



Richardson High School Orchestra

Travel Information and Regulations

Galveston, Texas

April 2025

PARENT CHAPERONES FOR TRIP

*Heather Schmidt, *Lead Chaperone*

Meredith Black-Mathews

Hailey Nguyen, *Non-RISD Nurse*

Jeff Gardner

Porifirio De Los Santos

RHS ADMINISTRATOR

Aurora Everett

TRIP COMMUNICATION

Talking Points

DIRECTORS

Sara Long/Aaron Fryklund

Angela Sledge/Ethan Gaskin

Jonathan Roozeboom/Sara Cooper

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Galvestonian

401 E. Beach Dr.

TRANSPORTATION (1 BUS) RISD

APPROVED

Charter Bus

PERFORMANCE & COLLEGE TOUR

Jordan High School, 27500 Fulshear Bend Dr.

Sam Houston State University Tour

OTHER DESTINATIONS

Buc-ee's

205 I-45, Madisonville

6201 Gulf Fwy, Texas City

SHSU School of Music 1751 Ron Randleman
Blvd, Huntsville

Old Main Market 1001 16th St, Huntsville

Kroger

5730 Seawall Blvd, Galveston

NASA

1601 E NASA Pkwy

Guadalajara Mexican Grille 1201 San Jacinto

Houston Symphony

Jones Hall 615 Louisiana St

Port Bolivar Ferry

Texas 87, Port Bolivar

Murdoch's Souvenirs

2215 Seawall Blvd, Galveston

Whataburger, Sonic, Panera

Woodlands, College Park Dr.

LUGGAGE REQUIREMENTS:

1 Medium size suitcase - 24"x20"x8"

1 Carry-on item for the bus (backpack/purse)

1 Instrument **All luggage, instrument cases, backpacks should have **luggage tags** labeled*

with name, phone, and Richardson HS. We have plenty of luggage tags available.



<u>WHAT TO BRING</u>	<u>WHAT NOT TO BRING</u>
• 1st Day: Polos and jeans (performance) • Saturday: Nice shirt and jeans (no shorts or t-shirts) for the Houston Symphony experience • Last Day: Spring Trip Tshirt - wear on last day • Something to keep warm on bus • Instrument, bow, shoulder rest, rock stop, MUSIC, supplies, HARD cello cases only • In suitcase with luggage tag attached - o Casual clothes (must be school appropriate) - o Comfortable shoes, including shoes for the beach - o Swimsuit (modesty!!) • Backpack or carry-on bag, bring a book to read in the hammocks! • Personal spending money for meals, snacks, & souvenirs (parents, be smart with this) • Sunscreen and bug spray • Board games. • Football, Frisbee, or Volleyball for beach • Medications to hand over to the directors	• Expensive cameras, personal electronics or jewelry that you would not want to lose. • Large amounts of cash or multiple credit cards • Game consoles, skateboards • Shirts or tops of inappropriate length or with offensive language or graphics, and/or swimsuits that are too revealing. <i>This includes clothing that advertises substances which are not allowed on school property. School dress code will apply with the exception of hats and sunglasses.</i> • Water guns, canons, balloons, or anything else that can be used to propel water. • Any item prohibited on school property *The traveling principal WILL search bags before leaving RHS. • Sandcastle building materials – condo has some small items you can pull out to the beach in a wagon • Toys, noodles, balls, floaties for the pool • Beach Towel

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING BEACHES AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

1. DO NOT SWIM ALONE. Have at least 2 buddies at all times, one to *STAY* and help, one to *GET* help. *DO NOT* go in the water over KNEE-deep as intermittent waves could be as high as head level. Possibility of an undertow does exist.
2. Drink plenty of fluids to guard against dehydration. Wear a hat and cover-up when possible.
3. Avoid jellyfish and man-of-war. Washed up jellyfish and man-of-war can still harm you. If you get stung, be sure to get prompt medical attention.
4. **Use sunscreen!!!** NO ONE LEAVES THE DESTINATION THE SAME COLOR AS THEY ARRIVED!!! SPF of at least 15 should be applied before you go onto the beach and every 40 minutes while you are swimming. Chaperones may require that you use more sunscreen or put on a cover-up if they feel it necessary.
5. Students are only allowed on the beach at designated times. **Once the sun is set and it is dark outside, the beach is OFF LIMITS.**
6. **If you do not know how to swim, WE MUST KNOW (sign form on last page).**

SUGGESTED FOOD & MONEY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Due to severe allergies of students, NO PEANUTS are allowed on the bus, including PBJ sandwiches.**
- **Grocery Store** - Each student should bring money to buy groceries at the Kroger.
- **Souvenirs/Campus Merch** – Bring what you think is appropriate.
- Students will need to bring snacks and drinks with spill-proof caps for the bus
- **Kitchens** are fully equipped with utensils, pots, pans, silverware, dishes, dishwasher, fridge, microwave, stove, oven, toaster, coffee maker, etc. **NO GRILLING**
- Take salt/pepper, sugar, paper towels, napkins, and small non-perishables that you can put in a suitcase.
- Students will NOT be allowed to “order out” for food from the condos (pizza, take-out, uber eats, etc.)

