Dakota Adventist Academy Girl's Dorm Handbook 2023-2024



"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:26

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Privacy

Dear Students,

Welcome to the women's dorm. Life's a journey and we are so glad to be a part of yours

and for you to be a part of ours. We each bring a unique perspective and unique experiences with

us, and by sharing those with each other, we can better understand the fullness of God's plan.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to

harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

We are embarking on this new journey together, whether you are a new student or a

returning student. As your deans, we are here for you; to hear you, think things through with you,

and work on finding the path that God has for you.

Please go over our handbook. We are each responsible for making our dorm welcoming,

safe, and a place for everyone to be respected and accepted. While we are in the dorm, it is our

home. If you have any questions, please speak with one of us. We are more than happy to help.

Our prayer for us this year is to treat each other with kindness, compassion, forgiveness,

respect, and understanding. May God bless us and bring us together in unity. Together we are

stronger than any one of us alone.

"Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to

maturity, Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace

will be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11

Dixie Thoman Head Girls Dean Laura Zakari Assistant Girls Dean

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Meet the Deans

I am a born and raised North Dakotan, and a four-year graduate of Dakota Adventist Academy, and third generation of Adventist education. However, I will never stop searching to know the Bible and Adventist teachings better. Although I have traveled around, I always end up coming back to North Dakota.

I have a wonderful twelve-year-old son. He likes pizza, quesadillas, and ice cream. Like most boys the way to his heart is food and Lego's. He is a bit of a jokester.

I like spending time with friends and family, playing board games, or having a movie night.

If I can impart one bit of advice, it is. Remember that each and every one of us are battling for something you know nothing about. So, treat each other with love, kindness, and respect.

I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you.

Dean Dixie

I have been in North Dakota for the majority of my life, four-year graduate of Dakota Adventist Academy, and two years as a staff member. I have made lifelong friendships both as student and staff, and am excited to become a part of this family again.

I have a wonderfully supportive husband. We enjoy cooking and getting out into nature together. Game nights, dinner with friends and photography are my favorite activities. While this change has come as a bit of a surprise, I have felt Gods leading in it.

Dean Laura

Our Vision

- Build a positive environment that empowers one another to do incredible things.
- Create a safe environment that everyone can comfortably call home.
- Grow closer to Christ and reflect His character to everyone.

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:5

Dorm Life

DOD (Dean on Duty):

Our door will always keep you updated with the DOD. Suppose we are not in our office, as we have many responsibilities, some that cause us to be in different locations around the school and occasionally elsewhere. In that case, you can text or call us. Our number is on page 3 of your handbook and in our window box outside the office. We encourage you to keep our contact information handy.

RA's (Resident Assistants):

In our dorm, we have RA's to assist the girls. They are the dean's right-hand employees. You will find the RA's monitoring the dorm at different times during the day. The RA can assist you if a Dean is unavailable.

If an RA asks you to do something, you should abide by their word as they act on the deans' requests. RA's are here to help you and assist in keeping our dorm safe and orderly. Your RA is another great person to talk to if you are struggling with conflict, need tutoring, or need regular prayer time with another individual.

Desk RA's:

Our dorm has desk RA'S scheduled to work at different times each day. They monitor phone calls, keep our front lobby looking clean, and aid in keeping the dorm safe and organized. Desk RA'S are another great person to go to if you need something when a RA or Dean may be assisting someone else or are in meetings.

If a Desk RA asks you to do something, you should abide by their word, as they are acting on the requests of the deans. Remember, the front desk is a place of work and not a hang-out station. No one is to be behind the desk or touch the desk phone except those employed to do so. Sitting on the desk is also prohibited.

Dorm Custodial:

Custodial workers are also a crucial part of our dorm; they maintain the dorm's cleanliness and sanitation.

Be respectful to our custodial team by doing your part to pick up after yourself in all areas of our dorm. You can also help our custodial workers by picking up trash and items, and cleaning occasional spills if you come across them.

