



## **FRONTIER HALL RESIDENT HANDBOOK 2025-2026**

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Welcome to Freeman Academy! We pray that Frontier Residence Hall will become your “home away from home,” and that you will make many memories and friendships here.

When people live in close quarters, guidelines become necessary. Although we work to live in harmony with others, personalities and human nature can sometimes cause conflicts. This handbook has been prayerfully created to set boundaries which will help us respect each other, build community, and reduce conflicts. Please read this handbook carefully and become familiar with it. If you have any questions, ask the Dorm Supervisors or Administration.

## SCHOOL DAYS

- 7:00 BREAKFAST
- 7:50 Breakfast put away.
- 8:00 School starts. Dorm is closed until dismissal at 3:40 p.m.
- 3:40-4:40 School ends. Extracurricular activities/personal fitness/tech-free study time\*  
Kitchen is open for snacks until 4:40.
- 4:40 Kitchen closed. No snacking.
- 6:00 DINNER.
- 7:00 Study time or free time
- 8:00 Last call for laundry room use.
- 9:00 Visitation ends. Guests depart and residents who were visiting friends outside the dorm return. (Sun.-Thurs.). Visiting and TV/gaming in living room ends.
- 9:30 Last call for kitchen use. Students should finish their snacks and clean up by 9:50.
- 10:00 Kitchen, laundry, and living room lights off.\*\* Students in their respective rooms.
- 11:00 Wi-Fi off until 6:00 a.m.\*\*

\*Students not in sports are encouraged to be physically active for 30 minutes. Consider the walking paths in the arboretum, biking around town on one of our bicycles, using the weight room in the basement (for safety purposes, two students must use the weight room together), shoot hoops at the gym when it's not in use for practice, subscribe to Frontier Fitness on the ground floor (monthly cost is about \$15) if 18 years old, or use Frontier Fitness under the supervision of a non-student, adult member.

\*\*Friday visitation and kitchen use ends at 10:00 p.m. Wi-Fi & lights off by 12:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY

- 8-10 BREAKFAST - self serve
- Noon BRUNCH
- 1:00 Activity time, personal room cleaning, clean community areas in dorm
- 3:40-4:40 Tech-Free Time
- 5:00 Kitchen is closed. No snacking.
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Free Time
- 9:30 Students finish their snacks and clean-up the kitchen before 10:00.
- 10:00 Hallway lights out to encourage preparation for attending church on Sunday
- 11:00 Wi-Fi off.

## SUNDAYS *\*Morning times change depending on which church we attend.*

- 8:30 BREAKFAST - self serve
- 9:50 Meet in kitchen to leave for church
- 10:10 Drive (10-20 minutes depending on church location)
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:45 Services end
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:00 Dorm-cleaning chores, study, and free time
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening schedule - same as WEEKDAYS to prepare for school on Monday.

*The Dorm Supervisor can alter the schedule to allow for special circumstances. Please allow enough time to finish requested activities by the listed times.*

## **2. OFF-SITE WEEKENDS**

Students who are not returning to their own homes for the weekend will stay at the dorm unless previous arrangements have been made with the school and/or the Dorm Supervisor.

For host family weekends, please see the Dorm Calendar. Students are required to take their weekend luggage to the Link on the last day of school before a break or host weekend, where they will be picked up by their host families at the end of the school day. Students will not be able to enter the dorm on these weekends and should pack accordingly.

## **3. ROOMS**

It is important to create a personal space that is clean, organized and safe.

