

## Plano West Band Orlando Trip April 21-25, 2022

The Plano West Band will travel to Orlando, Florida, this spring to visit Disney World and Universal Studios (including Harry Potter world). We will leave after school on Thursday, April 21, and return in the evening on Monday, April 25. Students will miss one day of school on April 22, but because this is a school trip, this will **not** count against attendance or final exam exemption. On our trip, students will participate in a studio recording session with Disney conductors and recording engineers. In this session, we'll learn how the studio recording process works, and we will even record a Disney movie soundtrack. This will be a very exciting and educational event, and one that I am certain will be a lifelong memory for all who attend.

Participation in the trip does not affect a student's grade in band. However, students report that our Disney trip is one of their favorite memories from Plano West, so we hope you can attend!

**Cost:** The total cost of the trip will be about \$1,600 dollars, with a small variance higher or lower depending on the final number of students who attend and the final airline ticket price. This may be paid in a single payment or in installments. A deposit of \$400 dollars will be due September 30 for those who wish to attend. Subsequent installment payments are shown below, but you may make payments quicker if desired. If a student falls too far behind on installment payments, they risk being removed from the trip.

Using [www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/) you may track your payments and make your deposit payment and/or additional payments with e-check (50 cents fee per transaction) or with a credit card (3.75% service charge per transaction). Alternately, payment with a paper check or money order may be made out to "Plano ISD". The student's name and ID number should be written on the check. Check and money order payments should be handed directly to a teacher.

### Payment Schedule:

September 30 - \$400 deposit

October 29 - \$400

December 3 - \$400

January 30 - \$400 This payment may be higher or lower depending on our final trip numbers and airline ticket prices.

**Travel Insurance:** Plano ISD recommends that participating families obtain travel insurance for this trip. Travel insurance is available through the third-party vendor whose information is attached to this information packet. The district has no control or oversight of this provider. By declining travel insurance, 1) you could lose all benefits of coverage; 2) you understand that you may lose up to 100% of the cost of the trip, plus any applicable cancellation fees if the trip is canceled or delayed; 3) you understand that you or your child, may not be able to recover all funds, nor be covered for unexpected trip cancellation/interruption due to accident, sickness or death, unforeseen event, or any other covered circumstances as outlined in the offered travel insurance policy; 4) you understand that the District has advised you of the importance of such insurance and will not hold them responsible for any risks or lost funds. Plano ISD cannot predict events that may occur causing the delay or cancellation of the planned travel and/or activity.

**COVID protection policies:** If the airlines or any other trip vendor institute vaccine requirements, mask mandates, mandatory pre-flight Covid testing, or *any* other requirement to fly or use their facilities, these policies supersede any Plano ISD rules. As of September 14, the FAA has a mask mandate in place for *all* airline passengers which supersedes Plano ISD's masking exemptions.

**What is Included?** Hotel accommodations at Coronado Springs Resort hotel at Disney World, daily meals (except while traveling), airfare, bus transfer to the airport from Plano West, bus transfer in Orlando, entry tickets at Disney, Recording Session, Universal Studios, and Islands of Adventure (including Harry Potter land).

**What is not included?** Dinner at the airports on Thursday and Monday evenings, spending money in the parks, travel from the airport back to Plano West (pickup will need to be arranged at the airport).

**Eligibility:** Eligibility for the trip will be determined by grades for the 3rd nine-week grading period which ends March 4, 2022. Students must be passing all their classes in accordance with the State UIL No Pass / No Play rule. This means that it is possible that you pay for the trip and your child does not get to go. A student who is not academically eligible after the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine-week grading period may regain eligibility if they are passing all classes on April 1, 2022. However, the best way to guarantee attendance is by passing the third grading period.

Students must have no unexcused absences from band performances and must have participated in our Wolfpack Prowl and Snowflake Bazaar Fundraising projects.

Students must also have fulfilled or be in the process of fulfilling their financial obligation to the band. Students must have either paid their band fees or be making payments toward their band fees, to be eligible to sign up for and attend the spring trip.

**Security:** Security and conduct will be of the utmost importance during this trip. Students will be under very strict rules regarding conduct in public and in the hotel. Chaperones will be closely monitoring student activity at all times, and students found to be in violation of major rules may risk immediate expulsion from the trip, discipline at school, and referral to the justice system. *A security guard will be hired to patrol our hotel room blocks each night.*

**Refund Policy:** The amount of refund you receive is based on when you notify a teacher *in writing* that you will not attend the trip, as outlined below. In the event of cancellation of any reservation after an airline ticket has been issued by the air carrier, the participant shall forfeit the amount of the airline cancellation penalty in addition to the cancellation penalties listed below.

61 days or more prior to departure: Cancellation fee is any cancellation fee related to your airline cancellation penalty.

60-46 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee is \$50 plus any additional charges and non-refundable payments levied by any tour operator, including airlines.

45-31 days prior to departure: Cancellation fee is \$100 plus any additional charges and non-refundable payments levied by any tour operator, including airlines.

30 days or less prior to departure: No refunds can be given.

**Details:** This information page is not comprehensive. If your child attends the spring trip, you will receive a detailed information packet with all the information you will need to know. All students and families will also be required to attend a trip meeting **on April 4 at 7 pm** in the Plano West Auditorium. Until that time, you are welcome to contact me with any questions you may have at [jackie.digby@pisd.edu](mailto:jackie.digby@pisd.edu).

