University Housing Campus Residency Policy

Pittsburg State University maintains a Campus Residency Policy which requires –

All first year students must live in a university residence hall and purchase either the Seven Day Access meal plan or the 14 Access meal plan. All other students may live in the housing of their choice. Exceptions to the policy are normally granted (prior to signing the contract) when any of the following circumstances exist. The student

1. lives at home with parents and commutes within 50 miles of PSU’s campus,
2. is married and living with spouse and/or has dependent children under their care,
3. has at least one year of active military service,
4. is 21 years of age or older, or
5. is transferring 24 hours of course credit or more (concurrent enrollment credits, earned prior to student’s high school graduation, do not qualify).

Pittsburg State University maintains this policy not to be proprietary in operation of our housing facilities or to limit student’s choices. However we know, from both local and national data regarding residence hall living, that students who spend at least the first two semesters in residence halls—

- Perform better academically, by measure of grade point averages, over the span of their college career;
- Are more likely to persist and graduate from the university;
- Are going to be more significantly involved in leadership activities on campus (an important factor expressed by potential employers in evaluating candidates); and,
- Are going to be more active alumni after graduation

Each new student admitted to PSU will be reviewed in regard to their compliance with the campus residency policy. Students who have not completed this process or who do not have an approved exemption form on file with the University Housing will be prevented from completing enrollment and paying fees for the semester of requested enrollment.

PLEASE NOTE: No information or evaluation of exemption status will be provided except in response to a completed Off-campus Residence Authorization Form (after all required documentation has been submitted by student) and will only be communicated in writing by the Director of Housing or designee.