POTLUCK ASSIGNMENTS

We will have a student-lead Potluck dinner as a way to have everyone together. Rooms will work together and decide what they would like to prepare. Students will be able to plan ahead and shop for necessary ingredients at the grocery store. **Lux, Kendall, and Lillian** will be working with students to help facilitate planning and follow-through. Be sure to bring any silverware, plates, cups, etc. from your room (preferably the plastic option) and keep track of everything you bring. *Main Dish (3 rooms), Side Dish (3 rooms), Dessert (3 rooms), BYODrinks.*

All dishes, silverware, plates, cups, must be returned to your room or you will be charged for them.

Room Assignments

Girls	Ms. Black-Mathews #914	Boys	Mr. De Los Santos #704
1	Mackenzie Mathews**	1	Patrick Redding**
2	Millie Walker	2	Oliver Marshall
3	Shadia Jaber	3	Hayes Gauldin
4	Julia Jackson		
		Boys	Mr. Gardner #803
Girls	Ms. Black-Mathews #1014	1	Aidan Schmidt**
1	Lux Walker**	2	Jonathan Cabrera
2	Savannah Hanvey	3	Michael Hu
3	Kyra Ramirez	4	August Schmidt
4	Azul Sevilla	5	Daniel Camplin
Girls	Ms. Nguyen #1202		
1	Lillian Forrest**	Boys	Mr. Gardner #811
2	Leilani Forrest	1	Ignacio De Los Santos**
3	Kendall Burroughs	2	Brooks Livingston
4	Chloe Grimes	3	Michael McShane
		4	Benjy Learner
			**ROOM CAPTAIN
Girls	Ms. Schmidt #1212		
1	Ruby Gardner**		
2	Jaelene Tipo		LOADING CREW
3	Angie Xiao	1	
4	Scarleth Dominguez	2	
5	Al Guajardo	3	
		4	
Girls	Ms. Schmidt #1214		
1	Allabella Duarte-Ruble**		
2	Betty Guta		
3	Alex Nguyen		
4	Talula Kennedy		
5	Sadie Learner		

MEDICAL

- Parents must complete an Overnight Medical Form for their student, and an RISD Medication form for each medication, and an Easy-Access Medication Google Form for each medication.
- All meds (prescription and non-prescription) must be in the **original bottle** with the label attached. Only send enough medication for the trip, no extras.
- Medications may not be expired.
- All meds (prescription and non-prescription) that will be traveling with the student **must be on the Administration of Medication form**. The prescription labels must match what you are asking us to give.
- Only directors will administer prescription & non-prescription medication. Students are not allowed to self-carry or self-administer medications. Do not send medications your student has never taken before.
- The only medications students can have permission to self-administer and self-carry are insulin, epipens, and albuterol (inhalers). All require additional paperwork.
- Students will be told a specific location to be for Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Bedtime to receive their medication. They will need to bring a drink with them to take their medication in front of the directors. Breakfast meds on Thursday should be taken at home.
- RISD Guidelines do NOT allow any medications that are not FDA approved. No herbals or vitamins.
- **Due Tuesday at the Parent Meeting 4/15**
 - [Medical Form](#) (yes, fill out a new one)
- **Due Tuesday 4/22**
 - [Easy-Access Medication Google Form](#) (1 form per medication)
- **Due Thursday 6:30 AM 4/24**
 - [Medication Form](#) (1 hard copy form per medication, put forms in largezip baggie along with meds)



SUDDEN ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT

- Safety is our priority. Medical attention will be promptly obtained and parents will be immediately notified. We will do our very best to have a licensed nurse or doctor administer treatment.
- Any expense that is not insurable will be the responsibility of the student/parent.
- RISD Medical Release Form, Administration of Medication Form, Easy-Access Google Form, and Emergency Transportation Form (last page) must be on file before we board the bus. We will have an emergency kit with us for any minor scrapes and bruises.

TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

Whenever you travel, give the best possible impression of the music program at Richardson High School and Richardson ISD. Many people have shown their pride and confidence in you by giving much financial assistance and personal effort to make this trip possible. Each of us should make sure that we behave in a manner worthy of this unselfish support and pride.