Girls Club:

Each year, we vote for officers within our club. These selected ladies plan fun events for our dorm, occasional banquets, and fundraiser ideas. We need ladies who will work together and listen to the desires and opinions of all girls, including those who do not hold office.

Girls' Club Positions:

President

The girl voted in to lead our club and the chairman of our club meetings. This individual will create meeting agendas prior to each meeting and ensure that all club members and the deans receive a copy.

In addition, she is responsible for ensuring all activities are well put together and that each officer is doing their job and assigned duties.

Spiritual Vice-President

The girl voted in to ensure all activities and fundraisers uphold Christian standards. She will be in charge of conducting short worship thoughts before each meeting begins and conducting prayer at the beginning and end of our meetings. Being a spiritual vice places her in the campus ministries group, where she will represent the Girls Club and work with other spiritual vice officers to ensure the spirituality of our school remains positive and uplifting.

If the president is ever absent from meetings, the spiritual vice's duty is to chair the meeting and provide agendas.

Social Vice-President

The girl voted in to help organize fun, engaging activities. The social vice needs a creative mind and a willingness to listen to the ideas and desires of each girl when helping to plan events. She is responsible for placing notices or flyers around and informing others about any girls club events.

Treasurer

The girl voted in to be responsible for our club's finances. She will make sure that budgets are put in place and followed for events/fundraisers planned. She will keep an eye on all money spent and earned. She will also keep in communication with the office to stay aware of our club's balance and to discuss all financial aspects if needed. You may also find her managing our dorm store.

Secretary

The girl voted in to keep careful minutes during each meeting and provide prior meeting minutes at each club meeting. She is someone who is organized, detailed, and meets deadlines.

Sergeant-at-Arms

The girl voted to ensure that all meetings are conducted calmly, respectfully, and timely. She is present to be the peacemaker in our meetings whenever necessary and to maintain a friendly attitude.

Village Representative

The girl voted to represent club members who live outside the dorm.

Dorm Store:

The dorm store is located in the rec room. Each evening an announcement will be made when the store is opened. You are welcome to purchase items throughout the day in your free time when a Dean, RA, Desk worker, or the girls club Treasurer is available. All items will need to be purchased upfront with cash. The dorm store will open up from the beginning of September through to May.

Rec Room:

The girl's dorm rec room is directly across from the dean's office. You are free to use the exercise and gaming equipment in your free time when you have no pressing obligations. We ask you to respect all the equipment, furniture, and items in the Rec room. The rec room is to be kept clean and tidy. Destruction or misuse of any dorm property may have serious consequences.

Lounge, Lobby, Entryway:

The main areas of our dorm are to be kept clean and tidy. Books or items should not be placed on the entryway table throughout the day. You can buy back all lost items from the deans. At no point in time are personal items allowed on the RA's desk or lying around the lobby. Items found in places where they do not belong will be placed in the lost-n-found. Each item lost is 25 cents; this will be added to girls club funding.

Once a month, on a Sunday, dorm clean-up is held. We, as a dorm, work together to deep clean our home.

Be mindful that the main front areas are somewhat public. We occasionally have guests staying in our dorm's guest rooms, teachers coming through to speak with a dean or student, and school visitors. Wholesome talk should always be practiced no matter where you are on the school grounds. Please be especially mindful in public areas. Remember that you represent our school.

Music and all noise from devices should not be heard in any main areas unless otherwise approved by the dean. If devices are heard in main areas or outside your rooms, they may be subjected to lost-n-found or removed from school property.

Chapel:

The chapel is located across from guest rooms A, B, and C. The chapel is to be respected in the same account as a church or sanctuary. We often come together for worship, church practice, and meetings in our chapel. Wholesome talk, music, activities, etc., are all that should be present in our chapel.

