

UPPER COLUMBIA ACADEMY

2026 – 2027

DORM PACKING LIST

What to Bring to the Dorm

To help students feel at home and be prepared for dorm life, here's a list of suggested and permitted items. If you're unsure about an item, please check with the deans.

Bedding & Room Essentials

- Twin (single) mattress cover
- Twin sheets
- Pillow
- Blanket and/or comforter
- Bedspread (twin/single)
- Sleeping bag (required for campouts, overnight tours, and retreats)
- Battery-operated alarm clock (cell phones and plug-in clocks cannot be used as alarm clocks)
- Small trash can and liners
- Cleaning supplies

Hygiene & Bathroom Supplies

- Toiletry items (shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Shower caddy or basket for carrying toiletries (recommended)
- Bath towels and washcloths
- Shower flip-flops or sandals (optional)

Clothing & Personal Wear (For information on dress code guidelines, refer to the School Handbook)

- Everyday school and casual clothes
- Dress clothes and shoes for worship services
- Sleepwear
- Undergarments and socks
- Activewear for recreation
- Weather-appropriate gear (raincoat, warm jacket, hat, gloves, etc.)
- Footwear for all occasions (casual, dress, athletic, worship, etc.)

Laundry

- Laundry basket or bag
- Laundry detergent
- Clothes hangers

Study & Spiritual Life

- Bible
- Books to read for leisure or study
- Headphones (required if playing instruments with amplification)

Optional Appliances

- Mini Refrigerator
- Microwave (small)
- Vacuum (small)

Additional Optional Items

- Desk lamp (non-halogen, non-flammable)
- Small fan (for warmer weather)
- Power strip with surge protector
- Curtains - bring your own tension rod; no holes allowed.
 - Boys Dorm - East and West halls are 34.5"w x 51.5"h. The North room dimensions are 71.25"w x 41"h
 - Girls Dorm - Window size: 98"w x 53"h
- Sealable containers for any snacks or dry food
- Rain or winter gear
- Command hooks (the only approved option for hanging items; no holes may be made in walls)

Outdoor & Recreation

- Helmet (required if bringing a bike, skateboard, or rollerblades)
- Water bottle

Health & Safety

- Prescription medications (must be checked in with the dean upon arrival)
- Over-the-counter medications (small, travel-size containers are recommended)

Items to leave at home

For safety, security, and to maintain a spiritually focused living environment, the following items are **not permitted** in the Dormitories. If you are unsure about an item, please ask a dean before bringing it to campus.

Appliances & Cooking Equipment: *Cooking is not allowed in dorm rooms. Please use the dorm kitchenette for all food preparation. The following appliances are not allowed:*

- Hot plates
- Toasters / Toaster ovens
- Air fryers / Deep fryers
- Electric skillets / Griddles
- Crock pots / Slow cookers / Rice cookers
- Any appliance with a visible heating coil

Electronics & Entertainment

- TVs or personal monitors
- Video game systems and video games
- Personal laptops and iPads
- Bluetooth or plug-in speakers, Google Home, Alexa, or similar smart devices
- Movies, books, posters, or magazines that do not reflect Christian values
- Games, media, or content with violent, graphic, or evil themes
- Sexual, lewd, or inappropriate posters, pictures, or books

Restricted & Dangerous Items: *The following items pose a safety or disciplinary concern and are strictly prohibited:*

- Weapons of any kind (including knives, firearms, airsoft guns, or replicas)
- Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, vapes, and related paraphernalia
- Lighters, matches, fireworks
- Candles, incense, or anything flammable

Personal Valuables: *We recommend leaving valuable items at home to avoid loss or theft:*

- Expensive items, jewelry, or irreplaceable personal items