

# Lehigh Valley Housing Rules and Agreement



The purpose of this agreement is to maintain a respectful, organized, peaceful, and spiritually supportive shared living environment. All residents are expected to follow the responsibilities, expectations, and standards listed below during the housing period.

## House Responsibilities & Expectations

1. Weekly house duties, including cleaning, grocery shopping, and cooking responsibilities, must be completed on time and as assigned.
2. If a duty is completed incompletely or incorrectly, feedback and reminders from the house leader must be taken seriously.
3. During grocery duty, residents must follow the approved household shopping list and budget. Shopping should be completed on time.
4. A detailed group cleaning must be completed once every month, including areas such as under couches and washing bed sheets).
5. Dishes should not be left in the sink during the day. Everyone is responsible for leaving the kitchen clean after use.
6. Morning and evening prayer/tesbihat(dua) gatherings and tea times are mandatory, punctual, and electronics-free. Residents should arrive on time without waiting to be called repeatedly by the house supervisor.
7. Everyone must follow house curfew hours unless there is an approved academic reason. Standard curfew is 9:30 PM.
8. Residents must inform the house leader in advance regarding late arrivals, schedule conflicts, duty changes, or important updates. Weekly house meetings should be used for discussing house-related matters.
9. Study hours must be respected. Residents should maintain a quiet environment and avoid disturbing others who are studying.
10. Before inviting guests, residents must receive approval from roommates, the cooking duty person, and the house leader.
11. Residents who work must communicate their work schedules and class schedules to the house leader.
12. Residents must notify the house leader at least 3 days before traveling out of town.
13. Overnight stays outside the house (friends' homes, relatives' homes, etc.) are not permitted without approval. (For the benefit of altogether group programs).
15. Attendance at weekly spiritual and educational programs is expected.

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16. Residents are expected to dress modestly within the home. Clothing such as short shorts, tight leggings, or revealing outfits should not be worn in shared spaces.
17. Any damage caused to house property, even accidentally, must be compensated by the responsible resident.
18. Residents should not directly interfere with visiting students or guests. Guests should always be welcomed kindly and respectfully. If issues arise, residents should contact the house supervisor or group mentor and the Educational Director.
19. Everyone should respect the sensitivities, boundaries, and personal comfort of others living in the home.
20. Music may not be played aloud without headphones. Movies and TV shows should also be watched using headphones.
21. Personal belongings should not be left in common/shared areas.
22. Pets are not allowed in the house (except fish).
23. Residents should remain open to additional reasonable house rules if necessary to maintain order and harmony.
24. Everyone present in the house must attend the weekly house meeting, and shared decisions must be respected and followed.
25. Family visits are permitted once every two weeks. The house leader must be informed in advance, and return times should not interfere with house meetings or student responsibilities.
26. If an issue involving the house leader cannot be resolved internally, residents may and should contact the Educational Director.
27. Cooking responsibilities should be taken seriously. Meals should not be the same every week and should generally be ready between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM.
28. Alcohol, smoking/vaping, and boyfriends are strictly prohibited in the house.
29. Room cleaning responsibilities should be shared fairly between roommates. Rooms should be cleaned at least twice weekly.
30. Each resident is allowed 3 approved leave requests per semester.
31. Each resident is allowed 1 approved absence per month from house programs.
32. Before the second semester begins, a semester evaluation will be conducted to determine continued housing eligibility.
33. Work schedules and outside responsibilities should not conflict with required house programs.
34. Monthly deep cleaning activities must be completed together as a group.
35. Sleep schedules and house program times should be mutually respected to maintain peace within the home.
36. Residents must communicate and share their study schedules and availability.
37. Late-night studying outside the house is discouraged. Academic work should primarily be completed at home.
38. Every resident should actively contribute to household responsibilities and community duties.
39. Transportation is each resident's personal responsibility.
40. Personal furniture and belongings should preferably be twin-size and easy to move.
41. Monthly housing costs are as follows:
  - Rent: \$500

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- Food/Household Expenses (İaşe): \$150
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## Agreement Acknowledgment

I, \_\_\_\_\_, confirm that I have read, understood, and agreed to the responsibilities, expectations, standards, and rules stated above for the June 2026 – December 2026 housing period. I agree to pay rent and utilities for the following months (paid 4 days before the start of the month):

- June 2026
- July 2026
- August 2026
- October 2026
- September 2026
- November 2026
- December 2026

I agree to fulfill these responsibilities to the best of my ability and contribute positively to the shared living environment.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Educational Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_