

Dining Dollars: Dining Dollars are a fund of money that is included with most meal plans and gives the flexibility to eat at other dining locations on campus. Each purchase made with Dining Dollars is deducted from the total balance. All Dining Dollars purchases are tax-free. Unused Dining Dollars will carry over from Fall Semester to Spring Semester. Dining Dollars not used by the end of Spring Semester will be forfeited. Dining Dollars are non-refundable. If you use all of your Dining Dollars, you may purchase more on your Housing Portal.

Meal Plan: All students living in the residence halls (except the East Lake Apartments) are required to be on a meal plan. There are three residential meal plans students can choose from: The Warrior Anytime Plan, 14 Meals/Week, or 10 Meals/Week. Meals are to be used at either of our dining hall locations at Jack Kane on Main Campus or Lourdes on West Campus. Each meal plan comes with a balance of Dining Dollars. Meal plans are loaded on your Student ID card. Meal plans are only available during the academic year. For information about specific meals plans visit <https://www.winona.edu/housing/dining.asp>

Meal Plan Cancellation: If a student chooses to cancel their housing agreement prior to the end of the semester, their meal plan will automatically be cancelled, however you keep your dining dollars. Please review the room and meal plan cancellation policy before cancelling your agreement to ensure you understand any financial ramifications. Students living at East Lake or in the Sustainability House may only cancel their meal plan if it has not been used; even if one meal has been used, the plan is non-refundable.

Meal Plan Changes: Meal plan changes can be requested on your Housing Portal. You can increase your meal plan at any time throughout the semester. You can only decrease your meal plan until the 10th class day of the semester.

Meal Plan Selection: Students are required to select a meal plan by June 25, or the 14 meal/week plan will be assigned to start the school year.

Vending Machines: Vending machines are located in each residence hall. All vending machines accept cash, and many also accept debit/credit card. Vending machines do not accept Purple Pass or Dining Dollars. Vending is handled by third-party vendors and not by residence hall staff. Any issues with a vending machine should be reported to the hall front desk so that a work ticket can be submitted. For any issues with a machine not returning money, students should call the toll-free number located on the vending machine. Housing & Residence Life is not responsible for any funds lost in vending machines and cannot provide refunds to students.

Residence Life Policies

The following is a listing of the Residence Hall Policies. The following list is not all-encompassing as there are situations that are outside the scope of the Residence Life Code of Conduct. In such incidences, the student(s), and/or their visitor(s), will be held responsible for their behavior and any sanction(s) that may be assigned. Any student who is believed to be in violation of any of the stated Residence Hall Policies will be subject to disciplinary action through the Residence Hall Conduct System and/ or University Conduct System.

Students are responsible for their assigned space and could be held accountable for policy violations that occur within that space, including the actions of other roommate(s) and/or guests. The term “residence halls” refers to all residence buildings (Conway, East Lake, Haake, Kirkland, Lourdes, Maria, Morey-Shepard, Prentiss-Lucas, Richards, Sheehan, Sustainability House, and Tau Center), and the grounds/surrounding property of the halls, except where designated. The term “room” refers to rooms, suites, and apartments except where noted.

Alcohol: In accordance with Minnesota State Law and Minnesota state guidelines, Winona State University adheres to the following alcohol policies in the residence halls.

1. Regardless of age, possession and/or consumption of alcohol is prohibited.

2. All individuals present in a room that contains alcohol may be found in violation of the alcohol policy, regardless of their level of participation
3. Alcohol containers (empty or full) are not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to, cans, bottles, shot glasses, kegs, party balls, crates, cases, wine boxes, and bongos. The display of such items is not permitted.

Animals: Animals are only permitted in the residence hall under specific conditions.

1. No pets are permitted in residence halls, except for fish kept in an aquarium. A maximum of one, 10-gallon tank is allowed per resident. Marbles are recommended for use in fish tanks.
2. Service Animals are required to be kept on leash when not providing a needed service to the handler and should be unobtrusive to other individuals, and the learning, living, and working environment. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to care for and clean up after the animal.
3. Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) are only permitted in Housing when approved by the Director of Housing & Residence Life. ESAs are only permitted in the owner's room. While being transported outside, the animal must be leashed or caged, and take a direct route to the outside from the student's room. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to care for and clean up after the animal.

Bathroom: Students and visitors are expected to abide by the following policies.

1. Community bathrooms are restricted for use by individuals who identify with the gender(s) a restroom is designated as.
2. Private bathrooms located in specific rooms or apartments are to be kept clean by inhabitants of those rooms.