- DECORATION
  - Keep decor appropriate for a Christian school environment.
  - Use poster “putty” or picture hanging strips.
  - **DO NOT USE** nails, tacks or tape. (You will be charged for holes or paint damage.)
- CLEANING & REPAIRS
  - Students clean and organize their rooms, bathrooms, study, and common areas. The Dorm Supervisor will provide directions as needed.
  - Rooms are checked for cleanliness and organization. One check will be done the day before the monthly host family stay and checks will be done unannounced at the Dorm Supervisor’s discretion.
  - Students whose rooms do not pass inspection will be asked to re-clean or organize until the room meets Dorm Supervisor’s approval. Ongoing problems in this area will require a conference to help the student improve.
  - Tell the Dorm Supervisor **immediately** if something breaks or spills in your room. Please ask for help to replace light bulbs.
  - See Section 15 for information on damage and cleaning repair costs and requirements.
- FOOD and BEVERAGES - The best practice is to limit food to the kitchen area. That reduces stains from spills, bad smells when dishes are forgotten, and the potential for bugs in your room. Subsequently, please follow these guidelines.
  - No beverages except for water may be stored or consumed in rooms.
  - Keep personal food, candy, and snack purchases stored in the food pantry or student refrigerator. Dried snacks may be stored and consumed in rooms. Snacks should be stored in a designated space and kept tidy.
  - **ROOMS SHOULD BE KEPT CLEAN OF FOOD RESIDUE.** No dishes are allowed in rooms.
  - Label food in the student fridge with your **NAME** and **DATE OPENED**.
  - Unmarked food, old food, or improperly stored food may be thrown away at the Dorm Supervisor’s discretion.
- ITEMS ALLOWED IN SLEEPING ROOMS
  - Small Humidifiers

- Simple alarm clock/music device
- Phone with parental controls activated
- Personal computers or school laptops UNTIL 11:00pm Saturday through Thursday, or midnight on Friday nights. NOTE: The sleeping needs of roommates must be respected; if laptop use is disturbing them, move out to the study room.
- ***ALL OTHER TECHNOLOGY MUST BE KEPT IN STUDY OR GAMING ROOMS ONLY.***
- ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN ROOMS
  - Cooking or other household appliances: hot plates, electric kettles, coffee pots, electric woks or rice cookers, popcorn poppers, etc.
  - Any product requiring ventilation, or protection for hands, face, clothing or surfaces. Example: hair dye, permanent paint.
  - Space heaters
  - Any item that produces a flame such as candles, matches, or igniters
  - Pets of any kind.

*These items will be confiscated if found in rooms.*

#### 4. **PRIVACY & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING**

Socialization is important for emotional, mental and spiritual health, as well as the development of language and social skills. When living in a community, there is an additional challenge to respect boundaries. To aid in building relationships:

- On occasional weekends and weekdays there will be scheduled group activities. Participation in the group activities builds community and is required.
- Everyone's input is valued! Residents may suggest activities to the Dorm Supervisor
- One activity is regular visits to Sioux Falls or Yankton. Allow \$15-20 to eat at a restaurant during this outing or students may bring a sack lunch. Students can go to a movie or shop at the Empire Mall. They may be able to get haircuts depending on the scheduling requirements of the stylist. Hair appointments longer than one hour need special coordination with the Dorm Supervisor.
- We are family! When making plans to do something, plan to invite everyone in your wing. Be considerate; think how you would feel not to be invited. Do not assume a fellow dorm mate will not want to participate.
- English must be spoken in all dorm common use areas, in the van, and in any public location.
- Students will leave all personal room doors open at least one hand width (7") during daytime hours. Bedroom doors should be closed ONLY when changing clothes, absent from the room, or at night.
- All rooms are equipped with locks, and students will be provided with a personal key upon request. Rooms are **NOT** to be locked unless you are leaving the residence hall.
- *The Dorm Supervisor, Head of School, or Enrollment Director may enter any room without permission for random cleanliness inspections, or if they suspect behavior that is contrary to the school or residence hall handbooks.*

