

MESABI RANGE COLLEGE

Housing Contract Academic Year 2022-23

*Mesabi Range College is in the process of merging with the other colleges in the Northeast Higher Education District (pending HLC and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board approval) into one unified and accredited college with six campuses, of which Mesabi Range College is part. College programs and services will remain largely the same under the new college – please contact the Residence Life Office with questions.

ALPINE VILLAGE - Mesabi Range College* Residence Facilities

Mesabi Range College* housing facilities are designed for comfortable, convenient student living. Each of our semi-furnished apartments have four bedrooms, two bathrooms, laundry room, kitchen, and living room. Three of the bedrooms are single occupancy (one student per bedroom) and one of the bedrooms are double occupancy (two students per bedroom). Your bedroom includes a bed, desk, and chair. Your kitchen includes a full-size refrigerator, microwave, stove, and dishwasher. Your living room is furnished with a couch, TV stand, coffee table, and end table.

Housing facilities are alcohol, drug, and tobacco free.

Alpine Village is conveniently located within walking distance to every class on the Virginia campus. It is situated in the heart of Virginia, Minnesota with grocery stores, banks, clinic, shopping, and dining all within one mile from your front door.

2022-23 Housing and Meal Plan Costs and Payment Policies

Meal Plan Rates

There will be no mandatory meal plan for 2022-2023. There are optional gift cards available with the food service vendor on campus.

Fall Semester/Spring Semester Housing Rates

Single bedroom - \$2350 per semester

Double bedroom - \$1850 per semester

Washer/dryer & wireless internet fee - \$96 per semester

Housing application fee (required to reserve a room) - \$375

Residents that have been officially invited by the college (athletes, resident assistants, etc.) will be able to check in prior to the Fall/Spring check-in dates. Additional charges apply to early arrivals.

Housing Cancellation Policy: Mesabi Range College* housing contracts are binding for the entire academic year. Full academic year is defined as Fall and Spring Semesters excluding any times that housing is officially closed for breaks. Students wishing to be released from their housing contract are required to complete a Petition for Contract Release. Petitions will only be approved if one of the following conditions is met: (1) official withdrawal, departure, or transfer from Mesabi Range College*, or (2) official graduation from Mesabi Range College*. If a Petition for Contract Release is approved, student housing charges will be prorated up to the day of departure, provided departure occurs within the first 20 class days of the semester. After the 20th class day, students are responsible for full payment of housing and meal plan charges.

PAYMENT POLICY: Semester housing charges are payable in full by move-in day. If full payment is not received, a payment plan established, or a financial aid deferment granted by this date, students will be charged a \$50 late payment fee. If full payment is not received, payment plan established, or financial aid deferment granted by the 20th class day of the semester, Mesabi Range College* reserves the right to remove the student from college housing. If housing removal occurs, full housing charges remain as a receivable on the student's account. Students removed from housing will not receive credit for days/nights not in housing.

Virginia Housing and Redevelopment Authority: Virginia HRA owns and manages the Alpine Village apartments. HRA is also responsible for assessing damages in the apartments after check-out to determine security deposit refunds.

Mesabi Range College* Housing (Alpine Village) Contract
THIS HOUSING CONTRACT IS BINDING FOR THE ENTIRE ACADEMIC YEAR.

UPON SIGNING THE CONTRACT ACCEPTANCE FORM, I HEREBY AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. I understand that this contract is binding for the **full academic year**. I understand and agree that the Housing Contract represents a landlord/tenant relationship and that I have no right to assign, sublet or transfer my rights in the Housing Contract, in whole or in part. Any resident who decides to leave Mesabi Range College* Housing before the end of the school year must petition for contract release and meet one of the following conditions in order for their petition to be approved: (1) Official withdrawal, departure, or transfer from Mesabi Range College*, or (2) Official graduation from Mesabi Range College*.

STUDENTS REMOVED FROM HOUSING FOR ANY REASON WILL STILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR FULL ACADEMIC YEAR CHARGES.

