

GSSM Residential Life FAQ

Where and how is the Residence Hall situated?

The Residence Hall is located on the 2nd & 3rd floors of the Governor's School building. It is divided into two sides: ♂ ♀ (male & female)

How are the students roomed on each hall?

Each floor is made up of double occupancy rooms which can hold up to 4 students in a suite. Residence Life assigns entering juniors to rooms after careful review of the roommate interest survey. Students may indicate a preference for a roommate on this form. Requests must be mutual to be honored. For students who decide they are a better fit with someone else may request a room change. These room change requests can be initiated twice a year- shortly before convocation and during interim.



How is the Residence Hall staffed?

Each floor on each side is staffed with 1 RLC and 2 RAs. Residents can expect the Residence Life staff to be friendly, resourceful and supportive, to help resolve conflicts between roommates/suitemates, and confront floor members who are infringing on the rights of others. Their role is to support problem solving, not do it for you, confront violations with an explanation and support your personal growth and development. Additionally, please remember that while staff members live with you, they have personal lives and will not always be on the floor or in their room. They need their personal time for rest, school, work, etc. Staff will provide scheduled runs to surrounding areas, so make sure to sign-up. However, know that each Residence Life staff member was chosen to live and work with you because they enjoy counseling and guiding teenagers in a supportive manner. In other words, they want to be here!



- **Residence Life Coordinators (RLC)** – full-time, live-in, professional staff members in the Student Development Division who provide students with guidance for everyday living. They are responsible for directing, counseling, and supervising the students, particularly in areas of non-academic development. They provide emotional support, social and recreational opportunities, set guidelines for acceptable behavior, interpret and enforce school policies, respond to problems and conflicts, and administer discipline when necessary.
- **Resident Assistants (RA)** – part-time, live-in staff, local college students, chosen for their maturity and their ability to act as a role model to our students. The Resident Assistants' primary responsibilities are to establish a one-on-one relationship with each member of their community, along with providing a number of educational, social, cultural, etc. programs for the students.

Are there any required daily structured times/events?

- **Hall Meetings** – Are scheduled as necessary to discuss information or concerns that all students on the floor need to be aware of.
- **QUEST (Quality, Uninterrupted, Enforced, Study Time)** - students are required to be actively engaged in studying from 8-10pm, Sunday–Thursday.
- **Room check** – Sunday-Thursday at 10:30pm & Friday-Saturday at 12am, students must be at their door to be checked off. RAs must see students FACE-TO-FACE.
- **Lights out** all lights in the suite must be turned off at midnight, Sunday-Thursday.

- **Weekend Curfew** Students who sign out to off campus destinations must be signed back onto campus by 11pm.

Our facilities and services

Dining – Students are provided breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week. Dining services are provided by Aramark. Hours are as follows:

	Weekday	Weekend
Breakfast	7:30-8:30am	11am-2pm (brunch)
Lunch	11:30am-1pm	
Dinner	5-6:30pm	5:30-6:30pm



Vending – Soda and Snack vending machines are located in the entertainment area of the dining hall.

Laundry – each floor comes equipped with the following:

- 2 coin-operated washing machines and 2 coin-operated dryers - each machine requires **4 quarters** per load.
- 1 iron and 1 ironing board



Study – there is 1 study lounge and 2 Quiet Zone rooms on each floor. Each study lounge is equipped with 1 desktop computer. The South Lobby is also a comfortable study lounge on the first floor with a dry erase board, large group study table and study carrels.

Recreation (indoor) – there is 1 TV lounge on each floor equipped with a TV, VCR and hall phone. Each TV lounge is equipped with one or more of the following activities: video gaming, foosball, ping pong, chess, punching bag, poker table top.



Recreation (outdoor) – at the back of the building, there is a sand volleyball court, a soccer field, a basketball hoop and a tire swing. Students also have access to the Hartsville YMCA.



Student Activities Center – includes club meeting areas, pool table, kitchen, studio, arcade room and lounging facilities.

What kinds of activities are offered to students?

Each RA hosts 2 programs per month. With 8 RAs, there are 16 different programs offered each month to keep you entertained!

In addition, the RLCs and SAB (that's the Student Activities Board) plan numerous day trips and campus wide events throughout the school year. Past trips have included Medieval Times, Carowinds, playing paintball and the SC State Fair. Past on-campus events include volleyball intramural tournaments, open mic nights, dances and Ultimate! Frisbee games.

