

## Kenyon College Office of Residential Life Housing and Meal Plan Terms & Conditions 2019-2020

The Housing and Meal Plan Terms and Conditions (the "Agreement") is a binding contract for the 2019-2020 academic year, as defined by the College. Subject to the terms, conditions and reserved rights contained in this Agreement, the College will permit the undersigned Student to occupy for residential purposes a space designated by Kenyon College's Office of Residential Life. The Student agrees to read and comply with all rules, regulations and policies, as well as amendments, related to housing and residential life while an undergraduate at Kenyon and to live in their assigned residential space; these include, but are not limited to, the rules set forth in the current Kenyon Student Handbook and all other documentation provided by the Office of Residential Life. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement and the Student Handbook or other Residential Life-related policies, the terms of this Agreement will prevail. While policies typically do not change mid-year, if changes are made, those changes will be reflected on the College website and students will be notified via email. The parties intend to create a license to use the residential space and to not create any leasehold or other estate or rights in real property. To the extent that a Student is considered a "student tenant" under Ohio law, this Agreement represents the rental agreement with the undersigned student tenant for the relevant academic period, and is contingent upon the resident's status as a student of the College. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon all parties beginning upon the first date a Student occupies their assigned campus housing space. A signed copy of this agreement is available at the Office of Residential Life.

**1. Residential Requirement:** All students enrolled at Kenyon are required to live in College housing and enroll in the College dining plan. Kenyon students are prohibited from utilizing non-Kenyon facilities or living spaces to supplement their College housing. Students seeking an exception from the residential requirement must receive prior written permission from the Office of Residential Life. Students found in violation of this requirement will be subject to disciplinary action.

**2. Occupancy Period:** Students may occupy their assigned spaces in campus housing while academic terms are in session. Fall semester occupancy for first-year and other new to Kenyon students begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2019, and for upperclass students begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, August 27, 2019. Fall semester occupancy ends at 12 p.m. on Saturday, December 21, 2019 for all students. Spring semester occupancy begins at 5 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2020; all students except seniors and those authorized to stay for late departure must vacate their rooms by 12 p.m. on Saturday, May 9, 2020. Extensions, if given, must be approved in advance by the Office of Residential Life and may be subject to a fee. Graduating seniors may remain until 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Students approved for late departure must vacate their rooms by agreed upon date and time. The occupancy period may be subject to change by the College based on unforeseen alterations in the academic year calendar, or for other reasons, such as an extended power outage.

Residential spaces are closed to students during Thanksgiving break, winter break and spring break, unless students register for break housing. Students must vacate their rooms by 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, 2019 for Thanksgiving break, Saturday, December 21, 2019 for winter break, and Saturday, February 29, 2020 for spring break. Students may not return until 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019 for Thanksgiving break, Saturday, January 11, 2020 for winter break, and Saturday, March 14, 2020 for spring break. Students are not permitted to return to campus housing prior to the posted opening date and time for each break period.

**3. Break and Transition Housing:** Break housing is defined as any time the College is not open when academic terms are in session: Thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break. Transition housing is defined as the time between the end of summer housing and the beginning of fall semester occupancy and the end of the spring semester occupancy and the beginning of summer housing. Students who are participating in a pre-approved activity during a transition and/or a break, or otherwise have permission from the Office of Residential Life may request permission to return early, stay late, or stay during a transition and/or break period. Students must request permission in writing and in advance from the Office of Residential Life. Current students may not stay as guests of other approved students during any transition or break period. During transition and break periods, all rules and regulations of the College are still in effect. Being in College housing when the College is not in session, without permission from the Office of Residential Life, is a violation of College policy; violators are subject to disciplinary action and fees. A daily housing and/or meal fee may be assessed for each student permitted to stay in College housing during any transition or break period.

Many campus offices operate on a modified schedule during break and transition housing periods and campus resources may be limited, or unavailable. Campus offices typically impacted include, but are not limited to, the Library, Bookstore, Health and Counseling Center, and the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC).

**4. Board Plan and Meals:** Meals are provided for first-year and other new to Kenyon students beginning with lunch on Saturday, August 24, 2019. The fall semester board begins with lunch on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 and ends with dinner on Friday, December 20, 2019 for all students. The spring semester board plan begins with brunch on Sunday, January 12, 2020 and ends with breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 2020 for all students. Meals are provided for seniors participating in Senior Week and Commencement. The board plan does not include meals during Thanksgiving break

(Saturday, November 23 – Saturday, November 30, 2019) and spring break (Saturday, February 29 – Saturday, March 14, 2020); the board plan resumes meal service with brunch on the Sunday following both breaks.