The tradition of the school and the music department is the responsibility of each of its members. **Students who do not act in accordance with the regulations as stated for this trip will be subject to disciplinary action on the school level. Decisions in this area will be made by the professional staff and school administration.**

We fully intend to have a good time, and to conduct ourselves in a manner that will reflect upon our homes, school, and community. A tremendous responsibility born of tradition and pride in the organization has been placed in your hands. Handle yourselves in a way deserving of that responsibility. Please make an effort to behave in a manner showing good spirit and cooperation. Please be courteous and well-behaved at all times so that everyone can enjoy the days of the trip to the fullest.



IF FOR ANY REASON A STUDENT'S LACK OF COURTESY OR SELF-DISCIPLINE SHOULD WARRANT, THE STUDENT WILL BE SENT HOME AT THEIR PARENTS' EXPENSE.

FOR YOUR STUDENT'S SAFETY: STANDARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP BEHAVIOR

1. **Chain of command:** Student Room Captain, Parent Chaperones, Heather Schmidt, Directors, Principal.
2. **Do not arrive LATE:** Be sure you understand the itinerary and follow it at all times. Set timers and alarm if necessary! Any changes will be announced to the group when needed. Stay with the group whenever we leave the condos or bus. Departure from the group for any reason must be cleared ahead-of-time with your chaperone. If you are late or miss a check-in, we will think you are missing and take the appropriate steps.
3. **Be respectful and obedient of your chaperone:** Students are to treat the chaperones exactly as they would a principal/director. They are along to help have a successful trip, and without them present we could not travel.
4. **Keep the bus CLEAN:** Students MUST keep the bus clean of any trash or food. Failure to do so will result in cleaning the bus at any given time.
5. **Room-check:** Times *MUST* be adhered to or risk being sent home. **DO NOT LEAVE YOUR ROOM FOR ANY REASON AFTER THIS TIME.** Secure night locks before going to sleep.
6. **No illegal substances/behavior:** Smoking is NOT allowed on this trip, *including e-cigarettes*. Vaping, drinking, or possession of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs will constitute a most severe breach of discipline and jeopardize membership and leadership positions in the RHS Orchestras as described in the RISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct you signed at the beginning of the year. Any student who becomes involved can expect severe disciplinary action and will be sent home at the parents' expense. If you are aware of narcotics, alcohol, etc. and do not report it, those who share the room with the guilty person risk being sent home also. *This is a no-tolerance and zero forgiveness policy.*
7. **Luggage/Bag inspections:** The director/AP reserves the right to inspect the students' rooms and luggage without warning if they deem it necessary, and may ask the chaperones to assist.
8. **Games:** Card playing is permitted; Gambling is not. Board games are awesome activities for students.
9. **Visitors: DO NOT make random acquaintances.** No one is allowed who is not a part of our group.
10. **Lifeguards:** Pool/Beach has NO lifeguards. NEVER swim alone. Always have 2 buddies to swim with.
11. **Balconies are off-limits for safety reasons:** You may NOT go out onto balconies. Anyone violating this rule will be sent home at the parent's expense.
12. **Phones:** Phones in ALL rooms will be turned off for any outgoing calls. You will be able to receive calls room to room only. In case of an emergency the student needs to use cell phones and find one of the chaperones or directors. Cell phones must be turned off during the performance.
13. **Video Games/TV/Movies:** Do NOT connect external devices to room TV's. Be respectful to others when choosing your movie/TV show. Pay-Per-View is not allowed. Any charges will be passed along to the students in the room, NOT RHS or RAOC.
14. **Mixed Company: NO. MIXED. COMPANY.** Boys may not visit girls' rooms and girls may not visit boys' rooms *for any reason* **EVER**. **[The only exception is when a chaperone is present]**
15. **Room/Bus Damages:** Please check your room upon arrival and report any irregularities/damage to your room chaperone **immediately**. There is a room inspection during check-out and a bus inspection after each bus ride. ***Any damage to rooms or bus, or any missing property will be paid for by the person or persons involved.*** Room & Bus restrooms should be left clean, if rooms are excessively dirty, those involved will pay a clean-up fee. Room key cards MUST come back to the condos after the beach. Plan accordingly so key cards are not lost.
16. **Toys:** Water balloons, shaving cream, eggs (misused), and silly string are not permitted in the condos or on the beach as per local ordinances. No balls or toys are allowed in the pool. Football & Volleyball are allowed on the beach (bring the balls). Bike or scooter rentals are NOT allowed.
17. **Valuables:** Money/valuable jewelry should not be left out in your rooms when you are gone. Do not burden the chaperones with your purses or bags. Do not bring anything that cannot be replaced.
18. **Noise:** There will be other paying guests in the condo and pool. The noise level must be at a minimum. Portable speakers are allowed in rooms at the discretion of the chaperones. Again, noise must be kept at a minimum for other guests and neighbors, who are oftentimes retired citizens.
19. Condo **hallways** are for getting from point A to B, not for visiting. All visiting and loitering should be done at the pool area at a reasonable volume. Do not explore the condo floors.
20. If listening to music on the bus, it is an "earbuds/headphones only" zone.
21. Do **not** pack any perishable food items as these can be purchased at the grocery store. Students are welcome to bring any other food items for the weekend, except for peanuts or food with peanuts.
22. **Wristbands** are to be worn all day, every day, for safety and ID. Students will be given one on Thursday, and it must be kept on for the duration of the trip.