- Observe the dormitory schedule for study, sleep, and quiet times. Limit phone calls & video chats to 7am-9pm. If a special need arises and it is necessary to communicate with family after these hours, let the Dorm Supervisor know, as well as any adjacent residents.
- Residents should be in their own suite at lights out time, and should remain there for the night.
- To help residents plan their days and aid in dormitory communication, each resident will give the Dorm Supervisor a schedule of their regular fitness/athletic times, music/theater rehearsals, lessons, meetings or other appointments. These will be updated each trimester or upon a major change such as the ending of an athletic season or theater production.
- When visiting a fellow resident, knock on their door, announce yourself, and **wait** for permission to open the door.
- Do not enter another student's sleeping room without being invited.
- Students should sleep in their own assigned beds **ONLY**.
- Residents and guests are **NEVER** allowed in hallways, rooms, or study areas belonging to members of a differing gender.
- Guests must stay in main traffic areas such as the kitchen or living room, unless personally escorted to a study area by a resident or the Dorm Supervisor.
- Residents may visit quietly with other residents or guests of the same gender in their study areas as long as no one else is studying, or the guest has come with the intent of studying with the resident student.
- **Study room doors are to remain fully open at all times.**
- Public displays of affection can make others feel uncomfortable. Physical contact with anyone should be limited to that which would be appropriately shared between classmates.
- Failure to observe these guidelines will result in restricted visitation privileges.

## 5. VISITATION

Inviting friends and classmates over to study and visit is a positive way to develop relationships at Freeman Academy. As a dorm family, it is also important to respect the dorm family schedule when planning visits.

- Visitors follow all dormitory rules.
- Guests are welcome to spend time with dorm friends in the kitchen and living room. Visitors are not allowed to be anywhere in the hallways, suites, or other rooms of members of the opposite gender.
- Visitor Hours: No visitors before school. Visitors must be out of the dorm by 9:00 p.m. on school nights, 11:00 p.m. on Friday night and 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night.
- Residents must have Dorm Supervisor permission to receive a guest, **before** the guest arrives.
- Meet your guest at the door.
- Use good judgment when choosing activities, avoiding those that may disturb or exclude other dormitory residents.

- No guests are allowed in the dorm when school has been canceled because of bad weather. Also, residents are not to leave the dorm unless the Dorm Supervisor or a guardian deems weather conditions and roads are safe for travel.

## 6. TECHNOLOGY

Learning disciplined use of technology is important for long term health and sleeping patterns, as well as for respecting others. With that in mind, the following rules will be followed:

- Parents and guardians are required to install monitoring software on every device brought to the Residence Hall. Devices without monitoring software will not be allowed access to Wi-Fi at the dormitory.
- Students must register all phones, tablets and computers with the school. See the Student Handbook for details.
- Student phone possession and use can be regulated by the Dorm Supervisor for failure to abide by dorm policies and requirements, or inappropriate use of devices in violation of the Technology Policy. Phone confiscation will be communicated to parents and administration as soon as possible, who will still be able to contact their child through the Dorm Supervisor.
- Remember: All grades 7-12 students receive a laptop from the school. Students also have access to computer labs and printers during school hours. Also, a computer and printer is located in the dorm kitchen area. It has internet access at all times and is available for any student to use.
- Wireless internet access (Wi-Fi) is provided in the dorm.
  - Residents have access within the appropriate use guidelines from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays. Weekend hours are longer.
  - Wi-Fi access will be restricted during other hours to “education-only” websites to encourage responsible use of study time. The dorm supervisors may adjust the times for wireless internet access at their own discretion.
  - Students are not allowed to download or stream anything illegal, rated R (Restricted) movies or M (Mature) & +17 video games. If such material is suspected to be on any resident’s devices, the Dorm Supervisor will deliver the device to the Freeman Academy Tech Director for inspection and removal of any inappropriate content.
  - If illegal downloading or streaming has occurred, the student will be charged any fees billed to the school, and all technology will be confiscated. In extreme cases, internet access may be discontinued to the entire residence hall by the internet provider.
- For the purpose of establishing routine sleeping patterns, technology will be kept in study areas and not stored in sleeping rooms. Gaming consoles are limited to the living room or gaming room. Technology should be kept in the common areas in the east suites and in the study rooms on the west wing.
- Personal gaming consoles must be used in the living room or in the gaming room during “free” time, but must continue to follow the dorm’s television/video game rules as stated. If students abuse the use of the console, any dorm supervisor may restrict usage to certain times and locations or even take possession of the console until the end of the school year if necessary.

