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University Housing Policy

In support of the educational mission of the university and the student value of the on-campus residential experience, the Department of Housing and Residential Life provides a safe, comfortable and convenient living environment, while offering opportunities for increased campus involvement, community interaction and academic assistance. For these reasons, the university requires that certain students live on campus.

New freshmen under the age of 20 (by September 1 for fall admission or January 1 for spring admission) with fewer than 30 semester credit hours are required to live in on-campus university housing, unless they qualify for an exemption outline in the housing contract. All students who graduated from high school within the preceding 12 months of the semester of their admission are required to live on campus, regardless of the number of credits they may have accumulated prior to attending Texas State University.

Living On-Campus

It is the mission of the Department of Housing and Residential Life to provide welcoming living communities that foster academic success, campus engagement, and personal development. The on-campus living experience is where lifetime friendships are formed, ideas and ideals are exchanged, and a whole world of opportunity and potential is spread before those willing to explore, study, and get involved.

Research at Texas State and nationally has shown that, when compared to those living elsewhere, students living in the residence halls are more fully involved in academic and extracurricular activities and tend to earn a higher GPA.

Dining On-Campus

The university offers several different dining plans so students can pick the one that best fits their schedule, eating preferences, and budget.

Applying to Live On-Campus

Contracts for on-campus housing may be submitted through the established process upon formal admission to the university.

Cancellation Deadlines

Contracts for on-campus living are for the entire academic year. Once the contract has been signed and submitted there are very limited reasons for cancellation. For those not planning to attend the university, there is a prorated refund scale that is dependent upon the date of cancellation. See the contract terms and conditions for specific cancellation details.