



# Pittsburg State University

Student Life

University Housing

Campus Residency Policy

## IMPORTANT READ THOROUGHLY

Pittsburg State University maintains a Campus Residency Policy which requires-- All first year students must live in a university residence hall for their first two academic semesters on campus and purchase either the 7 Day Access meal plan or the 5 Day Access/\$100 dining dollars meal plan. All other students may live in the housing of their choice. Exceptions to the policy are normally granted (prior to signing the contract) when any of the following circumstances exist: The student:

- 1) lives at home with parents & commutes within 50 miles of PSU's campus,
- 2) is married & living with spouse and/or has dependent children under their care,
- 3) has at least one year of active military service,
- 4) is 21 years of age or older, or

5) is transferring 24 hours of course credit or more (concurrent enrollment credits, earned prior to student's high school graduation, do not qualify).

Pittsburg State University maintains this policy not to be proprietary in operation of our housing facilities or to limit student's choices. However we know, from both local and national data regarding residence hall living, that students who spend at least the first two semesters in residence halls—

- perform better academically, by measure of grade point averages, over the span of their college career;
- are more likely to persist and graduate from the university;
- are going to be more significantly involved in leadership activities on campus (an important factor expressed by potential employers in evaluating candidates); and,
- are going to be more active alumni after graduation.

Each new student admitted to PSU will be reviewed in regard to their compliance with the campus residency policy. Students who have not completed this process or who do not have an approved exemption on file with University Housing will be prevented from completing enrollment and paying fees for the semester. No information or evaluation of exemption status will be provided except in response to a completed Off-campus Residence Request Authorization Form (after all required documentation has been submitted by student) and will only be communicated in writing by the Director of University Housing or designee. Forms to apply for exemption are available by contacting University Housing. 1/15