



## RESIDENTIAL LIFE

### **University Housing and Food Contract 2025-2026**

This document is your contract for on-campus housing and food services at Indiana State University. This contract is a legal and binding agreement between you and Indiana State University ("University"). In signing this contract, you are making a commitment for, and agreeing to pay for, the housing and dining services as outlined in the terms of this contract. Failure to comply with the terms of a contract may result in financial charges and/or legal consequences. Therefore, it is important that you read this document, as well as the University Housing and Food Regulations ("Regulations"), thoroughly and carefully before signing below.

If you are under 18 years of age, this contract will not be effective unless your parent or guardian agrees to its terms via electronic submission. Students must be at least 16 years of age at the start of the contract to be eligible for on-campus housing.

#### **Term of Contract**

The beginning and ending dates of the contract shall be as specified in the Regulations. The contract is binding on the university and the student (and the student's parent or legal guardian where applicable) for the entire term of contract and cannot be terminated except under conditions cited in this contract or the University Housing and Food Regulations.

The student may not sublet the room or apartment for which this contract is signed.

Summer contracts do not extend beyond the summer session enrollment period.

Renewal of the contract at end of the contract term is not guaranteed. Information regarding contracts and housing processes for the upcoming academic year will be shared during the fall semester and made available in the housing portal.

#### **Regulations of the University Housing and Dining Services Contract**

The Regulations of the housing and food contract contain important information and rules about University Housing and Dining Services. The Regulations are incorporated into this contract and binding on you. The Regulations, which may be amended from time to time, are available at <https://indianastate.edu/life-state/housing-dining/contracts-rates-and-forms>.

#### **Meal Plan**

Students living in the residence halls are required to have a meal plan. Should you select or be assigned to a residence hall and for some reason not have selected an eligible meal plan, the University will automatically add the lowest-cost eligible meal plan to your student account. Information about meal plans is available at <https://indstate.sodexomyway.com/en-us/meal-plan/meal-plan-options>

#### **Payment/Fees**

You agree to pay all of the fees and charges arising under this contract (and any extension) and the Regulations when due, together with all fees and costs necessary for the collection of any amount not paid when due. Information about fees and charges is available at <https://indianastate.edu/costs-aid/undergraduate-costs>.

### **Cancellation**

You are responsible for the financial obligation of University housing and food for the full academic year (fall and spring semesters). You may be released from that obligation only if you cancel enrollment with the University or if you apply for and are granted a contract release due to the extreme or unusual circumstances set out specifically in the Regulations. You should not sign this contract if you are considering other housing options. You will not be released from this contract because you have signed an off-campus lease.

### **Public Health Emergencies**

You acknowledge and agree that the University may take specific measures to protect the public health of its university community and the surrounding community in response to a state of emergency, COVID-19 or another communicable disease, or other reasons deemed to be in the best interests of the University.

You acknowledge and understand that these measures may include terminating your housing contract, changing your housing assignment, closing University residence spaces, shortening the academic term, and/or modifying how coursework is delivered.

You acknowledge and agree that if the University takes any such measures, or otherwise terminates your housing contract for one of the unforeseeable circumstances specified under this section:

- (1) You shall have no option or right to cancel the housing contract for either circumstances beyond your control or unforeseeable extenuating circumstances, and
- (2) You shall receive no refund or credit of any housing fees, costs, or other housing-related expenses unless the University, in its sole discretion, notifies you otherwise.

### **Liability and Insurance**

The University does not assume responsibility for any loss to person(s) or personal property. It is recommended that you maintain adequate public liability insurance coverage and renter's insurance for your personal property.

### **Room Entry**

The University reserves the right to enter your space according to the procedures set forth in the Regulations or for law enforcement purposes, as well as for custodial services, safety inspections, repair and maintenance, pest control, and emergency situations. In general, for non-law enforcement and non-emergency situations, twenty-four (24) hour notice will be given prior to entry.

### **Conditions of Occupancy**

Your assigned space shall be occupied only by you and other assigned residents. The University may limit or exclude visitors, as defined by the University and/or Residential Life, from the University student housing facilities.

You are responsible for keeping your assigned space and any shared spaces sanitary and safe, to reduce the spread of viruses and other communicable diseases within the residence hall as established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). You agree to report any deteriorated conditions of your space or its furnishings through the work order form in your housing portal, to a staff member in your building, or to the central Residential Life Office. You agree to pay for damaged or missing furnishings and damages to the space.

When you vacate your space, you agree: (1) to return the furniture to its original position; (2) to leave the space in a clean, orderly condition, with reasonable wear and tear excepted; and (3) complete a checkout as instructed by Residential Life.

### **Acknowledgments and Signature**

I understand that by entering my University ID number and clicking the “Agree” button in the housing portal:

- I am acknowledging I have read, understand fully, and agree to be bound by the terms of this contract, including the terms and conditions of the University Housing and Dining Regulations (“Regulations”), which are fully incorporated into this contract by reference.
- I understand I am committing to this contract for the full academic year (or the remaining portion of the full academic year).
- I am agreeing to be responsible for and pay to the University all applicable housing and dining fees and other charges assessed under the terms of this contract.
- I understand that failure to comply with the terms of this contract and/or the Regulations may result in charges for housing and food and/or legal consequences.
- I understand that by residing in campus housing I am expected to comply with applicable guidelines and/or directives of the CDC, state and local governmental authorities, including county health officials, and the University relating to preventing the spread of communicable diseases. I further understand that if I have contracted or have been exposed to a communicable disease that I may be required to be isolated or quarantined in accordance with applicable public health guidelines or directives.
- I am acknowledging I have had sufficient time to review and ask questions about this contract and the Regulations.
- I am agreeing that my submission of my University ID number and clicking the button below through this website will act as my signature and will be valid and binding.

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