Itinerary

Thursday, April 24

6:30 AM Arrive at RHS, suitcases go to the choir room for inspection – BE ON TIME, so we can depart on time. Parents (w/their student) will turn in medications to the directors in the orchestra room.

7:15 AM Depart for SHSU

Buc Ee's, Madisonville

10:45 AM Arrive SHSU School of Music

11:00 AM Guided tour of SHSU

12:00 PM Lunch at Old Main Market

1:00 PM Depart for Katy

3:30 PM Workshop at Jordan High School

5:00 PM Load bus and depart for Galveston

Buc-ee's, Gulf Frwy

6:30 PM Grocery Store Stop at Kroger Galveston

8:30 PM Check in at The Galvestonian/on own in condos

10:00 PM In your assigned room

11:00 PM Lights Out

Friday, April 25

Breakfast on your own in condos

9:00 AM Free time on the beach & pool

12:00 PM Refresh and eat lunch in condo

1:30 PM Port Bolivar Ferry ride (optional/free)

3:30 PM Refresh and get ready for Potluck Dinner

6:30 PM POTLUCK dinner!

8:30 PM Pool time or room time! (No beach)

10:00 PM In your assigned room

11:00 PM Lights Out

Saturday, April 26

Breakfast on your own in condos

9:00 AM Free time on the beach & pool

11:00 AM Refresh and eat lunch in condo

11:45 AM Load bus and depart for Space Center Houston

1:00 PM Visit Space Center Houston

4:00 PM Load bus and depart for dinner

5:00 PM Dinner at Guadalajara Mexican Grille

6:30 PM Load bus and depart for Jones Hall for the Performing Arts

7:30 PM Houston Symphony presents: "Cirque Rocks"

9:45 PM Load bus to return to condos

11:00 PM In your assigned room to pack and clean

11:30 PM Lights Out

Sunday, April 27

Breakfast on your own in condos, clean condo

8:30 AM check-out of condos

9:30 AM Load bus, depart for souvenir shopping at Murdoch's (opens at 9:30am)

10:30 AM Depart Murdoch's Souvenirs

Lunch in Conroe/Woodlands - Whataburger, Sonic, Panera

Buc Ee's, Madisonville

6:00PM Estimated arrival to RHS

Parents be ON TIME or EARLY for pick-up. Do not make the directors wait for you.

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Swim Acknowledgment & Emergency Transportation Form

****This form and the Overnight Medical Form MUST be completed and returned by Tuesday, April 15****

We have read the rules and regulations pertaining to this trip.

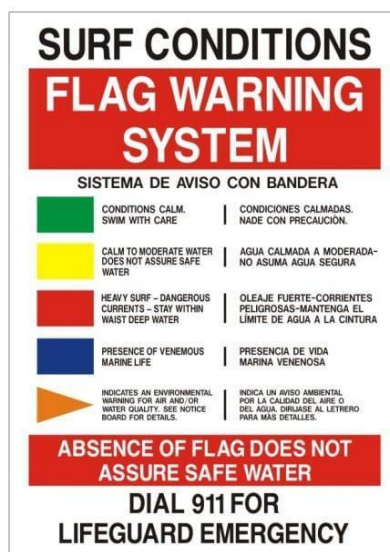
We understand that all school rules will be in effect throughout the entire trip, including the RISD Extracurricular Code of Conduct, signed electronically at the beginning of the school year.

We understand that failure to abide by these rules may result in my student being sent home at the expense of his/her parents. The current cost for an Uber to the airport is \$100 and a one-way plane ticket to Dallas from Houston ranges anywhere from \$100-200.

In case of an emergency during the Spring Trip to Galveston (April 24-27, 2025) my son/ daughter (named below) has permission to travel in a vehicle with an adult chaperone or RISD Employee.

Please check one:

- ☐ My student is ABLE to swim.
- ☐ My student is UNABLE to swim.



Parent Signature

Student Signature

Parent Name (printed)

Student Name (printed)

EMERGENCY parent cell phone number

Parent E-mail address

Date

Spring Trip Meal Planner

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