

Residential Life FAQ

2026-27 School Year

How does REACH work?

REACH is Peddie's system for leave requests and daily sign in, sign out tracking (SISO). Students download the REACH app and log in with their Peddie credentials (for example, bbickford). All students are expected to have a US based cell phone that can run REACH and Remind.

Do parents need the REACH app?

No. Parents do not use the REACH app or log in to REACH. When their child submits a leave request, parents receive an email from REACH asking them to approve it. Parents should keep an eye on spam filters and other email settings that might block messages from REACH.

Does a day student need REACH?

Yes. Day students do not submit leave requests the way boarding students do, but they still need REACH to sign into different locations when they are on campus at night.



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What is SISO and when is it needed?

SISO means sign in, sign out. Students use it any time they leave a supervised space: going downtown, heading to an away athletic event, an SLA activity, or visiting another dorm. A few locations, like the Community Fitness Center or certain events, use a QR code instead.

How does my student take a day trip with me?

Submit a Day Leave, With Parents request in REACH. The leave needs parent approval, and the student should SISO when leaving and when returning to campus.

How does my student take a day trip with someone other than a parent?

Submit a Day Leave, Return by Early Check In request, including who is driving, the destination, and expected departure and return times. A faculty member must approve it before departure. If the trip means missing class, study hall, or another obligation, the student should also get permission from their class dean.

How does my student come home for a weekend?

Submit an Overnight: Weekend Leave with Parents request in REACH. It needs approval from a parent or guardian and from a dorm supervisor or class dean. For a typical weekend, please submit by noon on the Thursday before.

What if my student needs to leave during the week?

Submit an Overnight: Weeknight with Parents request in REACH, which needs approval from a parent or guardian and from a dorm supervisor or class dean. Since a weeknight departure usually means missing classes or other obligations, please also contact Doreen Duck in the Student Life Office (dduck@peddie.org) and/or your student's class dean so those can be excused.

What if my student wants to stay overnight somewhere other than home?

The host needs to be added to your student's REACH account first. Contact Ben Bickford (bbickford@peddie.org).

- If the host is a Peddie parent, just let us know who they are.
- If the host is outside the Peddie system, please send their name, physical address, email, and cell number.

Once the host is added, submit an Overnight, Weekend (or Weeknight) Leave with Non-Parent Host request. This needs approval from the parent, the host, and a dorm supervisor or class dean.

I am hosting a party or event for a group of students. What do I need to do?

For a small gathering where students will not miss any obligations, guests can follow the standard day trip process: each submits a Day Leave, Return by Early Check In request in REACH (this can be done the week before), including who is driving, the destination, and expected departure and return times, and gets approval from a faculty member before departing.

For a larger event, especially one involving chartered buses or other group transportation, please contact the Student Life Office first. Students will generate an Off Campus Birthday Party leave request instead, which requires parent permission, and we will walk you through the larger-event protocol separately.

Either way, guests need the right riding permission for their leave to be approved. Each family sets a transportation designation at the start of the year, visible on the student's ID card and in REACH. A guest riding with you needs a Parent or Student/Parent designation; a student marked NONE has not been authorized by their parents to ride with another Peddie parent.

Who can my student ride with?

Day students have no restrictions on who they ride with. Students may always ride with a Peddie faculty or staff member without special permission. For boarders, each family sets a transportation permission level at the start of the year, visible on the student's ID card and in REACH:

- NONE, family, faculty, or hired medical drivers only
- PARENT, adds any Peddie student's parent
- STUDENT/PARENT, adds any Peddie student or parent (not available to ninth graders)
- ANY DRIVER, any driver, including rideshare (seniors and PGs only)

If you would like to change this designation, contact Doreen Duck in the Student Life Office (dduck@peddie.org, 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday).

When is visitation allowed?

Visitation to a dorm's common spaces (lounges) is allowed any time after 12:00 pm. Visitation into a student's room requires a faculty member on duty in the dorm, and is allowed starting at 7:30 pm; the exact ending time depends on the night (see the schedule table below). For in-room visitation, the host should let their roommate know in advance, introduce their guest to the faculty member on duty, and keep the room door fully open for the entire visit. Visitation is a privilege, not a right, and Dorm Faculty, the Director of Residential Life, and the Deans' Office may limit or end it at their discretion.

