

Buxton Day Student Customs (2023-24)

Day students at Buxton are welcome and expected to have as immersive an experience in the life of the school as possible. To that end, they are given room assignments (with beds, if possible), are part of room change, and should feel free—in fact, are encouraged—to participate in as many aspects of school life as possible.

1. Day students are expected to live by the Buxton Customs whenever they are on campus, during the school day and during weekend obligations, and whenever they are with other Buxton students while school is in session.

2. Sick Day/Missed Day Protocol: Please call or email Chiara by 8:30am, at the start of the school day, to let her know that your student will be missing school that day. She will inform their teachers that they have an excused absence.

3. Day students may spend the night at Buxton on occasion (one to two nights a week is the norm). Each night your student stays at Buxton, you must email Buxton's no-reply email address (overnight@buxtonschool.org) to inform the dorm faculty that your student will be there by 4pm. It is crucial that faculty know which students are staying over on a given night.

4. Day students should arrive on campus in time for their first-period class each day, and should stay on campus until their final obligations of the day.

5. Throughout the year, there will be sports, activities, and some classes that will occur during the afternoon and evening hours. During soccer season in the fall, day students are expected to stay at school for either soccer practice or A-sports. Exceptions can be made for day students with ongoing afternoon commitments. Please be in touch with your student's advisor if your student has ongoing afternoon or evening commitments off campus.

6. Day students are encouraged to engage in afternoon and evening activities. They are also welcome to stay on campus for evening study hall as long as they follow the same expectations for that time as boarding students. If a day student is returning home for the night and is not involved in any afternoon or evening activities, they can head home right after dinner if they have no other obligations. If they are participating in evening events but then sleeping at home, they should leave campus before bedcheck begins at 10PM.

7. Day students are expected to attend all lunches and as many dinners as family obligations will allow. If a day student is a waiter that week and will be missing dinner, they should alert the Heads of Waiters so that a substitute can be arranged.

8. On weekends, day students are expected to be at dinner and "Rec Committee" on Friday nights in addition to Work Program on Saturday mornings (12pm-2pm). The rest of the weekend is free until Sunday night dinner, which is a semi-formal affair (students should dress nicely).

9. Boarding students may be permitted to visit day students' homes with permission from the day student's parent(s) and the faculty; a parent is expected to be present during the visit, and Buxton customs should be followed throughout.

10. If a day student drives to school, they are expected to park in the arts building lot and to leave their car in place for the entire time they are at school. (When the driveway is snowy/icy, students may park behind the theater instead.) Day students are not allowed to drive during the school day without faculty permission.

11. If day students are carpooling to and from school, one may ride with another as long as both families have given permission and informed the school. With that exception, no student should be in another's car at any time.