Students are responsible for their own meals any time the board plan is not in effect. Students who choose to eat in the dining hall, when it is open, will be responsible to pay for their own meals. Beginning Friday, August 16, 2019 all students who are living on campus, and whose meals are not covered by an early arrival group/sponsor, will be billed \$219.54 for an early arrival meal plan.

**5. Housing and Board Rates for 2019-2020 Academic Year:**  
*Residence halls: (Bushnell, Caples, Gund, Hanna, Leonard, Lewis, Manning, Mather, McBride, Norton, Old Kenyon, and Watson)*

Single: \$3735/semester Double: \$2735/semester Triple: \$2060/semester

*Apartments: (Acland, Duff House, Delt House, Farr Apartments, Market Apartments, Morgan Apartments, New Apartments, North Campus Apartments, Taft Cottages, VI Apartments, Wiggin Street House, Wilson Apartments, and programmatic houses)*

Single: \$4235/semester Double: \$3185/semester

All students living in campus housing are required to purchase a campus board plan. The cost of this plan is \$3555/semester.

All fees and charges are subject to change at any time by the Board of Trustees.

This, as well as additional information regarding fees and charges, can be found at:

[https://documents.kenyon.edu/finance/2019-20\\_Fees\\_and\\_Charges\\_Fact\\_Sheet.pdf](https://documents.kenyon.edu/finance/2019-20_Fees_and_Charges_Fact_Sheet.pdf)  
<https://www.kenyon.edu/directories/offices-services/accounting/student-accounts/>

**6. Payment Information:** Students are billed for fall semester room and board costs on July 16, 2019 and for spring semester room and board costs on November 19, 2019. Bills will be adjusted, if necessary, on October 16, 2019 and February 17, 2020, to reflect the cost of a student's current room assignment, in the event that they have changed rooms on or before that date. A student is not officially registered until all fees and charges are paid.

**Student Accounts Refund Policy** – If a student chooses to withdraw for a non-medical reason during the first 60% of the semester, the College will pro-rate a tuition refund based on the percentage of the semester completed. If the withdrawal is effective after 60% of the term has been completed, tuition for the semester will not be adjusted. Board charges will be credited for the term based on the percentage of the semester completed. Housing and other fees and charges are not refundable.

This, as well as additional information regarding refunds, can be found at:

<https://www.kenyon.edu/directories/offices-services/accounting/student-accounts/refund-policy/>

**7. Assignment Information:** Students will be provided a space for residential purposes while they are undergraduates at Kenyon; they are not guaranteed a specific space. Assignments will be made according to procedures and space available as established by the Office of Residential Life. Roommates in the residence halls, apartments, and houses may be assigned in accordance with College policy and without regard to race, creed, sexual orientation, or national origin. The College tries to take into consideration information provided by students when making room assignments, but this cannot be guaranteed. Any actions that jeopardize the rights of a roommate or other students in the residential community to normal use of the assigned spaces are unacceptable, and the student(s) responsible will be subject to disciplinary action. Students may not change spaces without prior approval from the Office of Residential Life.

The Office of Residential Life reserves the right to reassign, remove or suspend (pending review as explained in Section 10, below) from campus housing any student at any time. Reassignment or removal may result if a student exhibits disregard for the residential community, violates the Agreement, or division, theme, or program house requirements, and/or other College rules and regulations. In addition, the Office of Residential Life reserves the right to reassign students to address administrative issues. In the event of an unresolved conflict involving students sharing a residential space, the Office of Residential Life may dissolve the entire living arrangement and require all of the residents to relocate.

Students on interim suspension or other restriction pending the investigation and outcome of a student disciplinary process pursuant to College policy may be subject to residential restrictions according to the terms of that suspension.

Students with disabilities, as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, may apply for a housing accommodation, including an emotional support animal, and/or a meal plan accommodation.

Additional information regarding accommodations can be found at:

<http://www.kenyon.edu/directories/offices-services/student-accessibility-support-services/policies-forms/>

**8. Remaining Residents of Rooms Where Vacancies Occur:** When vacancies occur, the College reserves the right to assess, clean, and show spaces. In order to accommodate a potential new roommate, the resident(s) of a partially filled space is(are) required to make the appropriate sets of furnishings available for use and to keep the rest of the space reasonably clear and ready for occupancy. In a partially filled space, the Office of Residential Life may, at its sole discretion: 1) allow the remaining resident(s) to find a suitable resident to fill the vacancy, 2) assign a new resident to fill the vacancy, or 3) reassign the remaining residents(s) to a different residential space.

**9. Accountability:** Each assigned residential space is to be used only as the personal living quarters of the assigned resident(s) and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the College. Students cannot loan, lease, sublet and/or buyout other students' rooms. Students are prohibited from moving or trading spaces without prior approval. All assigned residents of single or shared living spaces are responsible for all activities taking place in the room/suite/apartment/house, whether the assigned resident(s) is(are) present or not. The assigned resident(s) may also be held responsible for any prohibited items found in the space.

