

Tribe Transition Webinar Q&A: Residence Life

INSIDE THE RESIDENCE HALLS

- *Are mini fridges allowed, and if so, do we bring them, or can we rent them?*
 - Yes, they are allowed, but you can also rent through [Dorms Direct](#).
- *Do beds need to be requested to be lofted, or can we do that ourselves before move-in?*
 - Beds can be adjusted on their normal risers within the standard 36 inches. For a true loft, you must request one through [Dorms Direct](#) and it will be set up prior to your arrival.
- *Do students need hangers for the closet?*
 - Yes, student should bring their own hangers.
- *How do students pay for laundry in the dorms?*
 - Most halls contain machines that are coin-operated, or students can pay via the [laundry app](#) which can be loaded via credit or debit card.

HOUSING SELECTION PROCESS & ROOMMATES

- *Can you navigate the room selection process from a phone, or do you need a computer?*
 - From a phone, tablet, or computer!
- *Are singles usually available for first year students?*
 - They are limited and usually assigned to students with accommodation needs first.
- *What buildings offer 4-person suites?*
 - Your student can [filter the halls by first-year](#), then open each to see what types of rooms are available in each hall. Cedar, Chandler, Lemon, and Dupont have 4-person suites available for first-years, though your student should note that some halls have more than others. Students should make sure to create a priority list of halls before entering room selection, especially if they receive a later timeslot.
- *If my roommate group contains two people or 3 people, can we select into a 4-person suite?*
 - To select into a 4-person suite during your 9:00am-3:30pm timeslot, your roommate group must match the total number of beds in the suite (4). You could choose to forego your timeslot and try to select into any remaining suites between 3:30-5:00pm at which time not all the beds need to be filled by your group, though there is no guarantee any suites will remain.
- *Can my student add another student to their roommate group right up until their time slot?*
 - Correct! They can change and add roommates up to selecting the room.
- *What if my student and their roommate are both in final exams during their timeslots?*
 - Both students should email myroom@wm.edu to adjust their timeslot.
- *Is housing for transfer students the same as first-years?*
 - No, transfer students are assigned to upper student halls. You can filter for the transfer dorms [here](#).
- *Can students remain in their first-year dorm for their sophomore year?*
 - They change to different halls the following year. Beyond their second year, however, there may be opportunities to request to move back into the same room for their third year.
- *Where can my student find their roommate matches?*
 - After completing the Lifestyle Questionnaire, students can find their roommate matches in their housing portal!
- *For any questions about your accommodation status and if you have been approved:*
 - Please reach out to [Student Accessibility Services](#).
- *If the group leader has the earliest timeslot, and the group leader is suddenly unavailable and makes someone else the leader, can they transfer the earlier timeslot?*
 - No, timeslots cannot be shared between the members of the group. If the original group leader is unavailable, the student with the second earliest timeslot should be made group leader.

- *Does the random room selection process, or self-selecting into a bed rather than being part of a roommate group, take into account the student's lifestyle questionnaire responses?*
 - It depends. If your student self-selects into an empty room, they will have no say in who their roommate is. If your student is the second person to self-select into a room, they can view the other individual's questionnaire responses and determine if they sound compatible.
- *We've received some clarification during this webinar – can my student make changes to their housing application?*
 - Yes, students can return to their application and update their responses.
- *How does my student create a roommate group, or search for roommates?*
 - [View this guide](#) for helpful instructions on both processes.
- *How much does it cost to be in a single room versus a double, or a room with AC versus a room without AC?*
 - [View the rates](#) of each room and hall here!
- *What percentage of Cedar Hall is filled by Democracy and Sharp Scholars?*
 - Those living-learning communities will likely not fill the entire hall, so there may be a chance to reside there if your student is not part of those programs.

SCHOLAR DORMS

- *Will students know if they were accepted into the Democracy Scholar program before early room selection?*
 - Yes, Democracy Scholars emails will be sent prior to room selection.

MOVE-IN

- *Do roommates have to pick the same move-in timeslot?*
 - It's actually preferred if students choose to move in at separate times! It's a lot easier for both parties to juggle moving in if there aren't a combined number of people and boxes in the middle of the room.
- *When can we begin shipping items to our student?*
 - Please [read our post](#) about this topic in the W&M Family Connection!
- *My student is in ROTC and has to move in early – how does she know when or how to move in?*
 - To request an early move-in date, or learn more about your program's early arrival timeframe, please contact myroom@wm.edu for guidance.
- *On move-in day, is parking available for after we get through the dropoff queue?*
 - Yes. You will park to quickly unload, drive the vehicle to the nearby parking zone, and can then return on foot to the hall to help your student unpack. Please join the webinar on August 6 to learn more about move-in!

Was your question not answered in the webinar or in this Q&A? Please reach out to Residence Life at myroom@wm.edu.