Common Spaces: Common areas such as hallways, recreation rooms, TV and study lounges, restrooms, and kitchens are available for student use, but must be cleaned up after use. No one is allowed to sleep in or dominate these areas since they are for the use of the whole community.

Compliance with University Personnel: Failure to comply with the directions of University personnel (professional and student staff) or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties, willful refusal to identify oneself to these persons when requested, or false identification may result in disciplinary action.

Decorating: The following restrictions apply to any decorating of residence hall spaces.

1. Hanging lights outside your room and wrapping your door is prohibited. Items posted on room doors may cover no more than 15% of the door.
2. Items may not be hung from, or attached to, sprinkler pipes/heads.
3. Obscene or drug/alcohol-related materials posted on the outside of an individual's door/room is prohibited and may be removed.

Drugs: In accordance with Minnesota State Law and Minnesota state guidelines, Winona State University adheres to the following drug policies in the residence halls. Any paraphernalia and/or drug substance will be confiscated and destroyed.

1. Possession and/or use of illegal drugs is prohibited.
2. The possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia (purchased or home-made) is prohibited.
3. Possession and/or use of prescription drugs by anyone other than the person to whom they are prescribed is strictly prohibited. The sale of prescription drugs is prohibited. Prescription drugs should remain in their original container with proper labeling.
4. All individuals present in a room that contains drugs may be found in violation of the policy, regardless of their level of participation.

Fire Safety: Fire safety regulations and policy have been established for your safety and the safety with others. These regulations include the following.

1. Fire alarms, smoke detectors, sprinkler equipment, exit signs, areas of refuge, and firefighting equipment installed in the halls and in your rooms are for your safety. Misuse of or tampering with fire safety equipment is strictly prohibited and may result in housing contract cancellation, suspension from Winona State University, and/or criminal charges.
2. Open flames are prohibited in all rooms, including the burning of candles or incense. Candles are only permitted in rooms if the wick has been cut off.
3. Failure to evacuate a residence hall building when the fire alarm sounds. This includes during mandatory fire drills that are performed throughout the year. Students may not reenter a residence hall after a fire alarm until instructed to do so by University or emergency personnel.
4. Appliances with exposed heating elements are prohibited to use in your room. This includes, but is not limited to, toasters, hot plates, toaster ovens, and table-top grills.
5. Combustible materials, including live holiday trees, may not be stored in the halls.
6. Access to windows and doorways may not be obstructed or covered. A minimum of 36 inches must be allowed for egress.

Gambling: Gambling is prohibited in all University housing, except as permitted by law. This includes the exchange of money or things of monetary value.

Hallways: Hall corridors are designed as passageways and are not intended for recreational activities. Frisbee, golf, throwing balls, and other games played in hallways may be harmful to students or the condition of the building. The use of radios, stereos, rollerblades, bikes, long boards, scooters, etc., are not allowed in the hallways. Students are not permitted to block the hallways with items such as bicycles, trash, or boxes.

Harassment: A residence hall is a community, home to many students of varying backgrounds. Any student who engages in the harassing/ threatening behavior (specifics outlined below) may be reported to the Director of Affirmative Action/Equity & Legal Affairs. The following policies apply.

1. Students will respect the dignity and value the worth of all persons. Students will at no time physically, psychologically, or sexually abuse any member of this community; or participate in harassment, discrimination, intimidation, or threat; whether verbal, written, online, physical or psychological, direct or implied.
2. Discriminatory harassment on the basis of a protected class as defined by Minnesota State policy 1B.1 is prohibited.
3. Physical violence or aggression in any form will not be tolerated at WSU or within the residence hall community.
4. Students may not interfere with, mistreat, or otherwise undermine a staff member's responsibility or authority. The harassment of University staff, particularly RAs/CMs and Security, will not be tolerated; this policy applies regardless of if the harassment is done face-to-face, over the phone, online, or in any other manner.

Health & Safety: Students are responsible for their health and safety as well as the health and safety of our residence halls. A student's room or common area must be clean and well maintained. Examples of violation include, but are not limited to excess trash, dirty kitchens or fixtures and floor cannot be seen due to mess. Rooms will be checked monthly.

Students are also expected to refrain from, or condone, behavior that could cause harm to themselves or others. This includes, but is not limited to, attempting to hurt or harm others or oneself, including being incoherent and/or unconscious due to alcohol/drug use.

Note: When looking out for friends/students, please know your limitations in ability to provide proper care. Please do not accept responsibility for a friend/student that is under the influence of any substance.