Laundry Room:

The laundry room is located between the 2nd and 3rd hall behind the rec room. There is no charge to use the machines. However, we require you to use the machines in the way they were designed to be used. Do not overfill a machine with laundry or detergent or place items inside that do not belong, such as shoes, etc. After using dryers, also empty the lint tray and dispose of the excess lint in the laundry trash cans provided to you. If you notice a machine isn't functioning correctly, notify a dean, RA, or desk monitor ASAP.

Under no circumstance are you to use cleaning supplies that do not belong to you without permission; this includes the dorm's janitorial supplies and laundry solutions. All machines are labeled. Be sure to log what appliances you use and when finished on the log sheet provided on the side table.

If the laundry room or people's items are regularly misused, consequences unique to the event may occur.

If you need to iron an outfit, you may do so in the laundry room. Before bringing your iron back to your room, make sure it is completely cooled down. While it is cooling, be sure the hot plate of the iron is not touching anything.

The laundry room will be closed during Sabbath hours. All days outside of Sabbath hours, the laundry room will be opened by 8:00 am and closed by 10:15 pm.

Kitchenette/ Tea Station:

In the lobby, you will notice that we have a fully equipped kitchen and tea station for your convenience. The use of the kitchenette and tea station is a privilege, not a right. Be sure to clean up after each use and sign in/out to aid each girl's accountability.

If you wish to keep food stored in the kitchenette fridge, you may do so as long as you:

- Label each item with your name.
- Date when the item was placed in the fridge/freezer.
- It does not include meat of ANY kind.
- Does not include alcohol, caffeine, or any other prohibited item.

To ensure food is not left to spoil, the kitchenette is cleaned weekly. Therefore, all items that are 7+ days old or expired will be exposed.

Misuse of the kitchenette or tea station, such as stealing, destruction, or failure to clean up, may cause the kitchenette or tea station to be closed until further notice from the deans. If an individual misuses the kitchenette in any way, the offender could lose privileges until further notified by the dean. They may also need to replace destroyed items and deep clean the kitchenette during a scheduled time assigned by the dean.

Mail:

Mail will be delivered once a day to the dorm and will be dispersed in the evening or may be picked up from the dean's office when she is available. All packages not sent from your home will need to be opened in from of the dean. All outgoing mail must be in the administration office window by 8:30 AM each morning.

Cell Phones:

Dorm students are allowed one cell phone. All electronics are to be registered with the deans. Students who use a "decoy" or electronic not registered with the dean may be

subject to significant discipline. Phones are not to be used after lights out; they are to be placed in the designated pouch near your hall door.

Devices are not to be used for inappropriate or bullying behavior. Electronics used after lights out or not in alliance with our dorm/ school rules will be confiscated until notified by the dean or administration.

Leaving the Dorm:

Home Leaves & Weekend Leaves

Before heading out for home leave, you will need to:

- Have your room checked.
- Take out all the trash in your room.
- Pick up any medications needed during your leave
- Pick up car keys. (If you own some.)
- Individuals you're leaving with need DOD approval.
- Personally find the DOD and get an okay from them before heading out.

*Failure to check out with DOD and failure to follow these steps could lead to disciplinary action.

Arriving back to the dorm:

- Check in with your dean before heading to your dorm room.
- Hand in all prior and new medication, supplements, vitamins, etc., to the DOD.
- Hand in your car keys.

*Failure to check in with DOD or complete the above steps could lead to disciplinary action.

Signing-In/Out

Located at the front desk (RA station) is a sign-in/sign-out form. It is to be used each time you have approval to leave the dorm for something that does not involve scheduled school functions/ classes. It is your job to get approval from

the DOD BEFORE signing out; this includes and is not limited to going to town, faculty housing, walking the circle, the barn, the shop, the gym, etc.

It is your job to notify the DOD whom you plan to go with and get approval from the dean prior to leaving. When arriving back to the dorm, sign back in and inform the dean of your arrival. You should always be back when you're expected.

