

West Deptford High School

BAND & CHOIR PERFORMANCE TOUR

Nashville, Tennessee • May 29-June 2, 2024

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WDHS Music Department Trip Guidelines

The following guidelines have been developed over the years in conjunction with parents, staff and administration. Since we are representing New Jersey, Gloucester County and West Deptford Township, appropriate precedents have been set concerning student appearance and behavior on WDHS Music Department trips. Please note that **all parents and students are expected to read the following materials carefully so that everyone involved understands what is expected of them during the trip!**

I. Dress Code

It is requested that all students and parents traveling with the group always look neat and presentable when we are touring and dining in public. A list of some suggestions of what would be “**Casual, but Nice**” would include: khakis, nice pants/capris, skirts, spring dresses, cargo shorts, comfortable/nice walking shoes, polo shirts, & non-graphic tees.

Students (and parents!) *should not* wear items such as torn jeans, old sneaks, sweats or cutoff shorts. *Everyone in our group should always look clean, well-groomed and presentable!*

The following is our “attire schedule” for our tour:

- Wednesday, May 29 “Casual, but Nice” attire all day
- Thursday, May 30 “Casual, but Nice” Trip Shirt Day / “Dressy” Evening
- Friday, May 31 “Casual, but Nice”
- Saturday, June 1 “Casual, but Nice”
- Sunday, June 2 “Casual, but Nice”

II. What to Pack

You should **ONLY** bring the *bare minimum* that you need:

- **One suitcase and a carry-on**

A. Suitcase

Packing suggestion list:

“Casual, but nice” clothing for 5 days

5 sets underwear

5 pairs socks

Light jacket and/or umbrella

Make-up & Toothbrush/toothpaste

Comfortable, but nice walking shoes

Sleep clothes

Trip shirt

Deodorant, shampoo & soap

Shaving supplies & hair care items

Piccolo/Flute/Clarinet

*** Remember to leave some room in your suitcase for souvenirs! ***

B. Carry-On (keep it small.....backpack size)

Packing suggestion list:

Things to do (book, game, etc...)	iPad
Umbrella	Watch
Money (see below)	Sweater or Light Jacket
Cell phone & charger	Snacks! (not too many!)

Packing Advice

- Expensive jewelry and other similar items are not necessary!
- Don't bring anything that someone else might be tempted to steal.
- Don't bring any items that are irreplaceable.
- Place items containing liquids in plastic bags. It will help to contain any leaks.
- Make a list of what's in your luggage and leave it at home, just in case your bag gets lost.
- All student luggage and carry-on bags will be checked by staff before we leave.
- *New for 2024! - No Air Fryers!*

III. Money

- An excessive amount of money **IS NOT NEEDED**. Students will need money for approximately 4 meals (1 breakfast, 2 lunches & 1 dinner – approximately **\$80.00**) with additional money needed for the purchase of any souvenirs/personal items. Every other cost is included in the price of the trip.

IV. Trip Parent Responsibilities

It is very important that parents who are traveling with the band and choir realize that they have no official responsibilities and **are not permitted to function as chaperones at any time!** Parents are merely “along for the ride” to enjoy this time with our awesome WDHS children. The school board approves this trip based on the fact that the students will be the responsibility of the BOE approved staff chaperones **ONLY**. Do not put us in a difficult situation by making a request that we cannot honor. Chaperones are always available to assist in any way possible.

Also, parents *should never* provide something for their child that would be considered “extra”, ie. breakfast from McDonald's, delivering pizza to your child's room, etc... Each child should have the same experience on this trip, with no child getting “special treatment.” Again, please do not put the chaperones in a difficult situation by doing something like this for only your child. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

V. Emergency Contacts

Contact numbers are supplied on the itinerary for each venue we visit. For emergencies contact, call Mr. Kershaw's cell at (856) 625-9182 or Mr. Wyatt's cell at (856) 693-5739. If our return time on Sunday is delayed for any reason, we will notify everyone via text message.

Receive trip updates:



VI. Other Student Information

1. Students are to report any accidents or illness to a chaperone **IMMEDIATELY!!!** There are **NO EXCEPTIONS** to this rule!!!!!! It is for the well-being of everyone in our organization to let us know of these events as soon as possible. You are our “eyes and ears” when something happens. DO NOT WAIT!!!
2. Everyone should check their room completely for any damage/problems as soon as you walk in. **This is very important!** YOU will be charged for any damage that is not reported upon check-in! You MUST do this as we check in to the hotel.
3. **NEVER TRAVEL ALONE!!!** **NEVER TRAVEL ALONE!!!** You should always travel in groups of 2-3 or more when you are allowed to spend time on your own. Breaking this rule means you spend the remaining time on the trip with the chaperones.....so don't mess up!!! **NEVER TRAVEL ALONE!!!** And by the way..... **NEVER TRAVEL ALONE!!!**
4. There is NO SMOKING/VAPING when you are in public with our group representing WDHS. Adults, please only smoke/vape “on your own” and NEVER in the hotel room!
5. There is always a certain element of “trust” built into our trips, because we know that we can rely on you to do the right thing – as individuals and as a group. WDHS School Rules and Music Department Guidelines are always in effect. Any rule infraction will be dealt with **very strongly!** **Don't do anything that will put us in a position to send you home at your parents' expense. Trust us...we will make the call!!!** In simple terms...be where you need to be when you're supposed to and do what you're expected to do. Keep this in mind and we will have an awesome trip!
6. There is no ordering take-out or room service. If you do, *your room* will pay for it and *staff* will get to eat it!!! Also, no outside phone calls on hotel phones. No exceptions!

7. We are not the only people in the hotel. Be on your best behavior. Be considerate of any noise while in public areas.
8. **DON'T OVERSPEND!!!!** Set your budget and stick to it, especially since you'll need to have spending money for meals throughout the trip (including lunch on the way home...). ATM's may be available, but plan on NOT having access to them. We can't guarantee that you'll be able to get "extra money". Don't rely on the staff to "bail you out" of a financial problem! We will budget our spending money too. Be mature and plan ahead so you'll enjoy your trip!!!

VII. Medicine on the Trip

Any medicine you will be taking on the trip must be checked in with the school nurse **before May 10th**! NO EXCEPTIONS!!! The nurse must have your medication in on time, so she is able have ample time to get everything organized for us!

VIII. Forms for the Trip

1. **Form 1B - Medical Questionnaire & Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization Form**
(required for every student on the trip)
2. **Form 2 - Physician Order for the Administration of Medication in School**
(required for students taking prescription medications)
3. **Form 3 - Self-Medication Permission Form**
(required for students *with Asthma, Diabetes or Anaphylactic reaction* prescription medications)

Note – Students who participated in the senior trip can request any of this information be pulled for this trip. Please return the form provided tonight with your name and "SENIOR TRIP" across the front, and we will pull that document from the nurse's files.