

until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday night. Day Students may not use a boarder's room or the day student room to host a guest.

Student Room Visitation Rules and Conduct

Students of different Houses wishing to visit in each other's rooms must follow certain procedures. Both host and guest must secure permission in person from the Duty Master to have a guest go to a specific room. New permission from the Duty Master is required for any change of room. Doors must be open and rooms well-lit. Other expectations will be outlined by the Housemasters and communicated at the beginning of each visit. Guests must check out with the Duty Master. Both host and guest bear full responsibility for violations of visitation rules.

Duty Masters can deny and/or restrict the length of a guest visit. If a Duty Master is not present or is not otherwise available, the privilege is automatically withheld. Under no circumstances may a student proceed on the assumption that permission would be granted because it had been granted on previous occasions, even if the Duty Master is running late. During room visits, students must be considerate of the rights of their Housemates as well as the self-esteem and reputation of others. Behavior which would embarrass passers-by is not appropriate, and may result in the loss of visitation privileges or other disciplinary action.

Sexual Conduct

Respect and Intimacy

Respect for others is a fundamental Lawrenceville value and is an expectation in all areas of school life. Clear, open communication demonstrates respect and is particularly important when choosing to engage in sexual intimacy. Increased sexual awareness and exploration of sexuality intimacy are aspects of healthy adolescent development. At the same time, Lawrenceville believes that our students are not equally prepared to deal with the possible consequences of sexual activity. Differing cultural norms, differences in maturity, health risks such as STDs, even unwanted pregnancy are among the factors that complicate intimate relationships, and we therefore do not condone sexual intimacy.

We expect that students will refrain from sexual activity and thereby prove worthy of the trust we place in them when living on a residential campus.

When students are found in violation of this expectation, the response may include notification of parents, required interview and counseling with a health professional, and in some cases, where warranted, disciplinary action.

Sexual Consent

While Lawrenceville discourages physical intimacy, we recognize that students may seek at times to explore their developing sexuality and to engage in sexual behavior. Understanding this reality, we seek to instill in our students the confidence to advocate for themselves, the language to set clear boundaries where appropriate, and the self-awareness to engage respectfully with another student.

With this in mind, when students choose to engage in sexual activity, consent is essential from both parties. Clear communication and trust are both essential for consent, and our expectations are the same regardless of sexual orientation. Both parties must verbally consent to engage in sexual activity and no assumptions can be made without a positive verbal affirmation before each separate intimate act and before every encounter. Past consent does not imply future consent, and each partner must freely agree to engage with no outside pressures. Consenting to one behavior does not imply consenting to others, and a partner may change his or her mind and retract consent at any time.

Additional Considerations

Lawrenceville's expectations regarding sexual activity are not only based on the community values, but also moral and legal concerns. Engaging in sexual activity without consent has legal implications and is considered sexual assault. It is important to note that no individual can give consent if incapacitated in any way, has been using drugs or alcohol, or is under the legal age. Failure to meet any of these expectations would violate our community standards and may subject students to both School discipline and legal implications, including mandatory reporting to law enforcement and the Department of Children and Families.

For students who have questions or concerns, the Health & Wellness Center offers a wide range of confidential services, ranging from counseling to medical services. The Personal Development Seminar in the Second and Third Forms covers topics on healthy relationships including sexually