## 7. TELEVISION/MOVIES/VIDEO GAMES

The living room television is available for resident use after school until 10:00 p.m. Saturday through Thursday, and midnight on Fridays. Students are asked to use good judgment in selection of their entertainment choices and the quantity of their viewing time.

- To allow equal access for all residents, limit viewing/playing time to one movie, or 90 minutes of gaming or of episode viewing per day.
- Students who desire to use the T.V. at a specific time should indicate in advance their requested date, time and duration on the white board next to the T.V.
- Only G & PG rated material will be allowed prior to 9 p.m. on any day. After 9, PG-13 & TV-14 content will be allowed at the Dorm Supervisor's discretion. No "R", "17+", or unrated content is allowed.
- The RD reserves the right to limit viewing in the event of abuse or monopoly.

## 8. MEALS

Attending meals at Frontier Hall helps to build relationships within the dorm as well as to maintain good health and help in communicating events and scheduling. Residents are expected to eat all evening meals, brunch on Saturday, and lunch on Sunday with the dorm family in the dining area of the kitchen.

- Meal times vary by season depending on the dorm schedule and student after-school activities. Meal times are posted on the white board. Any change will be announced as soon as possible. Consider offering to help.
- To encourage relationships and conversation, phone use during meals is prohibited.
- Notify the Dorm Supervisor no later than 4:30 p.m. if you are ill, planning to eat elsewhere, or unable to attend an evening meal due to a school event or otherwise.
- Allowances are made for documented food allergies and religious observances. Preferences will be taken into consideration and an alternate choice offered when possible. If a food is new or different, be courteous and try a couple bites.
- **Breakfast Options**
  - On school days, self-serve breakfast is available from 7:00-7:45 a.m. At 7:45 a.m. the breakfast items will be put away for clean-up.
  - On Saturday, breakfast is self-serve and optional.
  - Attendance at Saturday brunch at noon is required for fellowship and dorm information.

### General

- Once the dishwasher is running for the evening, follow directions from the Dorm Supervisor regarding snack dishes.
- Follow posted guidelines for kitchen duties and use of appliances, cookware and utensils.
- Failure to observe these guidelines will result in restricted kitchen use. Replacement expenses for items damaged due to carelessness will be charged to the student's account.

## 9. ASSIGNED HOUSEHOLD DUTIES

As a part of dorm family life, each resident will have chores to complete in addition to their personal room cleaning responsibilities. The resident will be instructed by the Dorm Supervisor regarding these chores. These duties may include:

- Assist with meal prep and clean up.
- Weekly dormitory cleaning of common areas.
- Personal trash disposal and recycling.

#### **10. BEDDING & LAUNDRY**

- A laundry schedule will be posted by the Dorm Supervisor to ensure that all residents have access to the facilities on a weekly basis.
  - Students should wash their sheets and pillow covers every two weeks;
  - Wash blankets once a month;
  - Wash comforters once a trimester.
  - Check pillow labels; some may be washed, others can only be aired.
- Students must furnish their own laundry detergent & stain remover.
- The RD will instruct all students on the proper use of the laundry facilities. Written instructions for washer/dryer operations are posted in the laundry room.
- No new loads of laundry may be started after 8:00 p.m. without RD approval.
- A mattress pad is supplied for each student's bed and must be used at all times.
- Domestic students bring their own bedding unless other arrangements are made with the Enrollment Director.
- Although boarding students may purchase their own bedding, one set of bedding (pillow, blanket, comforter, and set of sheets) is included in room and board. Further bedding items must be provided by the student as needed.

