

Student Property Guidelines

The purpose of these guidelines is to help define our policy regarding students' clothing and personal belongings. Our philosophy is to provide for the needs of our students while discouraging dependence on material possessions. While it is not our intention to arbitrarily deprive students of necessary items, we must limit allowable items on campus. This keeps students grounded in basics and focused on self-awareness. We want our students to be comfortable, while encouraging reliance on themselves, instead of material possessions.

As fads and styles change, from time to time we must clarify certain types of inappropriate attire at Hidden Lake Academy (HLA). Specifically, there are certain brands of "Hip-Hop" or "Urban" wear clothing that are not allowed because they portray a negative image that is counter to our HLA philosophy. These brands include but are not limited to *FUBU, Playaz, DaDa, Wu Wear, Tribal, Johnny Blaze, Karl Kani, and Plugg*. Students **are** approved to have Pro-Sports clothing but may not wear shorts that land on their knee area.

There are many reasons we may consider certain items inappropriate. These reasons can include safety, image portrayed, or distinguishing between needs and wants. It is our objective to ensure a comfortable atmosphere for our students and provide for the safety of all concerned.

➤ Students will obtain all necessary toiletry items on campus. ***Students are not allowed to receive any toiletries from home.*** This removes the burden of shopping for these items and the cost of mailing them from parents. It also facilitates more productive visits by reducing the time spent shopping, allowing parents and students to focus on more important issues. This also ensures that all products are safe and in agreement, and removes the possibility of any items entering campus hidden in toiletry bottles. ***Exception: Doctor's Order***

➤ Due to the nature of the students we work with, we cannot allow any glass or ceramics in the dorms. This includes, but is not limited to mirrors, picture frames, and vases. ***Please ensure any flowers sent to students are delivered in a plastic vase.***

➤ With the exception of the initial move-in day, no luggage, clothing, or other belongings, including CD players and headsets will be brought home or back to campus on breaks and visits. Students will leave and return in the HLA uniform. ***Students will not be allowed to take anything off campus with them for a visit or bring anything back from a visit without prior approval from a School Communicator, except a book to read on the plane.***

➤ Nail polish, makeup, artificial or acrylic fingernails may not be worn when students return to campus

➤ All items sent to students must first be specifically requested by Peer Group Counselor, and adhere to quantities stated. Packages sent without prior approval and excess property will be returned.

➤ Counselors will verify items on Needs Lists to determine if items requested are actually needed.

➤ Students may not send clothing home for replacement unless items do not fit properly or are otherwise unacceptable (torn, stained, etc)

➤ All clothing must be modest in appearance and fit properly, nothing too tight or too loose.

➤ **Parents are requested to initial all items in permanent ink. Do not mark on labels as these can be torn off.** All students enrolled after July 2001 will have all of their casual clothing monogrammed.