty is not visible, call the dean phone (the number is posted in the lobby). Please do not disturb the dean that is not on duty unless there is an emergency. If for whatever reason you cannot find the DOD find an RA and they will help. No student should ever go to the house or apartment of a dean.

### Morning Wake-up

You are responsible to see that you awaken and get to class on time. Eating breakfast, cleaning your room, and getting ready for the school day should all be accomplished before 8 AM.

### Announcements

Announcements, in addition to being made each evening at worship, will either be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby, or in the Dean's office window. Please take the time to read them.

### Discipline

Issues requiring discipline should be referred to the Dean. Should a student commit an act or be reported to the Dean for an infraction the incident may be handled by the Dean. In some instances, the situation may be brought to discipline committee.

### Clothing in the Lobby

Shirts and pants or shorts are to be properly worn at all times in the lobby area (i.e., kitchenette, lobby, main hallway etc.). Towels, underclothes, or nothing at all are a no-no, as is sagging outerwear.

### Worships

There are two worships each day in the dormitory. You are required to attend and be on time to the evening worship at 7:10 p.m.; however, the Morning worship at 7:45 a.m. is optional. Please-be on time!

### Guests

No visitors, including parents are allowed to enter any part of the dorm other than the lobby without dean permission. An announcement will be made to residents if permission is granted. All guests should check in with the dean in the lobby or call the dean phone number before entering other areas of the dorm. Village students are not allowed in the dorm unless they receive permission from the Dean on duty. Any dorm guest will be charged a fee for the stay (\$40) or \$55 if linens are needed. A reduced rate will only be when event starts early the next day or when it arrives back to the campus late. Plans should be made in advance with the Dean on duty. Guests not staying overnight must be out of the dorm by 9 p.m. on school nights and 10:00 p.m. on weekends. The Dean retains the right to refuse visitors and ask guests to leave the premises. NOTE: It is unhealthy, in several respects, for two individuals to share the same bed. Consequences will result should you be found doing so (See: Leviticus 20:13). Beds will not be allowed to be pushed together at any time for the purpose of sleeping.

There is a dorm request form on the BMA website. This has to be filled out to be approved for an overnight stay. Be mindful, this is a request and it is not guaranteed until the Dean emails a confirmation email. The rate is \$40.00 per night or \$55 with linens. The Dean reserves the right to refuse visitors and ask guests to leave the premises. A copy of the dorm guest policies will be handed to dorm guest upon arrival. Visitor will be expected to follow guest/visitor policies.

### Rooms

LOCK YOUR ROOM WHEN YOU LEAVE. All rooms are for double occupancy. However, if room allows, and at the Dean's discretion, single occupancy may be obtained by request, but will be an additional \$250 per month. You will be expected to leave your room clean (this is especially true when moving out at the end of your stay in the dormitory, or you will be charged a \$50 cleaning fee and/or a \$50 packing and moving fee.

### Damage

Writing on, tagging, posting stickers on cabinetry or walls, and drawing on the walls, closets, inside of drawers, etc. is prohibited. The use of nails, screws, or any other long sharp object is prohibited. Please use poster putty or tape to hang your items. Tampering with smoke detectors is a crime, so leave them alone. You will be held responsible for any damage you may cause or participate in in the dorm. This may include the cost of repair, an additional fine, and discipline. If there is any damage to your window screen, (shows any sign of tampering, bending, tearing, attempt to remove, or cutting of the screen) in your room there will be a \$100 dollar fine for each offense. If your closet door is destroyed beyond repair, it will be a \$250 charge.

### Right of Entry

BMA reserves the right for a Dean, his representative, police K-9 units, any law enforcement agent, or the school administration to enter and inspect a student's room whenever reasonable cause or necessity calls for it, with or without the student present. The student and his parent/guardian also understand that the Dean will make random searches throughout the year to ensure the dorm remains safe. NOTE: The student and his parent/guardian accept this right upon the student assuming occupancy in the dormitory.

### Entering / Leaving

Any attempt to enter or leave the dormitory by means other than the normal doors, except in an emergency, will result in disciplinary action and a \$100 fine (this is in addition to the fine for tampering with the window screen). Leaving (in some cases entering) the dorm after 7:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. without the Dean's prior knowledge, is not an acceptable practice.