2. I understand that I must maintain full-time student status at Mesabi Range College* (12 credits/semester) in order to live in campus housing. If I drop below full-time status, the Director of Residence Life has sole discretion as to whether I remain in campus housing. Residents of Mesabi Range College* Housing **MUST** be currently enrolled at Mesabi Range College* and academically engaged.
3. I understand that I must occupy my room, or notify the College of my intent to occupy, by the first day class of each semester, or my contract may be cancelled. **I further understand that no keys will be issued to me and I will not be allowed to move in until Mesabi Range College* receives assurance of full payment of my housing.** For financial aid recipients, a valid completed FAFSA, completed loan counseling, and completed loan applications prior to move-in will be considered assurance of payment. Students whose financial aid is insufficient to cover their housing and meal plan charges must pay or set up a payment plan with the College Business Office prior to move-in.
4. I understand that this housing contract is effective from the published move-in day or the day that I move-in, whichever comes first, until noon on the day following the last day of regularly scheduled final exams each semester. I also understand that Mesabi Range College* Housing will be closed and that I will need to leave during Winter Break.
5. Notification of the actual dates and of these breaks will be communicated to students in advance.
6. I understand that Mesabi Range College* reserves the following rights: (a) The right to terminate a contract. The College may terminate a housing contract with an individual or exclude that individual from the premises for a breach of any term, condition or regulation of the housing contract. (b) The right to inspect/show an apartment. Mesabi Range College* reserves the right to enter an apartment at any time to inspect and make necessary repairs or alterations, to show the apartment to prospective tenants, or to investigate suspected policy violations. (c) The right to assign roommates. The College reserves the right to assign tenants to apartments, in its sole discretion. (d) The right to reject any housing contract for any reason, including those from students who have not attained a high school diploma or GED or whose high school class has not graduated. Mesabi Range College* reserves the right to reject or cancel a housing contract with any tenant, at any time, including after move-in.
7. I understand the College shall have no responsibility for personal injury, theft, destruction or loss of monies, valuables or personal properties belonging to me or being in my custody from any cause whatsoever, whether such losses occur from my room, apartment, storage room, deck/patio, laundry room, vehicle, or public areas and agree to make no claim and hereby waive all claims. **EACH STUDENT IS ENCOURAGED TO CARRY HIS/HER OWN PERSONAL PROPERTY INSURANCE.**
8. I understand that I will be evicted for nonpayment by Virginia HRA thirty days after the start of the semester.
9. I will allow the college to share my student information (name, student ID, and balance due) with the Virginia HRA and food services.
10. I will allow my financial aid funds to be used to cover miscellaneous charges, including, but not limited to housing charges, athletics, and food services charges.
11. In addition to the policies listed here, I also agree to observe and abide by the policies and procedures of the Mesabi Range College* Residence Life Program as published in the Residence Life Handbook. I further agree to observe and abide by all policies and procedures set forth in the Mesabi Range College* Student Handbook. Failure to comply with any of these policies can result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal from Mesabi Range College* Residence Life and/or expulsion from Mesabi Range College*.
12. **A \$375 housing application fee**, payable online, is required to reserve a room. This entire application fee will be forfeited if this contract is canceled on or after June 1 for Fall Semester. For Spring Semester start, the entire application fee will be forfeited if this contract is canceled on or after December 1. Students who turn in contracts after these dates (6/1 or 12/1) also

forfeit this application fee if they cancel their contract. Once the student moves in, the \$375 is paid to HRA as a security deposit.

13. I understand that if I decide to cancel my housing application before the June 1 deadline and I have a bill from a current or previous semester, my housing application fee will be paid toward my outstanding bill.
14. Upon check-out, any housing damages assessed to the resident will be deducted from the security deposit, including a \$30/semester cleaning fee assessed to all residents. The remaining funds plus interest will be refunded to the student within 45 days after the academic semester, provided check out procedures are followed, and the student has a zero balance on their account with the College. In the event that the unit is damaged or not properly cleaned, costs will be assessed to the student accordingly. If the person(s) responsible for damages to a housing unit cannot be identified, applicable damage/cleaning costs will be split between all residents of the unit. Any damages not covered by the security deposit will be billed to the student.
15. Early check-in or late check-out for either semester can be arranged through the Residence Life office for a fee. If this request is granted, the student will be charged a prorated daily rate. **This charge will be assessed to fall or spring semester athletes who must arrive early or check out late for practice.**

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The policies listed below constitute the major policies of Mesabi Range College* Residence Life, but are by no means the only ones listed in the handbook.

