

MSSM Parents' Association Packing List (Updated August 2015)

Necessary Items

- Quarters for washer & dryer (\$3 per load)
- Alarm clock
- Computer - Laptop recommended. (an integrated or external web cam a nice option for "calls" home via video Instant Messaging) ~ check with your insurance agent ... some companies waive any deductible for loss or damage to computers, cameras, etc. which have been itemized on your homeowner's policy. (Please check the MSSM Network Agreement Use Policy (NAUP) in the current Parent/Student Handbook for important information.)
- Printer - Consider an all-in-one printer, but these features may make operation more difficult. Laser printers are faster and have a lower cost of operation. No wireless or network printers.
- Ream of printer paper
- 10-15 ft. Ethernet cable and/ or a wireless card (cable recommended for times wireless is down)
- 4, 8 or 16 GB Pen drive/Flash drive
- Surge Protector/Power strip (a UPS with a backup battery is also good)
- Graphing calculator - All students need a graphing calculator, the TI-83 and TI-84 models are recommended.
- Laundry bag/basket
- Laundry detergent (pods don't make a mess and are easy to transport to laundry room)
- Personal toiletry items (this is especially important, please make your own list)
- Pillow, sheet set (Twin now standard, Twin XL available on request), blankets, comforter
- 2 each bath towels, hand towels, and washcloths
- School supplies – refer to more detailed MSSM Packing List at:
<http://mssmpa.org/mssmpaparents.html>
- Plastic wire, or wood hangers (heavy duty ones are best, especially for winter clothes)
- Refillable water bottle

School Supplies [generally recommended, some specific items may be required]:

- One 1" or 2" 3 ring binder for each academic class
- Pencils or mechanical pencils and lead refills
- Black/Blue pens
- Pack of college ruled filler paper
- Large plastic eraser
- Two-pocket folders
- Personal organizer (academic year planner – spiral bound or refillable)
- Academic year desk pad calendar or wall calendar

Please do not bring these items:

- Cleaning products
- Heavily scented personal care and air freshening products

- Aerosol spray cans
- Iron/ironing board
- Microwave, Television, VCR
- Candles, incense, matches or lighters
- Cooking appliances with a self-contained heating element
- Halogen lamps
- Wired or wireless routers, switches, servers
- Gaming consoles (until after November break, pending approval)

Helpful Items

- Books for pleasure reading
- Dorm room wall decorations, push pins/white poster putty
- MP3/iPod/iPad/Personal Digital music device (please refer to the NAUP)
- Computer peripherals (mouse, mouse pad, keyboard, wrist rest, speakers)
- Data backup medium (flash drive, external hard drive, cloud-based data storage)
- Comfortable office chair (a desk and a chair are provided)
- Bike helmet (must wear if under 16)/skateboard safety gear/other sports gear
- If you bring a bike you must have lights front and rear if riding it at night (LED are best)
- Small fan
- Study lamp (no halogen lamps)
- Cordless phone with answering machine with 10-15 ft. wall cord
- Cell phone (please refer to the NAUP about smart phones)
- Small dorm room refrigerator (Max. 3.6 Cu. Ft)
- Small drying rack for towels/laundry
- Small wastebasket
- Standard, pillow top, or foam mattress pad (Twin or Twin XL, please ask)
- Under-bed storage boxes
- Bed leg risers
- Microwave safe bowl, plate & utensils
- Bathing suit - one piece required for girls (there is a pool at the school)
- For Winter- skis, snow shoes, extra blanket, flannel sheets, warmer clothes
- Watch
- Filing box with hanging folders
- Duct tape (for Boffer)
- Posters or other wall decoration
- Pushpins for attaching items to walls
- Broom and dustpan
- Uninterruptable power supply (UPS) for desktop computer systems
- Shower caddy, Dopp kit, or other personal bathroom organizer
- Backpack, messenger bag, or other method of carrying items to/from class

NOTE: It is recommended that the student keep a list of things that they use and want to take with them to MSSM over the summer so they remember the things that they need. This list is a general guide and is not all-inclusive. Please see current year Parent/Student Handbook for official MSSM policy.