

## **Deerfield Academy Refrigerator Permit Policy**

At Deerfield Academy, a refrigerator is provided in each residence hall's common room so that students can store items requiring refrigeration they would like to use/consume. We do not permit refrigerators in individual student rooms (See Rules and Expectations for Deerfield Academy Students, Section 4.11); however, occasionally there is a medical reason where an individual refrigerator should be permitted. The following is the policy to help clarify this process:

- Refrigerator permits will be granted only by the school physician on a limited case-by-case basis for those students who have a medical condition where having access to particular foods or medications requiring refrigeration is necessary in order to prevent a potentially life-threatening or disabling complication.
- Each student requesting a refrigerator permit must be seen and evaluated by the school physician during registration or within the first full week of fall term.
- The school physician has sole authority to grant a refrigerator permit. He/she will base this decision on the student's history, exam and consideration of recommendations from outside physicians.
- The refrigerator permit will last for the entire academic year unless otherwise noted and must be renewed annually.
- Occasionally there will be certain requirements (i.e. follow-up appointments with the Health Center, documentation from outside health care providers) that must be fulfilled to maintain the permit during the academic year. Failure to fulfill these requirements will result in the permit being revoked and the refrigerator removed.
- If the school physician authorizes the refrigerator permit, the student will be given a paper certificate that must be displayed on their refrigerator at all times.
- If the school physician authorizes the refrigerator permit, a fee of \$50 will be charged to the student's account for the year.

Please address any further questions to the Deerfield Academy Health Center (413)774-1600.