Dress Code:

Clothing should always be in good taste and in line with the school dress code in all public areas at our school. We understand that the dorm is your home and the dorm halls and main areas are a part of your home. However, clothes are never optional in the dorm.

We still require you to remain clothed in public places within the dorm. Items of clothing should not be transparent or revealing. You may wish to wear pajamas in the lobby during the evening hours; this is acceptable if the outfit is aligned with our previous statement on appropriate clothing. Jewelry is not allowed in the dorm nor anywhere else in the remainder of the school or on any school related activities. While guests are visiting, you need to be courteous in your dorm lounge attire.

When outside the dorm, wear school, vespers, athletic, or Sabbath attire, depending on the occasion. Please see the student handbook for a detailed description.

Individual Dorm Rooms

Room Assignments & Care

Room assignments are made at the end of each school year for the following year; based on room check grades and respect for property, neighbors, and dorm usage. Underclassmen are located in the 1st hall, and upperclassmen are located in the 3rd hall. New students will be assigned at the start of the year.

You are responsible for any damages that may occur in your room. If someone else damages something in your room, notify the deans as soon as possible. When moving

out of the dorm, your deans will check for damages and cleanliness after you have cleaned up and prior to you leaving.

You may wish to decorate your room. Do not use any material that will puncture holes in the wall, such as; nails, screws, thumbtacks, hooks, etc. You are welcome to use scotch tape, command strips, or other non-damaging methods if you desire to hang pictures. Do not hang anything on the windows.

Decorations not in line with our school standards are prohibited.

You are welcome to bring a fridge, microwave, or fan. However, heaters are restricted from dorm rooms since they pose a fire threat.

Room Check:

Room checks are performed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday by your DOD or RA. If you fail more than twice in a week or if the dean finds it to need immediate attention, a thorough cleaning will be required at a scheduled time by the DOD and is to be accomplished before any significant school activities, events, and before leaving campus. Those who fail weekly room checks regularly may be seen by the administration council.

Trash:

Trash dumpsters are provided behind the dorm. All trash from your room is to be taken to the dumpster. It is not to be placed in a dorm trash can, the halls, or hidden within your room. Trash should be taken out routinely. All large items such as boxes and bottles need to be broken down before being disposed of.

The main dumpster is to be kept clean and not to be overflowing. Be courteous and use both the front and back portions of the dumpster to help trash stay in the bin. If the dumpster and the surrounding area become problematic due to misuse and neglect, everyone will be required to clean up the area.

Privacy:

Every girl has the right to their privacy. Never enter anyone's room without their permission, even if she is your friend/suitemate. Room doors, however, are to remain open when you have someone visiting your room.

For your protection, do not keep valuables or large sums of money in your room. We encourage you to use the "student bank" for large sums of money. Lock your door when you are not present. Should a loss or theft occur, we will

do our best to help you recover it, but we are not responsible nor held accountable. Follow the proper precautions to best ensure your items are safe.

Volume:

Music/media should never be heard outside your room or in the main areas. Students whose music/ media is heard outside their room will are given one warning. If it occurs a second time, the device will be removed from your room by the dean until further notice.

We ask that you be respectful of volume and music/ media choices during Sabbath hours and when visitors are present. Media outside our school/ church standards should not be played.

Contraband:

We want our dorm to be a safe environment. In order to uphold this, some items are not prohibited in the dorm. The deans will remove found contraband and give it to the administration. The administration will decide what precautions are needed after.

Please see the student handbook for items that are considered contraband.

Evening Hours/ Curfew

Quiet Hours:

Quiet hours begin at 8:00 PM and continue through lights out. Noise in the dorm should be kept to a minimum. There is to be no yelling, loud talking, or loud noise of any kind. As a general rule:

- Underclassmen need to be IN their rooms by 9:50 PM.
- Upperclassmen need to be IN their rooms by 10:20 PM.

Rec Days: Sunday, Monday, & Wednesday – the dorm will be locked, and students are required to either attend intramurals or a study session.

