

8th GRADE WASHINGTON, DC TRIP 2026
Frequently Asked Questions

Coordinator: Ms. Carolyn Petrell
Tour Company: Nations Classroom
Tour ID Number: **33802615**
Trip Dates: November 4 - 6, 2026

TOUR COMPANY:

NationsClassroom
2727 Enterprise Pkwy, Richmond VA 23294
TEL: 877-270-1776 (click [HERE](#) to access website)
and register with Tour # **33802615**

HOTEL INFORMATION:

TBD

FAQ

Registration Information

- Registration information: See the link above. Information can also be found on the NMS website.
- Registration Fee is Non Refundable
- Trip insurance is included for medical cancellation (must provide a doctor's note)
- Optional Trip Insurance (cancel for any reason) is available for \$139 at the time of registration and is nonrefundable.
- Parents will need to sign off on all required paperwork prior to departure.
- **Registration deadline is March 1, 2026**

Who travels with the students:

- There will be a 1:10 chaperone / student ratio.
- Chaperones will consist of NMS staff members.
- 2 volunteer nurses will be attending the trip.
 - All medical needs will be managed by the nurses on the trip.
- A Nation's Classroom representative will meet the group on arrival at Boston Logan International Airport and at our arrival in D.C.
- Nations Classroom Tour Guides will be guiding the groups during the days while in D.C.

Safety procedures that are in place:

- Small chaperone to student ratios
- Students are given a wrist band and lanyards with emergency numbers that are to be worn at all times during the trip.
- Students and Chaperones will be wearing NMS gear for easy identification.
- Students are not permitted to leave their hotel rooms unless instructed by a chaperone.
- Security guards are stationed overnight on each floor of the hotel.
- Students are to remain with their chaperone group unless directed otherwise by their chaperone.

Transportation

- Parent drop off and pick up will be at Norwell Middle School.
- Round Trip bus transportation from NMS to Logan Airport will be provided.
- Round Trip Airline travel direct from Boston Logan Airport to Reagan or Baltimore International Airport.
 - Typically the group will be divided and placed onto 2 different flights to accommodate the numbers that will travel.
 - Flights will be arranged by Nation's Classroom with as little delay in departure times as possible.
- Coach buses will provide transportation from the DC airport to all sites in D.C.

Hotel Information / Security

- There will be a security guard for each night of our stay, stationed on each floor that the students are on in case of emergency.
- Students will be assigned to rooms of 4 with other students.
- A roommate request form will be sent out in the fall.
- Every effort will be made to give each student at least one person on their request list to room with but there are no guarantees.

While on Tour

- Students will be travelling by chaperone group and bus group.
- While at a tour site, students will have the opportunity to be with other students from other groups.

TSA Information

- Carry on Luggage only with 3oz liquid restrictions apply
- Students under 16 do not need an ID.

Scholarship Monies

- Limited need-based scholarship monies are available.
 - Please contact James Dupille for more information.

Do students need Money?

- We do not manage students cash
 - Student do not need money for meals or activities
 - They would need money for souvenirs (could use debit or gift cards)

Backpacks

- String Backpacks may be provided (students can take an additional backpack)
- On the plane, students can only take a carry-on and personal item (backpack) with them. No bag check

Fundraising

- Parents can organize fundraising for the DC trip on their own.