### Wall Dressing

Items that adorn the walls should not portray anything that is not commensurate with the standards and views of BMA. Use modesty and discretion. Pictures of scantily clad bodies or suggestive poses, depictions supporting profanity, illegal substances, violence or the occult, or any groups that ascribe to such, should not be placed on the walls of your room. THIS IS A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. Check with the Dean if you have doubts; otherwise, your decorations may show up missing.

### Appliances/fire Hazards

No Microwaves, crock-pots, or rice cookers are allowed, as well as no open flame or heating elements are allowed. Hi-output halogen lamps, because of their intense heat, are forbidden. THE MISUSE OF FIRE

EXTINGUISHERS, FIRE ALARMS, OR OTHER PROTECTION EQUIPMENT IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED BY ~~IAW~~.

### Storage

Limited space is available for the storage of items during the year, and limited storage for large items you wish to store over the summer. There is a \$50 fee per month if this is desired and prearranged with the dean. BMA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, DAMAGED, OR STOLEN ITEMS LEFT OR STORED IN THE DORMITORY. These stored items will not be accessible until the beginning of the next year.

### Mail

Incoming mail will be delivered to you in the dorm. If you need to send something you need to take it to the office in the administration building. Your Mailing Address is:

*Your Name*  
C/O Blue Mountain Academy 2363 Mountain Rd.  
Hamburg, PA (USA) 19526

### Phones

Blue Mountain Academy: (484)662-7005 (Boys dorm) and (484) 662-7000 (ext. 247)

All cell phones and electronics are to be registered in the dorm the day of registration. Any cell phone that is found in use by a student other than the one(s) registered will result in a \$100 fine and confiscation until parents pick it up. All electronics are required to be turned into the dean's office by 9:45pm Monday-Thursday. During the week cell phones may be picked up between 5:45-5:55 PM. Failure to come during that time to retrieve your cell phone means that the Dean may return it to you at their earliest convenience. Any cell phone not turned in on time will result in your phone confiscated for a week with the first infraction.

Continued misuse of a cell phone, will result in your parent/guardian being asked to remove it from your possession on campus indefinitely. On Friday, phones should be turned into the dean's office by 7 PM. From sundown on Friday night until after Sabbath lunch (1:30), all phones will be in dean possession. On Saturday night, all phones are to be turned in by 10:45pm.

### Music/Noise

Music is a powerful means to uplift or to tear down. Music is much more powerful than any of us understand in the spiritual warfare that surrounds us. We need to be extremely careful what noises, beats, and lyrics we let inside our ears. At no time ever should anyone hear music coming from a device of yours. If this is heard, your device will be confiscated immediately and returned at the dean's discretion. No external speakers (Bluetooth, sound system, etc.) of any kind should be brought into the BMA dorm or they will be confiscated and a \$20 fine will ensue. Headphones and Earbuds will rarely, if ever, be allowed for use and only for and under certain circumstances will they be allowed. When earbuds/headphones are approved for use (dean only), no individual on campus should ever hear the music being played. If this occurs, your headphones will be confiscated and returned at the dean's discretion with a possible pending fine. There are further possible restrictions that may be enforced by the dean if there is a noticeable abuse of music – including but not limited to a no headphone use in the dorm.

### Alarm Clocks

We encourage the use of non-music playing alarms. Please ensure that you shut-off your alarm clock each morning and especially on weekends if you are checking out. Otherwise this discourtesy will awaken others and who have no way of shutting off your alarm if your door is locked.

No personal Computers or electronic games are permitted in the dorm, without special permission from dean. You are assigned a BMA school laptop for your convenience and academic purposes only. These computers must be turned in every evening just like phones and will be returned in the morning before classes. During the Sabbath hours, laptops will not be returned.

#### Thermostats

Some of the rooms have a thermostat that controls the heat for a number of rooms. Please do not disturb the settings. Do not adjust any Thermostat in the dorm without the Head Dean's permission.

#### Lights

Please turn out all lights and electricity when you leave your room. This is part of your room grade.

#### Door Alarms

All exterior doors are locked and alarmed from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. nightly. On Sabbath and Sunday mornings, the alarm may not be turned off until the dean on duty is up and he has turned on his office lights. If you must exit the dorm at an earlier hour, please make arrangements with the dean ahead of time.

