

FAQ SHEET**Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. Trip****October 13 - 15, 2021****COVID PROTOCOL & MASKS?**

Students are required to wear masks on the busses and while touring in D.C.

Please notify an adult chaperone if any student is not feeling well. Nowak Tours will provide a hotel room to quarantine and supervise a student who may not be feeling well until a parent can arrive to pick them up.

Can all students be tested before we leave? No, the district is not requiring a covid test before students leave for the trip. It's not a requirement of the hotel, tour company or any of the stops in Washington nor is it required by Lorain County Department of Health or the Ohio Department of Health.

WHAT TIME SHOULD MY STUDENT ARRIVE AT AJH ON WEDNESDAY, October 13?

Students must arrive at AJH at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 13

Busses will leave AJH at 6:30 a.m. We are unable to wait for late students.

Busses 1 & 2 will meet in the cafetorium and Busses 3, 4 & 5 will meet in the gym on the morning of October 13.

WHEN WILL BUS LISTS/ROOMMATE LISTS BE POSTED AT AJH?**WHAT BUS NUMBER IS MY STUDENT ASSIGNED TO?**

We will post the roommate and bus lists with bus numbers this week at AJH.

IS THERE A PACKING LIST & CAN MY STUDENT BRING A CELL PHONE?

A packing list and itinerary are provided.

Please remember to wear comfortable shoes.

Students may bring cell phones on the trip. Students may take pictures with their cell phones.

Cell phones must be turned off while touring museums, exhibits or venues in D.C. Once in the hotel room for the night, students may use their cell phones to call home.

WILL THE TRAVEL GUIDELINES BE REVIEWED WITH STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE TRIP?

We have scheduled a meeting on Wednesday, October 6, during CP, for all students going to D.C.

At that time we will review the packing list, expectations and hotel guidelines with students.

EXTRA SPENDING MONEY?

The trip is all inclusive. If your child chooses to bring spending money for a souvenir, like a hat or shirt, we recommend not more than \$25.

A t-shirt will be provided and is included with the cost of the trip.

CAN I SEND SNACKS WITH MY STUDENT?

Students are permitted to bring snacks for the hotel room & bus. No glass bottles, please.

Please have your student ask their roommates about allergies and please be aware of any food allergies that your child's roommates may have (peanuts, peanut butter, tree nuts, etc.)

DO THE BUSES HAVE WiFi and PHONE CHARGERS?

We will travel to D.C. on Anderson Coach Busses. Technically the busses have WiFi. However, it is not reliable and not designed to accommodate 50+ devices. Students can bring devices/ cell phones. However, it will use their family data plan. Yes, phone chargers are on the bus. (They aren't amazing, but they help).

WHAT IF MY CHILD NEEDS TO TAKE MEDICATIONS?

Student Medications in the office are NOT automatically sent on the trip with the students.

Parents MUST come into the office prior to the trip, sign out the medications on the morning of the trip, and hand them to the teacher assigned to their student's bus. Please provide the teacher with a brief explanation why the meds are needed.

Parents providing medications that students need on the trip; please provide meds in the original container, dosage indicated, only send amount of pills needed, in a resealable bag with student's name on it and hand the med bag to the teacher/chaperone assigned to the bus on the morning of the trip.

On Wednesday, the office will be open early, if any parent needs to sign out a student's medications from the office/clinic. The sign out procedure also includes Epi-.Pens.

Please place the Epi-Pen in the re-sealable bag and provide a brief explanation and severity of the allergy.

WHAT TIME WILL THE BUSES ARRIVE BACK AT AJH ON FRIDAY, October 15?

Buses will arrive back at AJH with many fond memories on Friday, October 15, between 10:00 - 10:30 p.m. Students are permitted to text when close to home.

