Guide to Student Life at PAFA & Living in Philly

First-Year Students!

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PAFA FIRST-YEAR GUIDE

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WHAT'S NEAR YOU?
GROCERY STORES & MARKETS

**Grocery Stores/Markets:**

**Asia Fresh Food Market**  
A simple supermarket specializing in imported products from Asia, plus produce, meat & prepared foods.  
143 N 11th St Philadelphia 19107  
(215) 928-9888

**Whole Foods Market**  
Eco-minded chain with natural & organic grocery items, housewares & other products.  
929 South St Philadelphia 19147  
(215) 733-9788

**Iovine Brothers Produce - Reading Terminal Market**  
Busy, health-conscious store stocking a large selection of fruits & vegetables, plus juices & nuts.  
1136 Arch St Philadelphia 19107  
(215) 928-4366

**Old City Food Market**  
No-frills corner store stocking basic groceries features a deli that makes hoagies & sandwiches.  
202 Market St Philadelphia 19106  
(215) 238-9484

**Fair Food Farmstand**  
A Market for fresh produce, meat, dairy, cheese & eggs sourced from 90+ local sustainable farmers.  
51 N 12th St Philadelphia 19107  
(215) 386-5211 ext. 120

**Acme Markets**  
Standard big-box supermarket  
309 S 5th St Philadelphia  
(215) 413-9715

**Trader Joe’s**  
Grocery chain with a variety of signature items, plus produce, dairy & more.  
2121 Market St Philadelphia 19103  
(215) 569-9282

**Target**  
Standard department/supermarket store  
1 Mifflin St Philadelphia, PA 19148  
(215) 463-7311

**Grocery Stores That Deliver:**

**Instacart**  
Groceries delivered in 1 hour

**Shoprite**  
Shop from home

**Reading Terminal**  
Indoor farmer’s market providing grocery, dining & shopping needs.  
1136 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19107  
(215) 922-2317

**Rittenhouse Market**  
Small mainstay offering groceries, gourmet foods, produce, seafood, a deli & delivery service.  
1733 Spruce St Philadelphia 19103  
(215) 985-5930
GROCERY STORES & MARKETS

**Bulk Goods:**
BJ's in South Philly
Member-only big box store
2300 Oregon Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19145

Philadelphia Sam's Club
Member-only big box store
1000 Franklin Mills Cir. Philadelphia, PA 19154
(215) 632-2299

**Convenience Stores:**
7-Eleven
Convenience chain offering grab-and-go bites & beverages, plus assorted newsstand items.
150 N Broad St Philadelphia 19102
(215) 575-0827

Wawa
24-hour convenience store
1707 Arch St Philadelphia 19103
(215) 977-9558

CVS
Convenience drug and food chain
1424 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-963-9316

Philly has a ton of accessible grocery stores and plenty of places to eat out, if you're not much of an at-home chef.
**LOCAL HARDWARE & CRAFT STORES**

**Hardware Stores:**
10th Street Hardware  
257 S. 10th Street 215-922-0720

Rittenhouse Hardware  
2001 Pine Street #2 215-735-6311

Fairmount Hardware  
2011 Fairmount Ave 215-765-4500

Cohen & Co. Hardware and Home Goods  
615 E Passyunk Ave 215-922-3493

Monarch Hardware Company  
4502 Walnut Street 215-387-4199

1540 Hardware  
1540 E Passyunk Ave 215-336-1515

**The Home Depot Locations:**
1651 S Christopher Columbus Blvd.  
215-218-0600

2539 Castor Ave  
215-744-1128

2200 W. Oregon Ave  
215-551-1753

**Lowe's Home Improvement:**
2106 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd.  
215-982-5391

3800 Aramingo Ave  
215-904-9951

**Other Lumber and Wood Sources:**
Tague Lumber, Inc.  
560 High Street 215-848-2500

Torres Lumber Co. Inc.  
4365 Rising Sun Ave 215-324-1360

**Scrap Yards:**
Philadelphia Scrap Metal  
2069 E. Silver Street 215-739-1175

Nicholas Scrap Metal Inc.  
3812 Old York Rd. 215-225-2121

**Arts and Crafts Stores**
The Resource Exchange (2nd Hand Store for art supplies, lumber, craft items, fabric, etc.)  
1701 N. 2nd Street  
267-997-0060

Artist and Craftsman  
307 Market Street  
267-861-6008

Blick Art Materials  
1330 Chestnut Street  
215-545-3214

Rittenhouse Needlepoint  
1737 Chestnut Street #201  
215-563-4566

Plaza Artist Materials and Picture Framing  
3200 Chestnut Street  
215-823-6893
Continued...

