

Washington DC Trip Rules

GENERAL RULES

We represent *Mill Creek Middle School* and the Dexter community as we travel. All students are expected to be respectful, considerate and tolerant of members of the trip, tour guides, chaperones, bus drivers and everyone else with whom we come in contact.

Students are to use appropriate language and demonstrate good behavior. Each student must behave quietly and respectfully while touring monuments, memorials, and other government and historical buildings.

Each student is to stay with his/her designated group and never travel any place alone. Students must not leave any building or facility except with an approved, chaperoned group.

Students may wear comfortable clothing appropriate for touring during most of the trip; fingertip-length shorts, jeans without holes, and normal school-appropriate attire is required.

Each student is to participate fully in all activities of the trip. Each student must carry the daily schedule and wear a watch and the lanyard with the emergency number at all times. If a student becomes lost, he/she should call the emergency number and wait to be located by a chaperone.

Students assume full responsibility for all valuables taken on the trip. They are permitted to carry cell phones during the trip. Courteous cell phone behavior is expected. Using the cell phone inappropriately or to bully others will result in the loss of the phone. There may be stops on the trip where cell phones will need to be left on the bus for security purposes. No DVD players will be allowed on the trip.

Students agree not to bring or buy caffeinated energy drinks on the trip.

BUS RULES

Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.

Students will have assigned seats near their chaperone; attendance will be taken each time we return to the bus.

Students are expected to bring only what luggage they can carry (one suitcase and one carry-on bag), and possibly a blanket and small pillow for the bus. Luggage should be tagged with the student's name. Luggage may be inspected at any time.

Small electronic devices (I-pods, MP3 players) may be played on the bus as long as they are not a distraction to others. They are to be stored on the bus while touring. When a tour guide, chaperone, or bus driver is speaking to the group, students must remove earphones and headphones, and turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, iPhones, iTouch, etc.); all students must be listening.

During nighttime driving, the interior lights will be off.

HOTEL RULES

Students will stay in their own rooms from curfew until breakfast time. Lights out and quiet time will begin thirty minutes after we return to the hotel. Room checks will occur nightly. Security guards will patrol the halls.

At no time may boys visit girls' rooms and vice versa. No student is to enter the room of hotel guests not from our group. No one from outside our group is to enter the room of anyone from our group.

In the hotel, one radio or TV per room may be played at a moderate level unless they are distracting others. Radios and TVs are not to be played after 11:00 PM.

Rooms must be kept neat and will be checked regularly. In addition, all hotel equipment is to be used properly. Students will be responsible for the cost of any damages or missing items (such as towels, clocks, etc.)

PACKING CHECKLIST FOR DC

Things to bring...

CLOTHING

Bring clothes for each day of your trip. Pack what you will need to use before hotel check-in time in your carry-on bag (or backpack) for the first day.

Be prepared for weather extremes, such as rain or wind with cooler than expected temperatures. To help you in planning clothes for the trip, average temperatures in Washington, DC during the month of May are a high of 75 and a low of 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

Students may wear comfortable clothing appropriate for touring and during most of the trip; fingertip-length shorts, jeans without holes, and normal school attire are required. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. (Students who wear flip flops usually get painful blisters).

OTHER CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES

Rain gear/Umbrella
Sweater and/or jacket
Pajamas

PERSONAL ITEMS

OTHER (some are optional)

Backpack or carry-on bag for bus ride
Soap/deodorant Spending money (snacks, souvenirs, etc.)
Shampoo Camera/Film
Comb/brush Notebook for DC journals/pencil
Medication (if needed) Book/watch
Toothbrush/toothpaste Travel games
Small pillow and blanket for the bus ride

Once your luggage is stowed under the motor coach, you will not have access to items packed inside until hotel check-in. On the final day of the trip, you will not be able to get in your luggage until you arrive at home. Make sure all you need (camera and film, money, medicine, a change of clothes, etc.) is in your carry-on bag or backpack that you take on the bus.

VALUABLES ON THE TRIP:

Trip participants assume full responsibility for any valuables brought along on the trip. Unless there is a room safe, DO NOT leave valuables in your hotel room while touring. Even though the motorcoach will generally be locked when the group or the driver is not on board, it is recommended you leave any valuables not needed on the trip at home.

SPENDING MONEY:

Don't forget spending money to purchase souvenirs, snacks, and miscellaneous items.