

Experience an adventure in independence.

Discover more about yourself.

We believe that boarding school helps prepare you for college in unique ways. The academic curriculum at Pennington prepares you for the rigor of college coursework. But boarding at Pennington is an invitation to do more, know more, and discover more about yourself. You'll become much more independent and gain self-confidence, knowing that you are ready for the experience of living away from home, within a warm and nurturing community dedicated to helping you discover and achieve your individual excellence—whether that is in a classroom, on the stage or in a studio, or on a playing field.

Boarding students come to Pennington from many countries and states, giving you constant access to diverse cultures, new ideas, and unique viewpoints. With 24-hour access to our campus and our faculty members (half of our teachers live here with you), you can have unlimited opportunities to interact with them as coaches, club advisors, dorm parents, and dinner companions. There is always time for extra help with your coursework. And your friends are right here with youyou can walk into town for dinner, play basketball in the gym, take a dip in the pool, take a trip to the movies or a baseball game, or do some shopping.



Residential Life fast facts



150+
WEEKEND
ACTIVITIES
each year

24/7 access to campus and faculty









2:1 RATIO of BOARDERS to residential FACULTY













Community Weekends each year



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Life at Pennington

Boarding students live in ten residence halls in three dormitory buildings. Each dormitory has comfortable lounges with a television, a well-equipped kitchen, and laundry facilities. Students live in single or double air-conditioned rooms, some with private bathrooms. All rooms come fully furnished, and you can decorate your room and bring things from home, or shop after you arrive on campus. Our Dining Hall is open for all meals and serves delicious, healthful food with a wide variety of choices. A five-bed Health Center is staffed with two registered nurses 24 hours a day, and two full-time School counselors are available to all students.

Although our students are very independent, they are never alone. They are closely supervised by a tight network of student prefects and faculty residents who live on every hall, as well as by their faculty advisors and the dean of students. A special program for international students matches them with local host families to give even more support and an occasional evening or weekend away from campus.







Advantages of boarding/ Special opportunities

Boarding at Pennington means spending more time with friends—living with them, socializing with them, having dinner together, studying with them, and doing it all face-to-face. Boarders are not communicating with each other on devices or through social media; they are gathering, talking, and making meaningful friendships that will last a lifetime.

78% of students who board feel well-prepared for the non-academic aspects of college life, including social independence and time management. *

Students who reside on campus can take advantage of academic opportunities as well as social ones, such as evening supervised study halls, special math study sessions, and Cervone Center for Learning special study sessions.

* Forbes, April 2017



Weekend fun!

A sample of special weekend activities: Six Flags Great Adventure • Drive-In Movie on O'Hanlon • Speed Raceway • Italian-American Festival • Sky Zone Trampoline Park • NYC Maker Faire • FrightFest at Schaefer Farm • Paintball • 76ers Basketball Game • Indoor Rock Climbing • NYC Trip with WTC Site Visit • NHL Game: Flyers vs. Blackhawks • Riverside Symphonia Concert • Bowling and Laser Tag • Lunar New Year Gala • Coffeehouse/Karaoke • Amazing Escape Room • Ice Skating at Mercer County Park • Skiing and Snow-Tubing at Shawnee Mtn. • Mini-Golf and Driving Range • Trenton Punk Rock Flea Market • Medieval Times • Trip to A Midsummer Night's Dream • Philadelphia and Princeton Trips • Thomas Edison Museum • Student Climate Change Conference • Point Pleasant Beach and Boardwalk • NYC Theater Trip: School of Rock • Model United Nations at Rutgers University • People of Color Conference inTampa, FL • NYC Ballet Trip: The Nutcracker • World Affairs Council of Philadelphia International Student Summit

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