

WHAT YOU WILL NEED AT MIDDLESEX

Given that the calendar is unpredictable, **please bring as little as possible**. Boarding students who may need to travel by plane to get home, should think about what they can take back with them on a flight. Students should not bring additional furniture, beanbags, rugs, or bulky items.

FANS

Every boarding student should bring a dual reversible window fan. Fans need to be directed to blow air out, but a dual fan will allow for two-way air flow which will likely be more comfortable for students during warm spells.

FRIDGE

Every boarding student will be allowed to bring a dorm size mini fridge to their room.

MONEY

It is NOT a good idea for students to keep large amounts of cash around school. Students may need cash for vending machines or for food delivered to campus. There are three ways we recommend that students safeguard monies. First, the School maintains a "Student Bank." This bank is similar to a commercial bank: money can be deposited and withdrawn by filling out and signing a bank slip. Each student has an individual account, and students are expected to "manage" their own money. Personal checks can be cashed at the Student Bank. Second, there is an ATM machine on campus from which any student with a debit account can withdraw money. The machine pertains to First Republic Bank and students are welcome to open a checking account with First Republic Bank. ATM fees will vary depending on a student's home bank. Third, small amounts of cash that students have on hand should be kept locked in the in-room safe that each student is given.

DRESS AND LAUNDRY

There are three levels of dress at Middlesex: formal, classroom and casual. Please refer to the HANDBOOK for more specific guidelines regarding the dress code. Basically, students are expected to be dressed appropriately for whatever activity they will undertake. Clothing must be neat, clean and tasteful, while being free of rips, holes, tears, drug / alcohol references or overly suggestive material.

Weather in New England is, as many of you know, unpredictable. We urge you to come prepared for the variety of weather conditions that give this region of the country much of its character. Additionally, to make sure that we will have proper airflow in buildings, the temperature of classrooms will be lower than normal. You should definitely bring the following:

- a warm parka and/or rain jacket
- waterproof boots
- hats/gloves/mittens
- a fleece, hoodie or sweater for layering in your room

On rare occasions, formal dress will be required. Formal dress can be described as jacket and tie or blouse, dress pants, skirt or dress, religious and/or traditional formal attire.

The dormitories are equipped with washing machines and dryers. Bring **high efficiency laundry detergent** and a collapsible hamper or laundry bag so that dirty clothing is not strewn about the room between washes. Laundry and dry cleaning services are also available at a fee – clothing is picked up every Tuesday and returned every Friday.

ROOMS

A Middlesex room contains basic furniture (bed, desk, chair, bureau, bookcase, closet), and a lockable safe for small valuables, but you should bring a desk lamp, an alarm clock, and some wall decorations. No more than 30% of walls may be covered with wall decorations. Rooms are supplied with shades. **Couches, chairs, bean bags, and other bulky items will not be allowed this year.**

Students who bring speakers, or any other music-playing device, should bring headphones because loud music in the dormitories is not permitted. Also, there are times when music may be listened to only with headphones. We recommend that any expensive electronic equipment be covered by insurance and that you keep a record of serial numbers. In fact, all student belongings should be labeled somehow with the student's name.

BEDDING AND LINEN

We suggest you bring, as a minimum, two sets of sheets, four sets of towels/washcloths, blankets or a duvet. **Please note that the mattresses are not the standard size, but are 36" x 80" (extra-long).**

COMPUTERS

Most students have their own laptop. The School also has a number of computers for student use in the Technology Center and the Library. The School does encourage students to learn typing and word-processing to facilitate the extensive writing that students are asked to do throughout the curriculum.

Students **SHOULD NOT** bring their own wireless internet routers. The School is fully wireless and access to our network will be provided once students enter campus. **It is recommended that students bring an ethernet cord and an ethernet adapter for their computers to address any potential wifi disruptions.**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Students have found it useful to have some or all of the following:

- hangers
- a thermal mug with a lid (so we can save on paper cups and unnecessarily washing glasses in the Dining Hall)
- a book bag or backpack (distinctive so that you end up with the right books at the end of the day!)
- a clock radio with a **loud** alarm/battery backup in case of power outage (phone alarms **not** recommended)
- a wastebasket
- a desk or reading lamp (halogen bulbs are NOT allowed)

The Student Store, located in Ware Hall and run by a Middlesex staff member, has a range of school and personal supplies, including soap, shampoo, laundry detergent, batteries, extension cords approved by the Fire Department, FunTac for hanging pictures and posters, laundry markers and multi-outlet strips. The Store also sells T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and other Middlesex merchandise.

Don't forget to submit change-of-address forms to magazines or newspapers so that you can receive them here at School.

THINGS NOT TO BRING:

- video projection systems
- cooking equipment of any kind
- televisions and video gaming systems (except seniors)
- subwoofers
- electric blankets
- large flags or tapestries
- pets of any kind
- halogen lamps.
- any clothing that advertises any kind of drug or alcohol
- space heaters and air conditioners
- couches, chairs, bean bags, rugs, or other bulky items

Note: We discourage bringing extra large monitors.

We hope that some or all of these suggestions will assist you in preparing for the fall when we look forward to greeting you. If you have any questions about what to bring or leave behind please email us at deans@mxschool.edu.