#### **11. SICKNESS, MEDICATIONS, AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS**

- **Communicate!** Tell the RD or RS of any health concerns as soon as they arise.
  - **On school days, tell the RD by 7:30 a.m.** Expect to begin the day at school unless you have a fever of 101F, verified vomiting/diarrhea, or other medically diagnosed issue. In those cases, you will be allowed to stay at the dorm.
  - Any resident becoming sick during the course of the school day must see the school secretary for permission to miss class. The secretary will contact the Dorm Supervisor to discuss symptoms and further action.
- **Treatment**
  - If a student needs a doctor's attention, parents and the school are notified.
  - The Dorm Supervisor schedules doctor, vision, and dentist visits and provides transportation or assists in scheduling the local public transportation van.
- **Medicine**
  - Residents are expected to provide over-the-counter pain relievers, cold, allergy, and digestive medications. **If possible, shop before you arrive.**
  - All medications will be recorded on a form kept by the Dorm Supervisor (prescription and over-the-counter medications).
  - If a medication requires adult supervision, the Dorm Supervisor will make arrangements with the family for storage and administration. **The dorm**

**supervisor will store all prescribed medication in a secure location. In all cases, the resident is responsible to get the medication from the Dorm Supervisor at the proper dosage time.**

- The Dorm Supervisor will keep a log of medications administered for each day. Any significant lapses or variation by the student in medication routines will be communicated to the parents.
- When staying with host families, any medication needed will be communicated to the host family, and the student will take it to the host family's home. The host parents should maintain the log until the student returns to the dorm.

## 12. **PERSONAL CONDUCT & GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

Each person in our dorm family must accept responsibility for his/her behavior, attitude and overall conduct. As a Christian school, our conduct is based on biblical teachings. We expect our faculty, staff and students to live in a manner that honors the Creator, addressing conflict in a loving manner and seeking reconciliation. Please follow these points:

- **Check the Resident Handbook -**
  - Consult the handbook frequently to confirm rules and to avoid simple offenses or miscommunication.
  - If a resident becomes involved in activities that are contrary to Christian standards and/or the Frontier Hall Resident Handbook, actions will be taken to teach and correct the resident. Resident actions that require discipline will be documented by the Dorm Supervisor and recorded by the Head of School on the resident's Schoology account.
- **Communicate -** In the event of a conflict between two residents, or a resident and the Dorm Supervisor, Scripture outlines the procedure for addressing the issue.
  - **First**, go to the person who has hurt/offended you whether through actions or speech. Share how you feel using "I" statements. Example: "I was unable to sleep last night because I could hear your conversation with your parents from midnight to 1:00 a.m." If necessary, remind the other person of the related Resident Handbook rules. Allow the other person to respond. If resolution is reached, the conflict is over. If the offense is repeated or resolution is not reached;
  - **Second**, invite the other person to go with you to the Dorm Supervisor for resolution. If they refuse, go to the Dorm Supervisor alone and explain the issue. The Dorm Supervisor will propose a solution and help with communication.. If the Dorm Supervisor is not able to resolve the conflict to your satisfaction, or if the conflict is with the Dorm Supervisor,
  - **Finally**, the Head of School may be involved.
  - Conflicts reaching beyond the Dorm Supervisors will be documented and signed by all parties involved. Issues reaching the Head of School will be reported to parents.
  - Failure to follow these guidelines for conflict resolution can undermine the relationships in the dormitory. **Remember: If the issue bothers you**

**enough to complain about it to others, it is important enough to discuss the issue before it becomes a bigger problem.**

- **Disciplinary Action** - Disrespecting the Dorm Supervisor, disregarding handbook rules, or other on-going issues will result in a meeting with the Head of School and communication with parents.

### 13. **SCHOOL & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

We want to encourage dorm residents to engage with people outside of the dorm family, to build lasting relationships with other Freeman Academy students and the larger Freeman community. Therefore, students are expected to be actively involved in school and community activities, including, but not limited to the following:

**Sunday School & Worship Services:** The dorm residents attend church as a group, traveling by van to the church designated by the Dorm Supervisor or weekend supervisor. On Host Family weekends, residents attend church with their host families.