**10. Repossession by the College:** The College reserves the right to repossess assigned student spaces, and/or other residential facilities in the event of an epidemic, or other emergency.

**11. Housing Termination:** The College may terminate a student's housing and take possession of the space at any time (1) upon violation of the Housing Terms and Conditions; or (2) at the direction of a duly authorized judicial body, dean or other officer of the College; or (3) following a student's suspension or dismissal from the College.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5321.031, the College may terminate a student's housing and require the student to vacate the space only upon a determination that the student has violated a provision of this Agreement or violated an applicable standard of conduct, except in any case where a student's presence in the space poses an immediate threat to person or property, as determined by College personnel, in which case the student may be required to immediately vacate the space until an investigation/hearing on the matter is held. A determination that the student has violated a provision of this Agreement or violated an applicable standard of conduct may be made only after the student is given written notice of the alleged violation and a right to be heard on the matter. The College's notice and investigation/hearing procedures, and the College's student conduct boards and officers authorized to make the foregoing determinations, are described in the College's Student Handbook.

**12. Vacating a Space:** Any student who is notified that they are reassigned, terminated from housing, or who is withdrawing from the College, must vacate their space within 48 hours of receipt of such notice, unless instructed otherwise by the Office of Residential Life or College. Any of the student's possessions remaining on the premises after that time will be deemed abandoned, the student may be assessed a late-vacate fee up to \$150, and any cost incurred in removing the remaining possessions will be charged to the student.

**13. Renovations and Maintenance Projects:** Residential space refurbishing and renovation projects may occur while students are in residence. In some instances, room or building reassignment may be required. Reassignment to another room or building due to renovation or for any other reason is not grounds for release from this

Agreement, for reimbursement of moving expenses, or for any other release or reimbursement.

**14. Check-In/Check-Out Requirements:** A student must check-in before occupying an assigned residential space. At that time, building and room access will be granted using keys and/or K-card access. The transfer of an ID, keys, and/or K-card to any individual to gain access to any residential space is prohibited. At the end of the occupancy period, the student must complete the check-out procedure with an Office of Residential Life staff member or by express check-out. Failure to properly check-out will result in an improper check-out fee of \$150. Failure to return keys at the end of the occupancy period will result in a fee of \$150/key. All rooms will be inspected by a staff member.

**15. Housing Damage Charges:** A Room Condition Report (RCR) is completed at the time of check-in and check-out to note the condition of College property. The student's account will be charged if the Office of Residential Life determines, during an inspection throughout the year or upon check-out, that College property has been damaged, furniture is missing, and/or excessive cleaning is necessary. Residents may also collectively share in the financial responsibility for damages that occur in common areas. The cost of the repair, replacement and/or clean-up will be charged to the student(s)' account(s). Housing damage charges may be appealed, in writing, within 14 calendar days of the date of the charge explanation letter unless there is an improper or express check-out, in which case there is no right to appeal such housing damage charges.

**16. Responsibilities for Room Use:** Each assigned space contains a bed, desk, drawers, closet space, internet access, window treatment, and trash/recycle cans. Students must provide their own linens, including pillows and blankets, and task lighting. Students may not remove any College furnishings and/or move furnishings from one room to another. Students are responsible for room cleaning, regular waste removal and maintaining satisfactory health and safety standards, as determined by the Office of Residential Life. Custodians regularly clean public areas, including lounges, and corridors, as well as bathrooms shared by more than four students.

**17. Liability:** The College will not be liable for any failure, delay or interruption in performing its obligations and duties herein stated due to causes or conditions beyond its control or which could not have been prevented or remedied by reasonable effort at reasonable expense. Neither the College nor its officials, agents, and employees are liable for the loss, theft, disappearance, damage, or destruction at any time or in any place of any property belonging to, used by, or in custody of any resident no matter where such property may be normally used, kept, or stored. Students are encouraged to extend their family's homeowner's insurance or purchase specific renter's insurance to cover personal belongings.

**18. Information Disclosure:** Campus address information is considered "directory information" that will be disclosed to students and employees upon request, and to others as permitted by College policy. Residents must inform the Registrar's Office, in writing, if they do not want housing assignments disclosed.

**AGREED BY (Please Print Legibly):**

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Student Legal Name (First, Middle Initial, Last)

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Student Legal Signature

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Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

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Date

*\*Required if student is under 18 at the time of signing.*

*\*\*By signing this Agreement the Student's parent or legal guardian agrees to all of the terms and conditions outlined in this Agreement on behalf of the Student.*