Jack B. Fabrics
748 S. 4th Street
215-925-2991

B. Wilk Fabrics
801 S. 4th Street
215-627-1146

Jomar Textiles Inc.
22 Jackson Street
215-339-5802

These are not all the hardware and craft stores, lumber and scrap yards, and art supply store in Philly. However they cover the general region and are rated the highest.
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Art Museums:
Philadelphia Museum of Art
Barnes Foundation
Rodin Museum
The Mutter Museum
Philadelphia Magic Gardens
Museum of Illusions
The Franklin Institute of Science
Edgar Allen Poe House
etc.

Art Collectives:
Crane Arts Studio
The Clay Studio
Second Street Press
Bok Building
Space 1026
etc.

Music / Performing Arts Venues:
Kimmel Center
The Met
World Café Live
The Mann Center
The Fillmore
Underground Arts
Union Transfer
Theater of the Living Arts
Wells Fargo Center
Walnut Street Theater
The Academy of music
Philadelphia Theater Company
Wilma Theater
Philadelphia Ballet
Fringe Arts
etc.

These are not all the arts and entertainment spots in Philly. However, these are the most well-known.
**WHERE CAN YOU EXERCISE NEAR PAFA?**

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<th>Fitness Center</th>
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<td>Fusion Gym</td>
<td>2801 Grant Ave</td>
<td>856-300-2432</td>
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<td>Philadelphia Sports Club</td>
<td>1735 Market Street</td>
<td>215-564-5353</td>
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<td>Retro Fitness</td>
<td>1500 Spring Garden Street</td>
<td>267-519-3799</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sweat Fitness</td>
<td>1 South Broad Street</td>
<td>215-351-0100</td>
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<td>CrossFit Center City</td>
<td>1229 Chestnut Street</td>
<td>267-909-8210</td>
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<td>RowZone Indoor Rowing and Fitness</td>
<td>4401 Main St</td>
<td>215-798-0175</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hot Yoga Philadelphia (Discount for PAFA students!)</td>
<td>1520 Sansom Street</td>
<td>215-977-9642</td>
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<td>Maha Yoga</td>
<td>1700 Sansom Street</td>
<td>215-864-0770</td>
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<tr>
<td>Philadelphia Sports Clubs</td>
<td>220 S 5th St</td>
<td>215-592-8900</td>
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These are just a few of the gyms, fitness centers, and exercise communities to participate in recreational activities. Be sure when contacting the facility that you ask about student discounts!
OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
Philadelphia Apartment Management Companies (Use Ctrl + click to access links!)

PMC Property Group:
(215) 241-0200

1900 Arch
.5 miles from PAFA
Rent ranges from $1680-$6225

Embassy Apartments (2100 Walnut Street) 1 mile from PAFA
Rent starts at $1345

2311 Spruce Street
1.3 miles from PAFA
Rent starts at $1545

2040 Market
.8 miles from PAFA
Rent ranges from $1775-$3295

Liberty View Apartments (2031 South Street)
1.3 miles from PAFA
Rent ranges from $1295-$1645

Michael Singer Real Estate:
(215) 925-8683

The Chatham (135 S. 20th Street)
.9 miles to PAFA
Rent ranges from $1375-$1800

Signature Investment Realty:
(215) 222-2220

Beacon Hill Apartments (1330 Pine Street)
.8 miles from PAFA
Rent ranges from $895-$975

2213 Walnut Street
1.2 miles to PAFA
Rent starting at $835

Lippincott Court
1.3 miles to PAFA
Rent starting at $1000

Cypress Court (304 S. 23rd Street)
1.3 miles from PAFA
Rent starting at $695

2129 Pine Street
1.3 miles to PAFA
Rent starting at $635

Other Suggested Realty Groups:

Property Management Group
(215) 545-7007
311 S. 13th Street

William Penn Realty Group
(215) 636-0300
19 S. 21st Street

Volpe Real Estate Inc.
(215) 545-5414
701 S. 20th Street
Helpful Websites and Apps

**Trulia**
Access to apartment listings
App available for Apple and Android devices

**Zillow**
Access to apartment listings
App available for Apple and Android devices

**Craigslist**
Frequently updated website including apartments for rent, sublets, shares, and roommate searches

**University of Pennsylvania Off-Campus Living**
Listings include apartments for rent and roommate searches

**Broad Street Classifieds**
Access to apartment listings

**Philadelphia Weekly**
Online, free paper including a classified section, listing apartments for rent

**4 Walls in Philly**
Access to apartment listings, with searches available by neighborhood and student housing options
The studios listed above are not the only spaces available in Philly. Craigslist is also a great resource to find spaces to rent or to find other artists looking to share a spot!
New Furniture and Storage supplies:

Ikea
2206 S Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19148

West Elm
1330 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19107

Target
1900 chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19103
OR
1128 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19107

Walmart
1675 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Macy’s
1300 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19107

Lowe’s
2106 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd
Philadelphia, PA 19148

Home Depot 1651 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19148

Second Hand furniture and storage supplies:

Habitat for Humanity ReStore
2318 Washington Ave Philadelphia, PA 19146

Resource Exchange
1701 N 2nd St. Philadelphia, PA 19122

Uhuru
832 N Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19130

Philly Aids Thrift
710 S. 5th St. Philadelphia, PA 19147

Bargain Thrift Center
4530 Germantown Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Jinxed Fishtown
1331 Frankford Ave Philadelphia, PA 19125
(215) 800-1369
EXTRA RESOURCES
Logan Square, Spring Garden & Fairmount: These areas are located along Benjamin Franklin Parkway with the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Barnes Foundation and the Rodin Museum nearby. Those living here enjoy many cultural and recreational activities close to home with residential neighborhoods, restaurants, bars, and café’s. Fountains, flowers and flags adorn the tree-lined Parkway.

**Housing options:** Row houses line most of the streets of Fairmount, but you will also find several high-rise apartment complexes. Housing prices are comparable to Center City, but parking is tricky.

**Transportation:** Because of its proximity to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, which runs directly toward City Hall, buses are an extremely useful form of transportation in this area. Also, because the Art Museum Area sits adjacent to Fairmount Park, many of the locals travel by bicycle.

Rittenhouse: The neighborhood occupies the southwest corner of Center City. Rittenhouse square, itself, is a prestigious park and destination with dozens restaurants and shops within walking distance.

**Housing Options:** The area is home to a diverse group of people including single professionals, families with children and an increasing number of retirees who are rediscovering the joys of city life.

**Transportation:** The area is in close proximity to all of Center City, but parking is an expensive challenge. Bicyclists abound, and taxis are ready to take you anywhere you want to go.

Chinatown & Callowhill: This area of Philadelphia is one of the fastest-growing areas in Center City, a prospering community nestled between the Pennsylvania Convention Center and just north of the Vine Street Expressway. It is richly cultural, and a popular residence for medical students studying at nearby Jefferson and Hahnemann Hospitals. An exceptional dining scene highlights Chinatown, with cheap eats, ideal for students on a budget. The Vox Populi gallery complex is a great place to see art on the weekends!

**Housing options:** With the recent expansion of the Pennsylvania Convention Center, new hotels and condominiums continue to sprout. Apartments in this area distinctly contrast the historic brownstones that typify Center City living.

**Transportation:** Chinatown & Callowhill are only a few blocks from PAFA. Students here will have no trouble walking to school, regardless of the weather.

Market East: Market East serves as Philadelphia’s shopping and entertainment gateway. Nestled in between Old City and Rittenhouse Square, this exciting neighborhood is home to the City Hall, Macy’s department store in the historical Wanamaker Building and Reading Terminal Market. Numerous restaurants, clubs and theaters are within walking distance.

**Housing options:** Though Market East is known for the shopping and entertainment, some studio apartments, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments are available in many apartment buildings and lofts. Parking is a big challenge here; on-street spaces are rarely available.

**Transportation:** Take the bus, subway or a taxi, and nearly everything in Center City is accessible on foot.
**NEIGHBORHOODS OF PHILADELPHIA**

**Washington Square West:** Washington Square West is a colorful part of Philadelphia. You'll find townhomes and brownstones throughout this neighborhood, as well as performing arts venues on the Avenue of the Arts.

**Housing Options:** Similar to Rittenhouse Square, many small apartments are found in Washington Square West. They often carry premium prices, but small or shared spaces remain within a student’s budget.

**Transportation:** This area is walking-distance from everything in Center City.

**Old City & Society Hill:** Old City is the birthplace of Philadelphia. It is home to the Liberty Bell, Independence Mall, and dozens of historical attractions. Numerous restaurants, clubs and theaters are within walking distance. Old City also houses many of the city’s Art Galleries.

**Housing options:** Housing in Old City is at a premium, and costs can be substantial. Parking is a challenge here; on-street spaces are rarely available.