Study Hall

Study hall is provided each evening Sunday-Thursday to ensure that you are afforded every opportunity to excel academically.

Strict Study Hall:

The strict study is from 8:40 PM - 9:45 PM.

At this time, all DFI students are required to report to the lobby with everything needed in order to complete their studies.

All other students are to return to their rooms for check-in. Use this time to be alone for independent study, showering, accomplishing things in your room, and preparation for the next day.

Evening Worship:

Worship will start each night at 8:00 PM unless otherwise announced. Important announcements may also be made during worship.

Daily Worship Location, unless otherwise informed:

• Sunday: Worship with your hall RA

Monday: LoungeTuesday: Lounge

• Wednesday: Joint Worship

Thursday: LoungeFriday: Joint WorshipSaturday: Joint Worship

Worship is a requirement since shared time with God is valuable to our spiritual growth. Students late or absent from worship will be given a warning. If lateness or absences occur a second time, it will be up to the dean's discretion on how to address the issue. We hope you will choose to use this time to reflect and draw closer to one another.

Curfew/Lights-Out:

Lights out for underclassmen is at 10:00 pm Sunday-Friday. Upperclassmen must have their lights out by 10:30 pm. Saturday's lights-out time will be given the weekend of and is dependent on the weekend's events & dean's discretion.

Students with lights on after lights-out will be given one warning. A second infraction will incur a half-hour earlier lights out. If this continues, students may have to meet with deans & ad council.

Sick List:

All deans will be following a sick list checklist procedure administered by the school.

Visitors/ Guest Rooms

Dorm Visitors/ Guests

For the safety of our girls:

- Check-in with the DOD upon arrival.
- Visitors are not allowed beyond any fire doors located in each hall without permission from the DOD.
- No opposite gender visitors will be allowed beyond the lobby or fire doors located in each hall. The only exception is an immediate family member with DOD permission.
- Visitors who have been granted permission beyond the fire doors or in the dorm room may only stay for a short while; dorm doors are to remain open.
- Visitors may not be in a resident's room past lights out or 30 minutes before lights out occurs.
- No visitor may spend the night in a resident's room, except for immediate same-sex family members under the age of 18 with prior arrangements with the head dean.

All visitors spending the night must be in the dorms before doors are alarmed and locked. Entries will be locked and alarmed by 11:00 pm.

Guest Rooms:

During the school year, guest rooms are reserved for use by families of current students, guests of DAA, and the Dakota Adventist Conference. Exceptions may be made by applying to the administrative council.

Rooms are only for short visits and must be booked in advance with Dixie Thoman or Laura Zakari. Guest room fees are \$50 per night and \$25 per night for dorm rooms. Rooms are for guests with their immediate family. Female students who are immediate family members to the guests may visit guest rooms if the DOD gives consent.

Common Area:

Common areas are the kitchenette, lobby, lounge, chapel, and rec room. Guests may use the common areas after checking with the DOD or while staying in guest rooms. Lobbies are the preferred gathering for guests who wish to mingle with groups of students. If the kitchenette, chapel, or rec room is used, doors remain open at all times.

Happy, Healthy, & Safe

Conflict:

As individuals, we somethings come into conflict with our differences. There are times when we make mistakes or may not get along. But, as God's children, we have to remember there are proper ways to deal with conflict.

It is okay to disagree with people. However, it is never okay to shame, bully, hurt, or mistreat one another. It also is not acceptable to gossip. If you find yourself in a challenging situation that needs help resolving, talk to the dean. Do not spread rumors or intensify matters. Instead, try to calmly and peaceable work things out with the individual you are challenged by, and if this isn't possible, again talk with a dean.

Precautions:

For safety reasons do not have any of the following contraband items in your room:

- Large electrical appliances other than small fridges, microwaves, and fans.
- Heaters
- Halogen Lamps
- Hot Plates, electric skillets, and Grills.
- Smoldering, open flame devices, such as candles, incense, or lighters.
- Firecrackers or other explosive devices.
- Weapons of any kind.
- Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, etc.