**Wednesday Night Youth Group 6:45-8:45 p.m.:** Students have several options for attending a weekly, faith-based youth group. Attendance is required with occasional exceptions for students involved in multiple commitments, i.e. track AND Schmeckfest musical rehearsals. Students with multiple commitments must make their request to stay at the dorm by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday either in person or via text to the Dorm Supervisor.

*Please, do not schedule family calls from 6:45-8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.*

**School sponsored events:** Dorm residents are expected to support their friends, classmates, and/or dorm family by attending concerts, music or theater productions, field trips, and athletic events held at Freeman Academy. Residents may also be required to attend more important off-site school events/activities involving FA students, such as Region Honor Band, Region or State Athletic Tournaments, and nearby All-State events.

**Freeman Academy's Junior/Senior Banquet:** All juniors and seniors are expected to attend this special celebration, with or without an escort. Appropriate formal wear is expected.

**Schmeckfest:** All students, teachers, staff members, parents, and hundreds of alumni, FA supporters, and Freeman area residents volunteer at the "Festival of Tasting" to raise money for the Academy. In addition to assigned tasks, dorm students are expected to attend the musical production at least once during the Festival. Students involved in the musical or who volunteer by serving the meal receive a free meal ticket.

**Graduation Receptions:** Graduation is a special event for seniors and an important time for socializing in American culture. Frontier Hall residents are expected to attend parties to which we are invited. Any resident who has developed a personal relationship with the graduate, should plan to give a personal card or small gift.

**Community fundraisers and other events:** The community of Freeman values community service and creating relationships through various events during the year. The dorm residents will occasionally attend events which do not conflict with the dorm schedule.

### 14. **ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY**

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege granted to Freeman Academy students in good academic standing. The Student Handbook outlines eligibility guidelines.

- To help them focus and hold them accountable, residents with a C grade, missing assignments, or who are on the school’s “On Watch” or “Ineligible” lists, must follow Dorm Supervisor guidelines for when and where homework is completed.
- Laptop and other device screens must be visible to the Dorm Supervisor.
- Visitors are limited to classmates assisting with academic studies.
- Off-campus activities are not allowed.
- Non-academic use of personal computers, tablets, gaming systems, and television will not be allowed. Phones will be kept by the Dorm Supervisor for limited use only.

## 15. DAMAGE & CLEANING DEPOSITS

- While all students are expected to respect the school’s property, each student will be assessed a \$300 damage deposit at the beginning of each year. The student will be required to pay additional money if the damage to dorm property costs more than \$300 to repair.
- During their first week in the residence hall, each student will go through a check-in sheet with a dorm supervisor noting any damage already present in their room.
- Upon moving out, a dorm supervisor will walk through the room with the student noting any additional damage since check-in.
- Any damage to the common areas that is not reported or attributed to a specific person will be paid for out of the collective deposits.
- Unused dorm deposits will be refunded to students or carried over to the following year if appropriate.
- Each student will also be assessed a \$50 cleaning/repair deposit. If personal rooms are not cleaned appropriately or they need repair when a student moves out of the dormitory, the deposit will be used to clean the room. A year-end cleaning checklist will be given to each student. This list is used by the dorm supervisors to determine the cleanliness of the room upon check-out.
- **All dorm fines must be paid in full before Freeman Academy will release an official transcript to other academic institutions.**

## 16. LEAVING THE DORM

Your parents and guardians have trusted Freeman Academy and the residence hall staff with your personal safety. We take this trust very seriously and will not tolerate any disregard for the safety of self or other residents. The following rules are to be followed at all times.

