

Hello 8th grade families!

It's time to talk about the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip!

The full details are in the attached/linked letter. The highlights are below:

- The cost of the trip is \$851.
- A fundraising opportunity is available for students planning on attending the trip. Students who participate in fundraising will have the amount they raise deducted from their total owed. [Please click on this link to see the fundraising information.](#) This is completely optional, but is something we thought would help if people were interested in raising money for their child's trip rather than trying to do it all on your own.
- The dates of the trip are April 8-10, 2026.
- We will be traveling to D.C. via Amtrak train from Providence, RI.(Transportation to train station not provided)
- Once we get to D.C., we will be travelling by coach bus(es).
- The cost of the trip is based on 75 students participating.
- There is a 1 teacher to 10 student ratio.
- **A non-refundable deposit of \$250 is due by December 8, 2025.** This date guarantees a spot on the trip and their Amtrak ticket.
- **Other payments:** \$300 is due on January 20, 2026 and then \$301 is due February 23, 2026. This is all done through Capital Tours. Please do not send any of this money to the school. This is all noted in the attached information document.
- There will be another \$35 collected per person from the school prior to the trip for the cost of tshirt and various tips for our tour guides and bus drivers. THIS money will be sent to the school.

[Please read the attached letter here for full details and itinerary.](#) The itinerary may change slightly depending on ticket availability for the museums and tours. Some of those are not able to be booked until much closer to the trip.

We will have a parent and student information meeting when the trip date is closer and have a confirmed list of students attending. **There will be printed copies of this information handed out at school once we receive them from Capital Tours, but we wanted to get you this information as soon as possible since registration and the deposit is due by December 8th.**

Please note: If a student has had any disciplinary issues that has resulted in a suspension, they may not be allowed to participate on this trip. Also, if you are a family interested in having your child attend, but are not sure if you will be able to afford it, please reach out to Jill Foulis, jfoulis@bmrdsd.net.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We will also be available the night of parent teacher conferences.

Thank you so much and we look forward to a great trip!

Ms. Carr and Mrs. Briar