



## **Boarding Student Information and Forms 2020-2021**

Complete and submit all forms **by August 1, 2020.**

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# New Boarding Student Arrival and Orientation Information

## ARRIVAL

If you are a new boarding student who wishes to play competitive soccer, volleyball, or golf on the GSA school teams, please contact Mr. Eckenfelder, our Dean of Students. Pre-season begins August 24th, 2020. Athletes should arrive on the weekend of the 22nd-23rd of August.

**Bangor International Airport (BGR) and Logan International Airport (BOS) are the closest airports. Arriving in Boston requires additional transportation by Concord Coach Bus to Bangor. Students should plan to arrive in Bangor on Sunday, August 29, 2020.**

George Stevens Academy will provide transportation from BGR airport and Concord Coach Terminal in Bangor **only**. Please make every effort to arrive on August 29th in order to be able to participate in Orientation activities and be prepared for the start of school.

When you have made your travel plans, **send your complete itinerary** to Mr. Eckenfelder at [t.eckenfelder@georgestevens.org](mailto:t.eckenfelder@georgestevens.org). Also, if possible, include a mobile telephone number where you can be reached during travel.

## TELEPHONE and EMAIL CONTACTS WHILE ENROUTE TO GSA

Mr. Todd Eckenfelder, Dean of Students +1 (435) 851-1764 (mobile)  
[t.eckenfelder@georgestevens.org](mailto:t.eckenfelder@georgestevens.org)

Mr. Michael Foster, Director of Admissions +1 (508) 904-4091(mobile)  
[m.foster@georgestevens.org](mailto:m.foster@georgestevens.org)

If you have any issues entering the United States (going through Immigration), call Mr. Foster.

## RECEIVING MAIL

If you would like to mail packages to George Stevens Academy prior to your arrival, you are welcome to send items anytime after August 1, 2020. Please use this address for all mail:

[Student Name]  
George Stevens Academy  
23 Union Street  
Blue Hill, ME 04614  
USA

## WHAT TO BRING

Please see the “What to Bring to GSA” list included. There will be trips to nearby shopping centers during Orientation and most weekends so that students can purchase essential items.

**Note:** We have common kitchens in each dormitory, where students have access to electric appliances. Rice cookers, hot plates, hair irons, blow dryers, microwaves, toaster ovens, and other heat-producing appliances are not allowed in the dorm rooms.

## SPENDING MONEY

Students find it most convenient to have a Visa or MasterCard credit card that is valid in the United States for their spending money. Having or carrying large amounts of cash is discouraged.

## CHECKLIST FOR NEW BOARDING STUDENTS

- Pay **tuition and fees** by July 1. Send a copy of the bank receipt for the wire transfer to Michael Foster so that we know when to expect the transfer and can credit your account properly.
- Send **travel itinerary** to Prudy Heilner, at [p.heilner@georgestevens.org](mailto:p.heilner@georgestevens.org), by August 1.
- Complete and return **Health Forms** by August 1. Note that we require a physical examination by a doctor each year.
- Have the Principal or Head of your previous school sign the **MPA Transfer Waiver** and return it to Michael Foster even if you do not plan on participating in competitive sports.
- Complete **Transportation Permission Form**.
- Send **packages** to GSA (if you wish) after August 1.



## Transportation Permission Form

All GSA students have permission to ride in vehicles driven by GSA employees.

My child may ride with other adults in the community. YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

My child may ride with any licensed driver, including students. YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

I understand that GSA students will have opportunities to participate in activities such as biking, swimming, boating, hiking, sledding, skiing and using exercise equipment at the local Fitness Center. I understand that these activities have risks associated with them.

Student's Name

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Parent's Signature

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Student's Signature

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Date

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# MPA TRANSFER WAIVER APPROVAL FORM

This form is to be processed when a student transfers from one school to another without a corresponding change of legal residence of both the student and parent/guardian and wishes to participate in interscholastic athletics within one year of the transfer (MPA By-Laws, Article III, Section 4). The process and responsibilities are as follows:

1. Either PRINCIPAL may initiate the process. The second PRINCIPAL shall sign the form, if in agreement, and forward it to the MPA Executive Director for approval.
2. The transferring student is eligible the day this form is approved by the MPA Executive Director, provided that it is prior to the start of the sports season.

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has transferred from  
(please print name of student, first and last)

\_\_\_\_\_, located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name  
of Sending School) (City, State) (Country)

He/she has transferred to George Stevens Academy, and will be entering  
(Name of Receiving School)  
grade \_\_\_\_\_ as of \_\_\_\_\_ and to the best of my  
(9, 10, 11, or 12) (Date of Enrollment – month, day, year)

knowledge the student has not transferred primarily for athletic purposes (see MPA By-Laws, Article III, Section 4, Subsection A, Paragraph 3).

By signing this form as the sending principal, I agree that to my knowledge the student has not transferred primarily for athletic purposes.

Sending Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form as the receiving principal, I agree that to my knowledge the student has not transferred primarily for athletic purposes.