- No resident may be outside after dark, regardless of the time, except for an activity approved by the Dorm Supervisor.
- No resident may leave the dorm building alone except for pre-scheduled appointments approved by the Dorm Supervisor.
- No resident may leave the dorm building with, or to meet someone of a different gender without an approved adult.
- Before a student leaves with anyone under 18, the Dorm Supervisor needs to talk to their legal guardian to verify mutual approval. *(Subsequent communication may be reduced to text contact with mutual agreement between RD and legal guardian.)*

- Departure with anyone over 18 is restricted to verified family members, a member of your host family, FA staff, current FA students, or recent FA grads subject to Dorm Supervisor approval.
- **Before you will be allowed to leave, you must provide the following:**
  - An advance request at least 30 minutes prior to departure.
  - Notice of destination, time leaving and expected return.
  - Confirmation of your companion’s legal guardian approval.
  - A mobile number not dependent on Wi-Fi where you can be reached.
- Residents are to be on the 2nd floor of the dorm by 9:00 p.m. Saturday through Thursday, and 10:00 p.m. on Fridays.
- Notify the Dorm Supervisor when you arrive back to the dorm. If you will be late getting back to the dorm, you must call or text **before** the time you are due back.
- International students are not permitted to drive.
- When school sponsored events run longer than the dormitory curfew, the school staff in charge of the event are responsible for providing supervision until the residents enter the dormitory. Residents must inform the Dorm Supervisor of the *scheduled* return/end time prior to the event. If the event runs longer than expected, the staff in charge of the event should communicate the change to the Dorm Supervisor to avoid any miscommunications. Since the event has extended past curfew and all areas of the dorm have closed for the night, residents are expected to go directly to their rooms quietly so as not to disturb other residents.

## 17. DRIVING AND RIDING WITH OTHER FA STUDENTS

Boarding students are not allowed to drive. Exception: Administration approved US drivers in a vehicle owed by parents or guardians. Please contact the Enrollment Director if your student will have a vehicle so driving boundaries can be established.

Riding with FA students: Parenting from a distance has many challenges. One is helping your student navigate social opportunities that involve travel when you don’t personally know their friends, their driving ability or have personal knowledge about their destination. We want to support positive social options like going to Subway for a sandwich or riding together to an away game. To provide balance between student safety and healthy socialization, Freeman Academy has these guidelines:

- a. Students must follow Resident Handbook rules when coordinating social outings with friends.
- b. Only student drivers from Freeman Academy will be considered, not other schools.
- c. Riding with others is not an option for students without parental permission.

When students make social plans together, they must realize

- d. As part of group living, in-the-moment, immediate approval for social opportunities isn’t an option. Planning ahead is necessary. Initial requests often take more time.

- e. Because there are so many variables, the context of each event/situation/request will be considered independently. One trip doesn't guarantee another.
- f. Trips outside city limits will be given a higher level of consideration/screening than trips inside city limits.

Parents and Guardians please fill out the form on the next page to indicate your preference for your student.

**Please note that all rules in the Freeman Academy Student Handbook also apply, as the Frontier Residence Hall/Dormitory is considered an extension of the school.**

**Continue to the next page for the signature sheet.**

**Driving and Riding Permission Sheet** - Please initial after each section:

1. Boarding students are not allowed to drive. Exception: Administration approved US drivers in a vehicle owed by parents or guardians. Please contact the Enrollment Director if your student will have a vehicle so driving boundaries can be established.

Parent initials \_\_\_\_\_ Student initials \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent initials \_\_\_\_\_ Student initials \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**My student may:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ May ride with friends approved by FA Resident Supervisors and/or Administration
- \_\_\_\_\_ May only ride with friends when Resident Supervisors receive permission via email or text from parents or guardians.
- \_\_\_\_\_ May **not** ride with other students.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks for your teamwork and communication as we work to make the boarding program flexible but safe.

# Frontier Hall Resident Handbook

Please print and sign names below; then scan and return this signature sheet to the Dorm Supervisor. Thank you.

**I have read and agree to follow the dormitory guidelines found in the 2025-2026 Frontier Hall Resident Handbook.**

Student name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature & date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature & date: \_\_\_\_\_