What is the sleepover policy?

Dorm to dorm sleepovers are allowed with agreement from roommates and the duty faculty or dorm supervisors involved on both ends. Day student sleepovers are not permitted until after Fall Long Weekend, so boarding students have time to settle in and build community; after that, day students may join boarders for Saturday night sleepovers. Everyone involved must complete the Residential Expectations Regarding Intimate Behavior form. Sleepovers are not permitted on quiet hour nights (Blue Fridays, Sundays, exam week).

Can my student order food delivery?

Yes, with a few conditions. Sunday through Friday, food should be delivered before 8:00 pm (seniors and PGs may have food delivered up to final check in). On Saturdays, food should be delivered before 10:30 pm.

- Use the student's real name
- Set the default address to 130 East Ward Street
- Add a note asking the driver to ignore the Road Closed sign
- Drop a pin at one of three spots: Potter Parking Lot (across from the theater), Caspersen Campus Center, or the Annenberg Hall front steps, and nowhere else on campus
- Go to the delivery spot and wait, rather than making the driver wait

What are the evening expectations for day students?

Starting September 1, day students follow the same evening check-in structure as boarders. They must check into an approved campus location by 8:00 pm on study hall nights: the Library (not available to ninth graders until winter), Math Center, Writing Center, Peddie Arts Center, or a boarder's dorm room as a guest with permission from the faculty on duty (ninth graders may not join dorm study groups until 8:30 pm). In winter, seniors may also use the Athletic Center or the Grille during this time; underclassmen day students may not. Students may wait outside the Student Center for pickup. Families should use the Ward Street main entrance and plan pickup at the Student Center or Annenberg.

What time do day students need to leave campus in the evening?

- Normal study hall nights: ninth graders by 9:00 pm, tenth through twelfth graders by 10:00 pm
- Quiet hour nights (no-homework nights, Fridays before no-class Saturdays): all students by 10:00 pm
- Saturday nights: all students by 11:00 pm

Students with a New Jersey probationary or Graduated Driver's License should also follow their license restrictions.

Can a day student stay overnight on campus?

Yes, with approval. A single overnight stay needs approval from the Class Dean and Director of Residential Life, agreement from the parents of the boarding student(s) sharing the room, and updated emergency contact information. The Business Office, Health Center, and Security are notified, and a nightly fee applies. Multiple consecutive nights require the same approvals plus sign off from the Business Office, Tech Office, and Security in advance. Families should reach out to Ben Bickford to start the process.

What changes for seniors once supervised study hall ends?

Once supervised study hall requirements lift for seniors (typically in the winter), seniors move to a quiet hours structure instead:

- First check-in stays 7:30-8:00 pm
- Visitation allowed 7:30-9:45 pm with faculty permission
- Quiet hours apply in the dorm: no loud music, doors may stay closed unless visitation has been granted, television only in dormitory lounges
- Seniors still SISO as usual for the library, Arts Center, downtown, the Athletic Center, or special events
- Food may be delivered up to final check in
- Final check-in: 10:15 pm Sunday through Friday, 11:30 pm Saturday

This is a privilege tied to grades, citizenship, and meeting general dormitory expectations, and it can be revoked at the discretion of the dorm supervisor, advisor, class dean, or Director of Residential Life.

What are the standard check in and visitation times?

Night	Early Check-In	Visitation	Final Check-In
Study Hall Night (Sun-Thu, and Blue Friday)	7:30-8:00 pm	7:30-8:00 pm	10:15 pm
Night before a No-Class Saturday (Gold Friday)	7:30-8:00 pm	7:30-9:45 pm	10:15 pm
Saturday	7:30-8:00 pm	7:30-10:45 pm	11:00 pm (9s/10s), 11:30 pm (11s/12s/PGs)

Note: exact times can shift for exam week, breaks, and special campus events. Dorm supervisors will send specific reminders.