**Transportation:** Take the bus, subway or a taxi, and nearly everything in Center City is accessible on foot.

**Bella Vista & East Passyunk (South Philadelphia):** The communities in South Philly have been described as the city’s most colorful and ethnically diverse neighborhoods. South Philadelphia is also home to several of Philly’s famous cheesesteak vendors, and also the Italian and Mexican Markets: full of grocers, cafes, restaurants, bakeries, and cheese and butcher shops.

**Housing options:** Ground-level shops and traditional row homes cover the area. The neighborhood is heavily residential.

**Transportation:** The neighborhood is near the Broad Street Subway Line, which conveniently transports students toward downtown. By bike, you can easily get to Center City in 15-20 minutes.

**University City:** University City encompasses the campuses of the University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University. The area is heavily student oriented, and located across the Schuylkill River from Center City.

**Housing Options:** The area is filled with off-campus student housing, including many apartment rentals.

**Transportation:** Bus lines run along Market, Chestnut, and Walnut streets and provide easy access to Center City. The Market-Frankford Subway line and several trolley lines also travel through University City. Many students own a bicycle in this area.

**Northern Liberties & Fishtown:** In recent years, the Northern Liberties & Fishtown areas of Philadelphia have experienced a revival. Due to recent improvement and revitalization projects, the area has become a center for local artists and musicians.

**Housing options:** Row homes are the primary residential option. Apartment costs now regularly parallel Center City prices.

**Transportation:** Bicycles and public transportation options. The Market-Frankford Subway Line has several stops in Northern Liberties and Fishtown. PAFA is about 20 minute commute.
### PAFA HOUSING DAMAGE FEES

All listed charge types reflect a "per person" charge. Split charges are not applicable.

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<td>Adhesive Removal</td>
<td>$50.00 per sticker</td>
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<td>Bed assembly/disassembly</td>
<td>$65.00 per bed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cinder Block Removal</td>
<td>$10.00 per bed</td>
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<td>Damage not defined (vandalism)</td>
<td>$5.00 minimum</td>
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<td>Dirty Room at Check-Out</td>
<td>$70.00 per person</td>
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<td>Door Damage</td>
<td>$150.00 minimum</td>
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<td>Failure to remove belongings from room</td>
<td>$100.00 minimum</td>
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<td>Floor damage</td>
<td>$50.00 minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture damage</td>
<td>$50.00 - $300.00</td>
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<td>Furniture rearrangement</td>
<td>$50.00 - $200.00</td>
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<td>Graffiti Removal</td>
<td>$25.00 minimum</td>
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<td>Holes</td>
<td>$50.00 - $3,000.00</td>
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<td>Improper Use of Lounge Furniture</td>
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<td>Kitchen Cabinet/Drawer Damage</td>
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<td>Late Check-Out/Failure to Move-Out</td>
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<td>Light bulbs/lenses damaged or missing</td>
<td>$85.00 each</td>
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<td>Lock Change - Stiles 1 bedroom apartment</td>
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<td>Lock Change - Stiles 2 or 3 bedroom apartment</td>
<td>$225.00</td>
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<td>Lock Out Policy</td>
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<td>Malicious Act of Vandalism</td>
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<td>Mattress Replacement</td>
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<td>Mirror Replacement</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
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<td>Move-in Cart Not Returned/Damaged</td>
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<td>Paint Removal</td>
<td>$50.00 minimum</td>
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<td>Personal Waste Materials Removal</td>
<td>$25.00 minimum</td>
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<tr>
<td>Refinish Desktop</td>
<td>$185.00</td>
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<td>Replace Door Closer (Fire Safety Equipment)</td>
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<td>Replace Exit sign</td>
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<td>Replacement of Couch</td>
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<td>Replacement of Student Desk Chair</td>
<td>$135.00</td>
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<td>Replacement of Table</td>
<td>$375.00</td>
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<td>Tampering with Fire Safety Equipment</td>
<td>$350.00 per piece</td>
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<td>HVAC Unit/ Thermostat damaged/ removed</td>
<td>$75.00 minimum</td>
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<td>Towel Bar replacement</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
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<td>Wall damage - varies in size, includes corridors</td>
<td>$50.00 - $500.00</td>
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<td>Window Boarding Charge</td>
<td>$150.00 - $800.00</td>
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<td>Window Limiters</td>
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<td>Window replacement (varies in size)</td>
<td>$150.00 - $3000.00</td>
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<td>Window treatment damage</td>
<td>$50.00 - $150.00</td>
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There are convenient bike racks outside of PAFA. Make sure to bring your lock and lock your bike correctly. PAFA is not responsible for lost or stolen bikes!
We hope you found this guide helpful. For more resources and feedback, feel free to reach out to Office of Students Services.