



What to Bring

As you get closer to the beginning of the school year you will start thinking about packing for Madeira and you may wonder what you should (and should not) bring. Hopefully this list will be helpful to you as you shop and pack. We have experienced that, at this time, deliveries to campus from Amazon and other online retailers are taking longer than usual. As a result, we are recommending that families bring these items or plan to purchase them locally rather than wait to order them upon their arrival.

The School provides each student with a standard twin bed, desk, desk lamp, desk chair, dresser, trash can, and lock box for valuables.

Special considerations for this school year related to health and wellness:

- All students must bring at least **5 to 7 washable, reusable, cloth face coverings**
 - Face coverings should be multi-layered cloth (3 or more is best); bandanas and neck gaiters are no longer acceptable
- We are encouraging students to bring cleaning materials including disinfectant spray and/or wipes, paper towels/cleaning cloths, and hand sanitizer for use in your dorm room.
- Windows will be open to increase ventilation, so if necessary, you may want to consider bringing a portable HEPA/UV air filter/purifier to help eliminate environmental allergens in your dorm room.
- We are asking students not to bring soft furniture or rugs which will be difficult to clean and disinfect.
- Students are permitted to bring their own mini-fridge to be kept in their dorm room (*it should be under 2.0 cubic feet and without a freezer*).

Students should bring the following items:

- Sheets (2 sets), pillow, pillowcases (4), blankets, quilts for a **standard size twin bed**
- Towels (2), wash cloths (2), laundry bag or basket, detergent
- Toiletries, hair dryer, bathrobe and flip flops or slippers for the shower
- Reloadable Debit Card or Credit Card (*there is no ATM on campus, we encourage the use of credit/debit cards to make purchases on and off campus*)
- Cell phone **with a United States phone number** that does not require Wi-Fi to make calls (*voicemail must be set up and able to accept messages*) (**required**)
- Personal computer or tablet
- Surge protector for electronics
- Alarm clock *other than your cell phone* (**required**)
- Book lamp (*to read/work if your roommate goes to bed early for the night*)
- Flashlight (**required**)
- Padlock for closet lock box
- Reusable water bottle
- Tupperware container(s) for storage of snacks
- Under-bed storage bins or containers (*these can be very helpful for storing out-of-season clothes and other bulky items*)
- Bed risers to increase the height of the bed and allow for more storage under the bed
- Clothes hangers
- Athletic shoes, clothing and any personal gear needed for sports (Shin guards, Field Hockey sticks, Tennis racquets, etc.)
- Approved removable adhesive (i.e. [blue painters tape](#), [frog tape](#), or [something similar](#)) for hanging posters; command hooks are acceptable as well. Masking tape, tacks, nails, and poster putty are not allowed as they damage the walls/paint.

Madeira **DOES NOT** allow the following in dorm rooms:

- Air conditioner units – All of our dorms have central air conditioning, we do not permit personal air conditioning units in rooms
- Electric teakettles, coffee pots, toaster ovens, hot plates, rice cookers, halogen lamps
- Candles, matches, incense
- Space heaters, electric blankets, or heating pads
- Televisions, microwaves, irons (*each dorm is equipped with these items*)
- Scales

Each Dorm has the following which are available to students:



- Refrigerator, microwave, electric teakettle, Keurig, blender, and a water fountain
- 2 washing machines, 3 dryers, and an iron in the laundry room
- 1 printer

A note about medication:

All medications (including prescription, non-prescription, over-the-counter (OTC), vitamins, supplements, herbs, natural remedies, and products for weight control) must be turned in to the Health & Wellness Center (HWC) upon arrival to school. With the exception of emergency medications (i.e., asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors, diabetes medications), Madeira policy prohibits all students from carrying and/or self-administering medication of any kind. The Health and Wellness Center nurses provide OTC medication for most temporary illnesses so, unless a student requires an OTC medication every day or daily during certain seasons or times of the month, she should not bring her own OTC medication to school. All OTC medication for student use must be pre-approved by the HWC and must be mailed to the attention of the Madeira Health and Wellness Center (not directly to the student) and arrive in original container with intact label.

Families may ship belongings to campus beginning August 10th. Please address the packages to:

[Your daughter's name]
The Madeira School
8328 Georgetown Pike
McLean, VA 22102