Emergencies:

If there is an emergency of any kind, contact your DOD or a nearby staff member.

Fires:

In the case of a fire, there are fire escape plans on the back of your doors for emergency purposes. Review the plan/ escape routes and familiarize yourself with them. In addition, there will be drills throughout the year. When fire exercises occur, make sure you are fully clothed with shoes and a jacket (if necessary) when exiting the building—exit in a calm and timely manner. Do not try to locate a lost or "essential" item. Your safety is of utmost importance and should be treated as such. Drills are required by state law, and your cooperation is mandatory. Anyone who purposely skips out on a fire drill or places an individual or the process at risk of any harm will be held responsible.

Fire extinguishers, hoses, and alarms are only for use in fires. A minimum of a \$50 fine will be administered to anyone who uses the above tools illegally, and a cleaning charge may apply.

Hallways are to be kept clean. Do not block or barricade your dorm room door or any door, as it is a fire hazard. Doing so could result in consequences administered by the deans.

Screens and windows are not an exit route unless there is an extreme emergency. Therefore, they have been sealed and riveted not only for your convenience but also for your protection.

Should you tamper with or remove any seal or rivet in the screen or window, you will be subject to appear before the administrative council. A fine of \$50 will also be applied with any repair costs.

Refrigerators, microwaves, and other small appliances are to be plugged directly into a wall. You may use power strips for laptops and phones, but no items that heat or cool; this is a fire code we must follow.

Medication:

All medications, vitamins, supplements, etc., are to be turned into the deans on registration day, after home leaves, getaway weekends, or events, and when new medications are supplied by your doctor, parent, or guardian to ensure that all students are safe and healthy. We practice this to aid in the proper dosage, and usage of meds is always followed. Being late to the scheduled morning med time can result in an unexcused school tardy. Late to the evening scheduled med time may result in the loss of your phone for the night.

Scheduled meds will be as followed:

Morning: 8:30 AM

Evening: 9:45 PM

Sabbath Events

A weekend schedule will be placed in each dorm every Friday to ensure everyone knows the timing and requirements for each activity.

Friday Night Vespers:

Friday night vespers begin at sundown each Friday; the location and time can be found on weekend schedules located at the RA desk. Friday night attire will always be the same as Church attire unless otherwise announced; this is a required event where attendance is logged. Ad council may schedule meetings with those who decide not to dress appropriately, disregard the dean's instruction to change, arrive late, or cause a disturbance.

Sabbath School & Church

Sabbath School and church takes place each Saturday and is a required event where attendance is taken. The designated time and location will be on the weekend schedule

at the RA desk; this is an acquired event where attendance is taken. Ad council may schedule meetings with those who decide not to dress appropriately, disregard the dean's instruction to change, arrive late, or cause a disturbance.

Saturday Night Vespers

Saturday Night Vespers begins at sundown each Saturday. The location will be on the weekend scheduled located at the RA desk. You may dress in school attire for the close of the Sabbath unless otherwise informed. Be mindful and respectful of the service with your dress and behavior; this is an acquired event where attendance will be taken. Ad council may schedule meetings with those who decide not to dress appropriately, disregard the dean's instruction to change, arrive late, or cause a disturbance.

Sabbath Dress code can be located in your student handbook.

The deans reserve the right to make changes to the 2021-2022 Girls' Dorm Handbook at any time throughout the year.

Girl's Dorm 2023-2024 Handbook Agreement

Once you have read and signed, turn this sheet in to your dean.

Student Handbooks. I promise	, agree to abide by the Girl's Dorm and De to always respect our students, faculty, nowledge that if I were to break this agraistered to me.	and any guest or visitor
Student Signature	Print Name	Date
Head Dean's Signature	Print Name	Date
Assistant Dean's Signature	Print Name	Date