



BOARDING STUDENTS: WHAT TO BRING

You may be wondering, “What should I bring to campus?” The following list will help you as you begin to imagine yourself living and learning at Cushing Academy.

Cushing provides every boarding student with a standard twin bed, desk, desk lamp, wooden desk chair, bureau, closet space, and trash can.

BEDDING

- Sheets (2 sets), pillow, pillowcases (4), blankets, and comforters for a standard size twin bed
- Bed risers to increase the height of the bed and allow for more storage under the bed (optional)

ELECTRONICS

- Cell phone with a United States’ phone number connected to a wireless carrier. The phone cannot rely solely on Wi-Fi to place a phone call. Cushing requires that a student’s voicemail is set up and can receive messages. AT&T has the best coverage in Ashburnham.
- Personal computer or tablet
- Surge protector for electronics
- Alarm clock (other than a cell phone)
- Flashlight and spare batteries

LAUNDRY

- Laundry basket and detergent
- Some families may decide to use [E&R Laundry Service](http://eandrcleaners.com). (eandrcleaners.com)

BATHROOM

- Towels (2)
- Washcloths (2)
- Toiletries
- Shower Caddy (A small basket or case for carrying toiletries)
- Flip-flops or similar shoes for the shower

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Clothes hangers
- Bookbag or backpack
- Personal reusable water bottle
- Specialized sports equipment as needed
- Umbrella
- Basic school supplies
- Safe or lockbox for securing valuables.*

**Please note that the Office of Student Affairs will need to access student safes to ensure the safety of all students on campus.*

ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- Air conditioner units
- Electric teakettles
- Personal refrigerators
- Microwaves, air fryers, toaster ovens, or hot plates
- Coffee pots/personal coffee makers (e.g., Keurig machines)
- Candles, matches, lighters, incense
- Halogen lamps
- Irons
- Space heaters, electric blankets, or heating pads
- Televisions and computer monitors over 32”
- Furniture not provided by Cushing, including bean bag chairs, inflatable furniture, couches and futons
- Knives, including Swiss Army
- Pets of any kind
- Decorative string lights
- Valuables/irreplaceable items

New students often ask where to send boxes, trunks, etc., to be stored at Cushing until they arrive at the beginning of the year. You are welcome to ship packages anytime after August 15 to:

NAME OF STUDENT
New Student, Fall 2026
39 School Street
Ashburnham, MA 01430