

2026 BMS 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
Parent Contract/Payment Info

*Contact Mrs. Muse with questions: kmuse@tcsnc.org

***ALL INFO BELOW WILL BE POSTED ON BMS WEBSITE FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.**

Date of Trip: March 4-7, 2026

Ineligibility:

- Over 10 unexcused absences
- Must be passing 3 out of 4 academic core classes
- No more than 3 assignments of ISS (in school suspension)
- Any days of OSS (out of school suspension)
- Principal's discretion

Depending on the date, refunds may not be possible.

TOTAL COST \$680.00 if you're making payments
 \$677.00 if paying total balance

Payment Schedule - YOU MAY PAY FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP AT ONCE

October 1, 2025	\$136.00 DEPOSIT via School Cash <i>*This deposit is non-refundable</i>
November 3, 2025	\$136.00 via School Cash
December 1, 2025	\$136.00 via School Cash
January 5, 2026	\$136.00 via School Cash
February 2, 2026	\$136.00 via School Cash

How does School Cash work?

- If you're paying for your child, log in to School Cash on the BMS website and set up/use your account.
- If someone would like to sponsor a specific child, or make a general donation to help sponsor any deserving student in any amount, click the 8th grade fundraiser link on the BMS website.

Cancellation/Ineligibility Policy:

- **NO REFUNDS** in any amount can be issued after February 1, 2026.

Chaperones

8th grade teachers, administrators, the school resource officer, and guidance counselors serve as chaperones. BMS does not allow parents to chaperone the trip. There will be one adult chaperone for every 10 students.

Students are kept with their friends as much as possible. If your child intentionally leaves their assigned group and chaperone for any reason while at a venue, you will be asked to come and get your child.

Medication

There probably hasn't been a medication situation that we haven't come across. HAHA! Specific directions regarding student medication, both over the counter and prescribed, will be given out closer to our trip date.

Hotels/Buses

- We will be using Young Transportation for our coach buses/drivers.
- Males and females will be on separate floors in the hotel.
The opposite sex is not allowed on the other hotel floors at any time.
- While there may be a pool at our hotel, no swimming will be permitted.
- The utmost respect is expected at all times, not only to chaperones but hotel staff and other visitors staying in the hotel, as well.
- There will be 5 students in each room, 2 students per double bed and 1 on a fold-out couch.
- Students are allowed to choose with whom they room and are expected to figure out their roommate situations before January. That is when room sign-ups will be.
- It is expected that should an odd number arise, your student will welcome those peers warmly as roommates without disrespect.
- Hotel rooms have microwaves and mini-fridges. Students are welcome to pack snacks/drinks for the room accordingly.
- On the buses, girls sit on one side and boys sit on the other. However, students may sit with whomever they choose on their side.
- It is a long ride to D.C. and back, so we ask that your child bring plenty of snacks and drinks to tide them over. We will be making restroom stops, but are on a tight schedule so vending machines should not be planned upon.

Electronics

- Students are allowed to bring their electronics, however those items are the sole responsibility of the student.
- We have asked the tour company to be sure that the wifi is working on each bus. Sometimes, though, things go awry and so we aren't guaranteed that it will work perfectly the entire trip. Be sure to know what fees/charges your cell provider may charge if there is no wifi available.
- Please do not allow your child to pack gaming CONSOLES to be played in the hotel room. Handheld gaming systems are welcome!

- **If any student takes/shares/posts inappropriate pictures or videos while on the trip, parents will be notified immediately and asked to come pick up their child. Please speak as a family about the seriousness of this.**

Venues To Be Visited

- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Tidal Basin (MLK Memorial, FDR Memorial, Thomas Jefferson Memorial)
- U.S. Capitol
- Library of Congress
- National Mall (Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Vietnam Memorial Wall, WWII Memorial, Washington Monument)
- Arlington Cemetery (Observe the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Eternal Flame at John F. Kennedy's Gravesite)
- White House for a photo op
- Iwo Jima Memorial
- Smithsonian Museum of American History
- Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
- Smithsonian Museum of African-American History
- Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum
- National DDay Memorial site

Physical Activity

There will be an excessive amount of physical activity during the trip averaging around 20 miles of walking. We are dropped off in the city in the mornings and we walk to each venue. At venues, we walk around. We walk to eat. We walk to restroom facilities. We walk back to the bus at the end of our day. When we've walked from one venue to another, we walk around that venue. Repeat! We do not have chaperones free who can sit out with a student who cannot stay with the group. Each adult is responsible for ten other human beings. Please help your child understand this. We want students to have a trip they'll never forget - for all the right reasons! 😊

Suggested Packing List (Whatever you pack, you carry.)

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| - 1 suitcase for the hotel | - Snacks/Drinks (microwave/fridge in hotel rooms) |
| - 1 backpack for the bus | - Cell phone (optional, but strongly recommended) |
| - Rain jacket/Umbrella/Poncho | - Charger!!! |
| - Good shoes for walking and SOCKS!!!! approximately 20 miles | - Earbuds/Headphones |
| - Jacket/Coat | - Glasses/Contacts/Solution |
| - Pants/Long sleeves for 4 days | - Bus pillow/bus blanket |
| - 1-2 short sleeve shirt, just in case | - Medication if applicable |
| - Pajamas | - Souvenir Money (optional) |
| - Toiletries, especially deodorant :-) | |

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***Tear off this page only and return this page to HOMEROOM teachers.**

Keep the rest of the packet for reference.

2026 BMS 8TH GRADE **WASHINGTON, D.C. PARENT CONTRACT**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **CELL #:** _____

HOMEROOM TEACHER : _____

PARENT NAME: _____ **CELL #:** _____

I, _____, have read the above information and agree to all terms, conditions, deposit policies and cancellation policies listed herein, on this day _____.

I understand that I will be responsible for coming to get my child in Washington, D.C. after I am able to discuss any such situation with school administration.

Parent Printed Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____