

2019-2020 8th Grade Field Trip

The 8th grade is going to Atlanta, GA. March 18-20! We are so excited for students to have the opportunity to visit various museums, historical locations, and celebrate their last year at Davis Drive. Please review the information below and email Ms. Caple (tcaple@wcpss.net) if you have any questions.

Trip Highlights: A more detailed itinerary will be provided closer to the trip, but here are the locations we will be visiting in Atlanta, Ga.

- * Tour of Georgia Tech
- * Georgia Aquarium
- * CNN Studios
- * Coca Cola Museum
- * Georgia State Capitol Building
- * National Center for Human and Civil Rights
- * Olympic Park
- * Atlanta History Center
- * MLK Jr. Historic Site

Trip Cost: The trip cost includes:

- * charter bus transportation
- * two nights in a hotel
- * hotel security guards
- * tour guides
- * all museum entry fees
- * all meals (except for lunch on Day 1 which will be brought from home)

Although students may want to bring some additional spending money, all required costs are covered up front. The total cost of the trip is **\$436** and there will be options to pay in one payment or four installments. (see below)

Payment Options:

- * **Cash:** must be in a sealed envelope with student name and homeroom teacher on the front
- * **Check:** made payable to DDMS and need to have student name and homeroom teacher on memo line
- * **Online:** go to DDMS website and click "Parents," "Parent Resources" and see "Online Payments" on the left sidebar. There is a non-refundable 4% convenience fee if you pay online. Please turn in a paper with the confirmation number for each payment.

Donations: We would like to make this opportunity available to all 8th grade students, and to ensure that, we appreciate any additional money families are able to contribute to help sponsor a student's trip. If you would like to make a donation, please use the separate online option or send in a separate check, with "Donation" written in the memo line.

Scholarships: If you might be interested in receiving a partial scholarship for your child, please contact Mr. Ganoe (jganoe@wcpss.net) by **Friday, October 18th**.

Chaperones: We will need chaperones for the field trip to help supervise students. The cost of the trip is the same as the student cost (\$436) and all chaperones must be a registered WCPSS volunteer. If you are not yet registered, please do so in a WCPSS Media Center by **Friday, November 15th**. Please complete the chaperone form (<https://forms.gle/wBwnaPGj4dt27kt16>) by **Friday, October 18th** if you are interested in chaperoning.

Roommates: Students will choose their roommates closer to the trip date and there will be four students in each room. Most rooms have two queen beds, and some have a king and pull out couch. We will set “closed door times” and students will be “taped in” by staff members each night. We will also have security guards patrolling the hallways.

Meals: Most meals will be in a food court setting and students will receive a voucher. They can purchase additional food on their own and bring snacks for the bus and hotel.

What to Bring: We will send home a suggested packing list closer to the trip date. Students can bring electronics, but they are responsible for anything they bring on the trip. We do encourage students to bring a cell phone and portable charger, so they can easily be reached if there are schedule changes or they are separated from the group.

Medication: Over the counter medications can be carried by the student and self-administered. Please fully complete the medical section on the permission form.

Departure/Arrival: Students will need to arrive at Davis Drive around 5:15 AM on Wednesday, March 18th for a 6:00 AM departure. (Exact times will be announced closer to the trip.) We will leave Atlanta, Ga on Friday, March 20th and arrive back at Davis Drive around 9:30 PM. Students will call parents when we are 45 minutes away from the school.

Individual Refunds: Payment is considered non-refundable by February 28, 2020, however, the tour company will make every effort to refund individuals who cancel due to illness, hospitalization, injury, or family emergency. Refunds will not be processed until the trip has departed.

To Turn-In: All forms/money will be turned into your homeroom teacher. Please see payment amounts and important due dates below.

Pay in Full	Installment #1	Installment #2	Installment #3	Installment #4
\$436	\$109	\$109	\$109	\$109

- ❖ **October 31st:** Student permission form (both sides), Payment for students and chaperones (Full payment or Installment #1)
- ❖ **October 18th:** Parent Chaperone google form
- ❖ **November 20th:** Payment for students and chaperones (Installment #2)
- ❖ **November 15th:** Parent Chaperones must be a registered WCPSS volunteer
- ❖ **January 15th:** Payment for students and chaperones (Installment #3)
- ❖ **February 5th:** Payment for students and chaperones (Installment #4)

Chaperone Costs: As you will see on the chaperone google form, if you would like to share a room with only your child or have your own room, there are additional costs. Please see the breakdown below for payment options.

	Pay in Full	Installment #1	Installment #2	Installment #3	Installment #4
Room with child (additional \$100)	\$536	\$134	\$134	\$134	\$134
Individual room (additional \$200)	\$636	\$159	\$159	\$159	\$159