- **Alcoholic Beverages and Containers:** The possession, association with, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages, regardless of age, is **NOT** permitted in Housing facilities. Alcohol containers are not allowed in Housing facilities. Alcohol signs may not be displayed in windows or on the outside of apartment doors. Unannounced inspections of apartments by campus personnel may occur at any time.
- **Drugs:** The possession, association with, use or sale of illegal drugs, marijuana, or drug paraphernalia is not permitted in Housing facilities or on campus grounds. Students may not be in the presence of illegal drugs. Unannounced inspections of apartments by campus personnel may occur at any time and may be accompanied by police.
- **Tobacco:** The Mesabi Range College* campus is tobacco free. Tobacco use, if allowed at all, is only permitted in designated areas.
- **Cleaning:** Residents are responsible for cleaning their own room and apartments and keeping these spaces reasonably clean.
- **Decorating:** Residents are encouraged to add their own personal touches to their apartments within the guidelines published in the Mesabi Range College* Residence Life Handbook. Generally, students may hang posters and pictures on the walls with pins or staples, but they may not paint their rooms or drill holes.
- **Weapons:** Firearms, bows and arrows, paintball guns, darts, sling shots/launchers, fireworks, or any other item that may create a health hazard or inflict bodily injury is **strictly prohibited** in housing facilities and/or on campus grounds unless stored in Residence Life safes. BB-guns and Air-Soft guns are not permitted.
- **Fire Safety:** The use or possession of the following is not permitted in Housing facilities: incense, candles, real Christmas trees, hookahs, halogen lamps, grills, and devices with an open flame. Residents are not allowed to tamper with any fire safety mechanism including smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- **Guests:** Residents may have guests for a maximum of 72 hours. All guests must comply with the policies and regulations of the College and Mesabi Range College* Housing and be signed in. Residents will be held responsible for any property damage and/or violation of College policies by their guests.
- **Keys:** All keys remain the property of the College and may not be duplicated by residents. Residents are not allowed to loan, sell, or transfer a College key to any person for the purpose of allowing that person to use College facilities. Fees will be assessed for lost keys or keys not returned to Mesabi Range College* Housing.
- **Pets:** Pets are not allowed in Housing facilities, with the exception of fish in an aquarium.

By entering your Star ID below, you are agreeing to the following: I have received, read, and agree to the Housing Contract that accompanies this Contract Acceptance Form. I further agree to payment of the contract rates as they are printed. I understand that this contract is binding for the entire academic year (defined as fall and spring semesters, excluding break periods) and that payment in full or satisfactory payment arrangements must be received prior to move-in day of each semester. I also understand that if I fail to pay or make satisfactory payment arrangements by move-in day of each semester I will be charged a \$50 late payment fee and that further payment delays may result in my removal from housing. Further, I understand that if I am removed from housing for any reason including, but not limited to, academics, conduct, or non-payment, that I remain responsible for full payment of housing charges. I understand that when this Contract Acceptance Form is signed and the \$375 application fee is paid, it becomes a binding contract between me and Mesabi Range College*. I understand that I will forfeit my \$375 application fee if I cancel this contract on or after

June 1st for fall semester start or December 1st for spring semester start. I also understand that I will forfeit my \$375 deposit if I leave Mesabi Range College* Housing for any reason prior to the end of the academic year.

I understand that Mesabi Range College* reserves the right to deny or cancel a housing contract to an individual whose conduct and/or criminal record indicates an actual or perceived threat or danger to the College community, including students, faculty, and staff. Mesabi Range College* may relocate any resident without cause or prior notice for health or safety reasons or to protect College property, restore operations, or meet the needs of the College community or its individual members.

***Pending approval by the Higher Learning Commission and the Minnesota State Board of Trustees, Mesabi Range College* will merge with the other four colleges of the Northeast Higher Education District to become Minnesota North College*. For more information regarding Minnesota North College* please go to <https://www.nhed.edu/vision-ne/faq>**

