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## **Middlebury Student Housing Contract**

- As a full-time enrolled student at Middlebury College, I understand that I am required to reside in College housing. I understand that I am responsible for abiding by the College's Community Standards, as well as all rules and regulations outlined in the <u>Middlebury</u> <u>College Handbook</u>. It is expressly understood that violation of policies in the College Handbook or of the terms of this Housing Contract by the resident may result in penalties ranging from a warning to the resident being discharged from the College's residence halls to permanent dismissal from the College.
- I understand that students who choose to live off-campus without authorization that is, students who are not granted off-campus status but move off-campus nonetheless will be subject to official College discipline.
- Where appropriate for the personal safety of the resident(s) and by adherence to the College judicial process, the College reserves the right to remove a student from his/her residence. Students removed from their residence for violations of the Contract will still be held to the financial obligations for the Contract period. In addition, the College may exclude a student from the residences to protect the public health or the health of the student under the policy and procedures outlined in the College Handbook.
- I understand that my room assignment is binding for each year that I am enrolled as a student at Middlebury College.
- I agree to adhere to the dates of occupancy indicated on the College calendar in the Middlebury College Handbook and as communicated by College officials, and that I will be subject to a fine if I violate these dates.
- I understand that this housing agreement is for a space, not a room, suite, or house, and that the College reserves the right to fill any vacancies in my room if deemed necessary. If a vacancy should occur, I agree to live with a roommate assigned to me by the College. When possible, the Office of Residential Life will attempt to consult with me in making changes in roommate assignments. I am expected to welcome and accept new roommates. If it is determined that I have been difficult with a new roommate or actively tried to create a hostile environment for a new roommate or the community, the Residence Director (RD) will pursue the situation accordingly.

- I understand that room changes are granted on a case-by-case basis after consulting with my Residence Director (RD) and submitting the appropriate paperwork. Participation in an unauthorized room change is subject to official College discipline.
- When applicable, I agree to return my room key to the appropriate office immediately after vacating my room. If I fail to do so by my departure deadline, I realize I am financially responsible for costs and fines related to the replacement of the lock(s) and key(s).
- I agree to keep my touchpad code confidential. I understand if I share my touchpad code with someone, I will be financially responsible for all costs and fines related to necessary code changes.
- I understand that I am responsible for all College-owned items in my assigned space and agree to accept financial responsibility for the condition of my room and damaged or missing items.
- I agree not to remove furniture from College rooms. I further agree to follow appropriate check-in procedures when I move into my room and check-out procedures when I vacate my room. When damage occurs within my individual residence and the responsible party is unknown, costs will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Office of Residential Life. When general campus damage occurs and the responsible party is unknown, costs will be divided among all students.
- I agree to be respectful and courteous to my neighbors regarding noise levels. If I am asked to lower the volume of noise emanating from my room, I agree to do so. When in public areas of the hall (hallway, bathroom), I will speak in an appropriate tone and volume level. All noise must be restricted to my room (including noise/music coming from speakers, instruments, TV/computers, people/social gatherings, etc.) and should not be heard outside the walls of my room and/or a disruption to my neighbors.
- I agree to hold all my guests accountable to these guidelines and understand that I am responsible for their behavior while visiting the Middlebury community.
- I understand that Middlebury College does not permit smoking in residence halls and that should I violate this policy I will be subject to fines and College discipline.
- I understand that Middlebury College is not responsible for the theft of personal property.
- I agree to abide by safety regulations to ensure a safe environment for all individuals within my residence hall.
- I understand that failure to meet the above guidelines may result in the removal and reassignment of my room.