Please sign the attached contract, attach your deposit or pay on [www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/), and return to Mr. Digby on or before September 30. **All checks and money orders should be made out to PLANO ISD and should include the student's name and ID number.** Please do not send cash. Subsequent payments may also be made online through [www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/) or with a check or money order.

## Plano West Band 2022 Spring Trip Contract

I intend to allow my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the 2022 band spring trip to Orlando. By declaring my intent, I have read, understand, and agree to those facts outlined in the information packet and re-stated below:

- 1) I will adhere to the payment schedule, or I will pay off the trip faster. If I have questions about my child's balance, I will check on [www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/). The total trip cost is approximately \$1,600.00, with a smaller variance more or less. If I fall too far behind on trip payments, I understand that my child will be removed from the trip and any payments will be refunded in accordance with the refund schedule outlined in this information packet.
- 2) I understand that trip insurance is being offered for this trip. I understand that purchase of the trip insurance is entirely optional. By not purchasing trip insurance, I assume all risks for the trip. Regardless of my intentions to purchase trip insurance, I will complete the attached Travel Insurance Waiver at the same time I return this contract.
- 3) I understand that my child will be bound by any and all travel requirements instituted by the airlines or any other trip vendor, including but not limited to vaccine mandates, masking requirements, and Covid testing. These requirements supersede any Plano ISD policy.
- 4) I understand that once payment is made, refunds may only be made as outlined above.
- 5) I understand my child cannot attend the trip if they are academically ineligible. If they are academically ineligible and cannot attend the trip, the student will receive some valuable items from the trip such as meal vouchers and park tickets to be used at a later time, but no guarantee can be made as to the ability of the student to use those items outside of the group travel dates.
- 6) I understand my child cannot attend the trip if their band fees are not paid.
- 7) If my child is 18 years or older at the time of travel, I understand they must have an approved government-issued photo ID in order to board the airplane. For a complete list of approved IDs, please consult <https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification>
- 8) I understand that if my child is involved in a serious enough infraction, they may be sent home early from the trip at the child's family's expense, and they may be subject to additional discipline at school or in the justice system.

**TURN OVER TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT**

**Travel Insurance Waiver:** I understand that regardless of my intention to purchase travel insurance, I must complete and return the attached Travel Insurance Waiver with this completed contract.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Band Class Period \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Your deposit of \$400 must be included with this contract or paid on**  
**[www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/)** Checks or money orders should be made out to Plano  
ISD. Please do not send cash. Subsequent payments may be made with check/money order  
or using [www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/](http://www.studentquickpay.com/PISD/)

# TRAVEL INSURANCE INFORMATION

Travel insurance information being offered in connection with this trip can be found in the next three pages. You may choose to purchase this insurance, refuse it, or purchase travel insurance from any other vendor of your choosing. *Please be sure to read the terms and conditions on the front and back of the flyer fully and carefully.*

Sometime in the next month, a twenty (20) day window will open on the vendor's website during which you have the option to purchase this travel insurance. As soon as that window opens, the web link will be announced in class and sent via the following methods:

- 1) Band S'more newsletter
- 2) A message through the BAND app
- 3) Posted to a Spring Trip section on your child's Google Classroom

The final price of the insurance will be calculated and released by the vendor. However, based on a \$1,600 trip cost, the prices should be close to the following:

Standard Plan (F560S): \$72.80  
Enhanced Plan (FS60E): \$112.32

If you choose to purchase travel insurance for this trip from our associated 3<sup>rd</sup>-party vendor, it must be completed during this 20-day window.

Please review the attached flyer carefully to learn what is covered by both plans and for all terms and conditions. If you elect to purchase travel insurance, the insurance is obtained through a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) party vendor of Plano ISD. The District has no control or oversight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance provider. Any concerns or questions should be addressed directly with Trip Mate/GroupCollect.

# Travel Insurance Waiver

Plano Independent School District ("Plano ISD" or "District") recommends that students and parents obtain travel insurance for the Plano West Band's planned trip to Orlando, on April 21-25, 2022.

Travel Insurance is obtained and available through a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) party vendor of Plano ISD. The District has no control or oversight of the 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance provider. Any concerns or questions should be addressed directly with Trip Mate/GroupCollect, 1-844-777-6856.

By declining travel insurance coverage:

1. I could lose all benefits of coverage and hereby fully accept that risk.
2. I understand that I may lose up to 100% of the cost of the trip, plus any applicable cancellation fees, if the trip is cancelled or delayed.
3. I understand that either I, or my student, may not be able to recover all funds, nor be covered for unexpected trip cancellation/interruption due to accident, sickness or death, or other acts of God, or any other covered circumstances as outlined in the offered travel insurance policy.
4. I understand that the District has advised me of the importance of such insurance and I will not hold them responsible for any risks or lost funds. Plano ISD cannot predict events that may occur causing the delay or cancellation of the planned travel and/or activity.

I HEREBY RELEASE PLANO ISD, ITS ADMINISTRATION, STAFF, AGENTS, AND PERSONNEL FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY CONSEQUENCES, BOTH KNOWN AND UNKNOWN, RESULTING FROM ISSUES RELATED TO TRAVEL/TRIP INSURANCE.

**\* I confirm that I am aware of the available travel insurance \***

STUDENT PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT(*if over 18*)/PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_