



SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS SCHOOL
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JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

WHERE THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED

The school is located in Mafinga Township, Mufindi district, Iringa region. It is found approximately 500 meters from the Tanzania-Zambia Highway. It is an English-medium, non-denominational primary school offering both boarding and day school. Due to the distance from the sea and elevation (Mafinga Township is located approximately over 5,000 feet above sea level) it gets very cold during the southern hemisphere winter, June to August. The rest of the year has very pleasant weather.

TEACHERS

The teaching and supporting staff is a core group of dedicated professionals. The teaching and learning offered by these dedicated staff is very good and the results are well documented. Pupils are motivated to learn, just like the proverb "Learning is the key to development." Wonders happen when even the pupils who are slow in learning are able to catch up and go on to perform very well in their Standard VII exams and progress into secondary schools.

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Due to security concerns school fees are paid directly into the school's bank accounts. Southern Highlands School DOES NOT accept school fees payments in cash at the school. Please make all payments through account number **6023500077** at National Microfinance Bank (NMB) Mafinga and account number **0105328** Mufindi Community Bank (MUCOBA) Please send the bank's deposit/payment slip via fax or as an attachment to the Bursar at fax # +255 (O)26 2772544 OR email: headteacher@southernhighlands.ac.tz

STUDENT NEEDS

All students will need the following items. Please note that if there is any money amount appearing here let it be known that it is **NOT INCLUDED** in the Tuition and board fees on the Application Information section of the website. These are separate or in addition to the ones in the Application Information section.

- Pocket Money: 90,000 per school year (45,000 each semester)
- All uniforms: All these uniforms are purchased at the school.

S. No.	Item	Needs
1	Classroom Uniform	2 pairs
2	Casual wear, other clothes	2 pairs
3	Sports uniform	2 pairs
4	Sweaters	2
5	Coats	1
6	Socks	3 pairs
7	Clothes to wear to church and/or mosque	1 pair
8	Tie	2 pairs
	TOTAL	190,000

- All students need to have the following items.

S. No.	ITEM
1	1 mattress (2.5 by 6 feet) will be issued at the school after a payment of 30,000 has been made
2	2 pairs of blue bed sheets (4 bed sheets)
3	1 plastic/vinyl bed-wetting sheet & 2 additional pairs of bed sheets for those pupils who are still wetting their beds
4	1 pillow with matching blue pillow cases
5	1 pink bed sheet with no decorations
6	1 or 2 heavy blankets
7	2 heavy jackets/coats
8	2 pairs of black leather shoes; 4 tins of shoe polish
9	3 pairs of white socks for sports
10	2 pairs of white athletic and/or sports shoes
11	1 pair of gum boots for rainy season
12	2 bath towels
13	6 medicated soaps; 4 bottles of body lotion (Vaseline, Blue Seal, Baby Care etc); 1 Soap dish
14	1 half liter cup to use to brush teeth with
15	1 pair of slippers (flip-flops)
16	6 tooth brushes; 6 tubes of tooth paste
17	6 underwear; 6 vests
18	6 handkerchief
19	1 pair of casual wear to wear to and from home
20	1 Atlas
21	1 English to Swahili dictionary
22	1 Swahili to English dictionary
23	3 passport-size photographs
24	Pupil is allowed to come with a learning tool and/or a toy of his or her choice and take care of it personally.
25	All pupils items should be tagged with the pupils name inside collars and inside waist bands

The school's management has the right to change any of the above information with or without prior notice.

SCHOOL RULES

All parents should know and read the school rules to their children. The rules are as below:

1. English is the language of communication while in school.
2. Pupils must follow the school schedule.
3. Pupils must know how to thank, and know how to pray.
4. Pupils must know how to take care of their own property as well as the school's property.
5. Pupils must conserve/protect the environment
6. Pupils must be in uniform every time during classes, when they travel, or every time they are out of the school compound.
7. Pupils should stay away from the kitchen area and any other areas deemed dangerous.
8. Pupils are not allowed to leave the school compound without authorization.
9. Pupils are not allowed to be with cash on hand (all cash will be with the school Bursar)
10. Pupils are not allowed to eat any meals other than those provided by the school.
11. Pupils are not allowed to store any foods in the dormitories.
12. It is strictly forbidden for boys to visit girls' dormitories, and vice versa.
13. Undisciplined acts such as theft, fighting, dirty and foul language, noise making, etc are strictly prohibited.
14. Parents and guardians are allowed to visit only the last Saturday of each month.
15. Discipline is strictly enforced at all times.

PUNISHMENT

Small Offences:

- Sweeping and mopping classrooms, dining hall, toilets, etc.
- Grass cutting, watering flowers and vegetables garden.
- Washing utensils – cups, plates, spoons, etc
- To explain, in writing, the offence committed.

Other:

- Kneeling, with or without arms raised.
- Prohibited to participate in sports and any other outside campus activities.
- Writing lines, more practice on how to answer questions, etc.

Major Offences:

- To summon parents for consultation.
- Temporary suspension.
- Dismissal from school.