#### Keys/Theft

You will be given one key to your room. USE IT AND KEEP IT IN YOUR POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES. If you lock yourself out of your room, ask the Dean to unlock your door. However, you will be expected to pay him a \$1.00 nuisance fee for the inconvenience. If you lose that key you will have to pay a \$20 replacement fee. If you find someone else's key, you are to turn it in to one of the deans or at the front office immediately. Possession of an unauthorized key constitutes a serious offense and subject to serious discipline, including possible expulsion. If you are seen testing whether or not your room key will open other doors or checking to see who left their door unlocked, you will be charged with unlawful entry, held liable for anything missing in that room, suspect for any other items missing in the dorm, face a possible \$100 fine and possible expulsion or be placed on probationary status (this will also be true if you are found trying to open ANY door without a key).

#### Money & Valuables

Theft happens every year. A locked safe is available in the Dean's office to secure money and small valuables. If you keep money in your room (not wise), either mark it somehow, or copy the last 4 digits of the serial number so as to trace it in case of theft. Inform the Dean of any thefts, but if you lose money and have done nothing to identify it, there is little the Dean can do. **KEEP YOUR ROOM LOCKED AND CARRY YOUR KEY AT ALL TIMES YOU ARE NOT THERE!!!!!!**

#### Hair

You may cut your hair dean designated area only (boys dorm – only in the barber shop). You must clean up your mess as part of the cutting process otherwise you will lose this privilege. NO DYING OR TINTING OF HAIR IS ALLOWED. Please note the results must be 'natural' and conservative and not draw undue attention. Mustaches and beards are allowed, but all hair must be kept neat and clean.

Weight lifting equipment is provided for your use in the dormitory. Please confine the use of all weight lifting equipment to the weight room. DO NOT move the free weights to your room. Use a spotter when lifting heavy weight.

### Hazing & Other Irregular Activities

A student who engages in or conspires to engage in hazing or commits any act that injures, degrades, disgraces, manipulates or intimidates a fellow student in any way (i.e. physically, verbally, written, etc.) will be subject to serious discipline, including expulsion. This is required by State law. We are a Christian school-please act accordingly. Any activity or instrument that incites violent, aggressive, or predatory actions is in opposition to Christian ethics and will be dealt with accordingly.

### Weapons

Anything that can be construed as a weapon or any item presented as a weapon will be confiscated and returned to your parents/guardian only. All pocket Knives must be kept by the dean until student use (for work, maintenance, camp outs, etc.) and then returned immediately after use. A student caught with possession of a weapon without Dean permission will face serious consequences.

### Jewelry

Jewelry does not comply with the conservative Christian standards of BMA, and therefore is not to be worn in the dorm, on campus or at off-campus church or school-sponsored activities. Hanging a key on jewelry does not make it acceptable. Jewelry will be confiscated, and may be picked up at the end of the year. It is recognized that all Adventists do not agree with this standard on jewelry and that is fine, but it is the policy at BMA. SEE: Romans 12:2, 13:14, 1 Corinthians 8:9, Exodus 33:5-6, Genesis 35:4

### Dress

Please dress appropriately. Your attire must comply with the standards of BMA. Refer to the student handbook for specifics regarding dress. Within the dormitory, you will be required to wear a shirt and pants/gym shorts anytime you enter the lobby, chapel, kitchen, or dean's office.

### Sick list

If you are sick and feel you cannot go to class, please follow this procedure: notify the RA desk worker between 6:30 and 7 AM. The Dean will visit with you once he arrives at his office at 7 am and will determine if you need to remain in your room for the day, as well as bring you meds, and meals. If necessary, a nurse will be called. In either case, a determination will be made if your illness warrants missing classes for the day. If you are sick, you should get up only for trips to the restroom. You will remain on sick list until the following morning. The Dean will check on you during the day and notify the office of your condition. The RAs will arrange for your meals to be brought to your room. If a doctor is needed, the Dean will make those arrangements. No student visitors are allowed in your room while someone in your room is on sick list. Computers, laundry, games, etc. are off-limits. Please be respectful of this policy and those on sick list. Students on sick list will not receive their laptops or phones for that day. **It is required that students not keep personal medications in their rooms.** Students should not dispense medications to other students.