Receiving Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN COMPLETED, PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TO THE MPA  
(FAX - 207-622-1513 OR E-MAIL [mpa@mpa.cc](mailto:mpa@mpa.cc))

\*\*\*FOR MPA USE ONLY\*\*\*

This request for a waiver of the Transfer Rule is:

\_\_\_\_\_ Granted By: MPA Executive Director \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to the Eligibility Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ Granted \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notification emailed to receiving school on: \_\_\_\_\_



## Boarding Student Calendar 2020–2021

August 22 - 23	Athletes <i>ONLY</i> arrive for pre-season practices beginning August 24
August 25	Boarding students arrive
September 3	Orientation Days for new boarding students
September 5 - 7	Labor Day weekend. <i>Dorms will remain open .</i>
October 10 - 12	Indigenous Peoples Day. <i>Dorms will remain open.</i>
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24 - 29	*Thanksgiving break <i>Dorms will close at 5:00 p.m. on 11/24 and reopen at 12:00 p.m. on 11/29. Students MUST find alternative housing during this time.</i>
December 22 - January 3	*Winter holiday break <i>Dorms will close at 5:00 p.m. on 12/22 and reopen at 12:00 p.m. on 1/3. Students MUST find alternative housing during this time.</i>
January 16 - 18, 2021	Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend. <i>Dorms will remain open. New</i>
January 17 - 20	Boarding Students arrive. New Student Orientation.
January 26	Second semester begins
February 12 - 21	*February vacation <i>Dorms will close at 5:00 p.m. on 2/12 and reopen at 12:00 p.m. on 2/21. Students MUST find alternative housing during this time.</i>
February 22 - March 5	Independent Study Project
April 16 - 25	*Spring vacation <i>Dorms will close at 5:00 p.m. on 4/16 and reopen at 12:00 p.m. on 4/25. Students MUST find alternative housing during this time.</i>
May 29 - 31	Memorial Day weekend. <i>Dorms will remain open.</i>
June 13	Commencement (Dorms Close at 5:00pm)



## **Travel Dates for Boarding Students**

### **Thanksgiving Break (travel plans due by Friday, October 16th)**

- GSA will provide shuttle rides from GSA to Bangor on Tuesday, November 24th at 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Dorms close at 5:00pm.
- Dorms will reopen at noon on Sunday, November 29th. GSA will provide shuttle rides from Bangor to GSA on 11/29. **All students must be back to the GSA dorm on 11/29.**

### **Winter Holiday Break (travel plans due by Friday, November 13th)**

- GSA will provide shuttle rides from GSA to Bangor on Tuesday, December 22nd at 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Dorms will close at 5:00pm.
- Dorms will reopen at noon on Sunday, January 3rd. GSA will provide shuttle rides from Bangor to GSA on 1/3. **All students must be back to the GSA dorm on 1/3.**

### **February Vacation (travel plans due by Friday, January 15th)**

- GSA will provide shuttle rides from GSA to Bangor on Friday, February 12th at 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Dorms will close at 5:00pm.
- Dorms will reopen at noon on Sunday, February 21st. GSA will provide shuttle rides from Bangor to GSA on 2/21. **All students who are not on independent study must be back to the GSA dorm on 2/21.**

### **ISIP (for Juniors and Seniors who qualify.)**

- Students **MUST return** to the GSA dorm on Sunday, March 7th. **We recommend that students return on Saturday 3/6, to allow for a day of rest before classes begin. GSA will provide shuttle rides from Bangor to GSA on Saturday, 3/6, and on Sunday, 3/7. Scheduled Pick-ups TBD.**

### **April Break (travel plans due by Friday, March 12th)**

- GSA will provide shuttle rides from GSA to Bangor on Friday, April 16th at 2:00pm and 5:00pm. Dorms will close at 5:00pm.
- Dorms will reopen at noon on Sunday, 4/26. GSA will provide shuttle rides from Bangor to GSA on 4/25. **All students must be back to the GSA dorm on 4/25.**

### **End of Year Return Home (travel plans due by Friday, May 7st)**

- GSA will provide shuttle rides to Bangor on Sunday, June 13th at 5:00pm.



## What to Bring to GSA

To help you prepare for your life at GSA, we have created a list of things you should bring with you. Your dorm room will have a bed, desk with drawers and a chair, either a closet or a wardrobe, and a dresser with drawers. There is wireless Internet access in all buildings. Students are required to have a mobile device with talk and text capability outside of wifi.

### DRESS

Maine has four seasons and has one of the most comfortable summer climates in the United States. Summer daytime temperatures average about 70°F (21°C) and occasionally reach the 90s (32°C). Summer nights are usually cool and comfortable. We do have a few very hot weeks in the summer. In winter, temperatures average 22°F (-5.5°C), but prolonged cold spells do occur. A total winter snowfall averages between 60 inches (152 cm) and 90 inches (228 cm).

Clothing should be neat, clean, and in good repair. Maine is known for its outdoor activities, and students should bring at least one set of outdoor clothing and shoes or hiking boots. We also encourage international students to bring one or two clothing items representative of their country and culture for special occasions.

### CHECKLIST

#### Linens:

Extra-long twin bed sheets (2 sets)  
Comforter and blankets  
Pillow(s), towels & washcloths

#### Necessities:

Bathrobe  
Slippers  
Personal toiletries  
Surge protector  
Converter (or purchase in the U.S.)  
Alarm clock - Battery operated  
Laundry bag  
Sleeping bag

#### Necessities (cont.)

Waterproof raincoat (with hood)  
Sturdy walking/hiking shoes for outdoors  
Warm, waterproof boots  
Warm coat and winter clothing  
Warm hat, socks, long underwear, mittens  
One formal outfit  
Extra pair of glasses/contact lenses

#### School Items:

Scientific calculator - TI-30XS Multiview  
Backpack (for carrying books and laptop)  
English Dictionary and Thesauru