



Northwest Cabarrus Middle School
5140 Northwest Cabarrus Drive
Concord, NC 28027

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Eighth Grade Teachers have put together a phenomenal Washington D.C. trip this year that will provide both educational and cultural experiences enriching our 8th grade curriculum. Please carefully read the following information.

WHERE

Eighth grade students will be taking a three day/two-night trip to Washington, D.C. The cost of the trip will be \$525-\$615, depending on the number of students who attend. The total amount for the trip will be revised based on the number of students attending.

WHO

All 8th grade students who conduct themselves appropriately according to school rules throughout the school year are eligible.

WHEN

The group will depart the morning of Wednesday, April 7, 2027, and will return the evening of Friday, April 9, 2027. Students must attend the entire trip from departure to arrival. No early parent pick-up is permitted.

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

Charter bus transportation, 2-night hotel accommodations with security, tour guides, admissions to attractions, meals, and a T-shirt that must be worn on the second day of the trip are included in the price. T-Shirts run on the small. Souvenirs are not included.

PAYMENTS

The total cost of the trip is \$525-\$615. The first payment (deposit) of \$125 and the permission slip is due on or before October 16, 2026. **The deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE and includes the cost of the T-shirt.** All payments for this trip will be made directly to Emerald Student Travel. Northwest Cabarrus Middle School will NOT be collecting money for this trip. Payments will be collected via an online website. The link to the payment website can be found on the school webpage. The payment schedule is listed below.

Payment Schedule

October 16, 2026	\$125 non-refundable deposit (includes the cost of the t-shirt)
November 13, 2026	\$150
January 8, 2027	\$150
February 19, 2027	\$100-\$190 - final payment will be revised based on the number of students attending

You may pay the balance in full at any time, but the first \$125 non-refundable deposit MUST be paid by October 16, 2026, in order to secure your child a spot on the trip. Exceptions to this will be made only for students who enroll at our school after October 16, 2026.

Any student who owes money to the cafeteria, WILL NOT be able to attend the Washington DC trip.

REFUNDS

Students who are disqualified or unable to go will lose **all or part** of the money for the trip as the cost is based upon the number of students going. **All students disqualified or unable to attend after October 16, 2026, will forfeit the initial deposit of \$125.** All refund requests must be submitted via email directly to Mrs. Lenz at asal.lenz@cabarrus.k12.nc.us. Once approved, the request will be sent directly to Emerald Student Travel to refund the student. If a student needs to cancel their trip prior to the final payment, they will be given a full refund, **minus the \$125 non-refundable deposit**, once approved for their extenuating circumstances. If a student needs to cancel their trip after the final payment is due, there will be no refund.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Participation in this trip is based upon students conducting themselves appropriately throughout the school year. A student who receives any of the following will lose his/her privilege to attend the Washington, D.C. trip:

- Any Out of School Suspension (OSS) starting October 16, 2026, through the day of departure
- Students with In School Suspension (ISS) during the 2nd Semester
- More than 10 days unexcused absences for the year starting October 16, 2026, through the day of departure

CHAPERONES

Our chaperone group will consist of school staff and parents. Students will be assigned to a chaperone group. There will be approximately 10 students per chaperone. Students must stay with chaperones at all times! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

If you are interested in being a parent chaperone, please email Mrs. Lenz at asal.lenz@cabarrus.k12.nc.us by October 16, 2026. Interested parents will receive a link from Mrs. Lenz to a form that must be completed. Each parent that is selected will be required to have an updated background check completed and will also be required to pay for his/her own cost of the trip. The chaperone price is \$657-\$698 and will have double occupancy. We anticipate more parents than needed so we will select parent chaperones by a random drawing. **DO NOT MAKE CHAPERONE PAYMENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE HEARD FROM MRS. LENZ THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED.**

ITINERARY

At this time, we do not have a definite itinerary; however, the following events/activities will be possible:

- Guided monument tours: World War II, Korean, Lincoln, Vietnam, Martin Luther King, Jr., FDR, Jefferson, and U.S. Marine Corps
- National Mall: Smithsonian Museums
- Capitol Building tour
- Arlington National Cemetery (Changing of the Guard)
- Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center (Air and Space annex)

ROOMING INFORMATION

There will be 4 students assigned to each hotel room. Each hotel room will have 2 full/queen sized beds which students will share among the 4 of them. All students who have paid will have the opportunity to choose his/her roommates. Students will choose roommates sometime in December. All rooming assignments will be reviewed by teachers and administrators. After roommate selection, students will not be able to request room changes.

If any damage is done to the room by your child, it will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to pay the damages to the hotel.

MEALS

All meals while on the trip, except for one lunch, are included in the total price of the trip. Students will need to bring a packed lunch from home on the day of departure. We will stop at a rest stop on our way to Washington D.C. to eat lunch. No nut products are permitted on the trip due to allergies.

Students not going on the trip will attend school as usual with assignments based on the 8th grade curriculum. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lenz at asal.lenz@cabarrus.k12.nc.us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Szabo
Principal

Mr. Egnot
8th Grade Administrator

Mrs. Lenz
8th Grade Trip Coordinator



Please complete, sign, and return this form to your child's homeroom teacher by Friday, October 16, 2026, along with the first payment paid online.

My child _____ has permission to participate in the 8th grade trip on April 7-9, 2027, to Washington, D.C. I have read and understand **all** the information provided about the trip and the total cost of \$525-\$615.. I understand that the **\$125 deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE**. I also understand that if my child is disqualified from participating because of suspensions, inappropriate behavior, or attendance, I will forfeit the non-refundable \$125 deposit and possibly other funds if they cannot be recovered.

Please check below:

_____ I am paying the \$125 **NON-REFUNDABLE** deposit by October 16, 2026, and will follow the payment schedule.

_____ My child, _____ will not be going on this trip and will attend school as scheduled on those days.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Student's Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____