### Trashcan

A large trash can is kept in the restroom for you to empty your refuse into. However, do not put leftover food or spoilable garbage in them. *It will stink up the dorm!!* Remove it to the outside dumpster behind the South Wing.

### Loitering in the Dorm

The Boys' Dorm will be locked during certain hours of the day. The dean's will announce these times to students throughout the year depending on class schedule changes. The only students allowed in the dorm during these hours are those on the leadership team, sick list and the janitors.

### Food Preparations

There will be repercussions for setting off the fire alarms or stinking up the dorm because of your negligence. There is a kettle and microwave available for student use in the lobby

### Food Deliveries

Food deliveries are never allowed, as well as orders from any vendors (door dash, uber, etc). We have Walmart trips for you to get food or non perishable items can be delivered through the mail.

### Bicycles, Rollerblades, Skateboards, Cleats, and other sporting equipment

These items are not to be ridden, worn or used in the dormitory. There will be a \$10 fine assessed for each infraction. Please help keep are dorm looking good. Remember to respect othersstuff.

### Personal Items

Store them in your room. Belongings, such as books, backpacks, clothing, etc. left lying around the dorm will be removed by the Dean, and will have to be redeemed from him.

### Laundry Room

The laundry room provides free washers and free dryers, plus ironing facilities. If you do not know how to use them please ask for assistance or follow the instructions in their proper use. It is best to stay by while your clothing is being laundered rather than leaving it unattended or you may find some of it unfinished or missing. All items left in the laundry room Friday afternoon may go to the lost and found in the dorm. You must provide LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP, fabric softener, and dryer sheets, but NO BLEACH MAY BE USED. Should a load be finished and you need the machine, please remove the finished items and place them neatly in one of the cubicles provided. The laundry room will be locked from Sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday night.

## NOTES FROM THE DEAN

The Dean reserves the rights to add, delete, or modify at any time the dorm rules and policies used in the dormitory, stated or not stated, in the Dorm Handbook without cause or prior notification. Notice of any changes will be posted in the lobby and/or announced during nightly worship after which, you will be held accountable to them.

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## **Dormitory Fines**

These are non-negotiable fines that relate to our dorm handbook. Any fine incurred will be added to your student's bill. Please encourage your student to adhere by dorm policy.

Opening Room (Inconvenience Fee) - \$1 each time

Failed Room check - \$5 (if cleaned by the end of the day and rechecked, no fine)

Medicine found in Room - \$5

Meat/Caffeine - \$5

Jewelry - \$5

Selling/Trading - \$5

Heating devices (space heater, iron, hot plate, etc) - \$5

Cursing - \$10 (each infraction)

Wearing/using sports equipment in dorm (Cleats, Riding bike, skateboard, bouncing ball, etc) - \$10

Replacement Key/Lost Key - \$20

Video games, controllers, etc. - \$20

External speakers - \$20

Weapons Found - \$50

Room Cleaning Fee due to improper check out at end of year - \$50

Use of non-registered phone or other device (dummy phone) - \$100 (and other phone taken for 1 month)

Entering/Leaving in an undesignated way - \$100

Breaking/Damaging Screens - \$100

I have read and acknowledge these non-negotiable fees:

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Items to Leave Home**

These items include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Items depicting alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sexuality, rock/rap artists, violence, spiritualism, demonism or witchcraft
- Any and all drugs, cigarettes, alcohol, and or chemicals that are brought on campus or into the dorm with the intent to get high, buzzed, to sell, or to give away. (This campus and dorm are in a drug free zone by state law. Any attempt to bring these banned or illegal substances onto campus will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.)
- Televisions, VCRs, DVD players, Video/computer games\* and movies
- Any speakers or amplifiers (Bluetooth, etc)
- CDs, DVDs, Siu-rays, Video Games
- Weapons of any kind or weapon look-alikes
- Coffee makers, hotplates, electric frying pans, iron ("open" heating utensils), rice cookers, space heaters,
- Matches, candles, cigarettes lighters, incense & incense burners
- Flesh foods, Caffeinated beverages, pets
- Jewelry and inappropriate clothing
- Hammers, nails