



Journeys: World Religions of Metropolitan Detroit

Parent Permission Slips

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child has been selected to participate in the 2026-2027 **Journeys: World Religions of Metropolitan Detroit** program as a representative of their school and school district. This program, now in its 22nd year, is sponsored by the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit. The participation of your child's school in this program is a demonstration of their understanding of the many dimensions of diversity and the importance of programs that promote inclusive education.

Your child will participate in six field trips over the coming academic year that will take them on "Journeys" to houses of faith representing Sikhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism. The purpose of this program is for Journeys participants to learn through immersive, age-appropriate, and engaging experiences about the similarities that unite and the differences that enrich some of the many cultural and religious communities that call SE Michigan home.

Food

Food is often an important part of the Journeys curriculum-day. As such, many faith communities we visit serve participants a warm and culturally connected lunch. Throughout the year, students might experience new foods and customs connected to different cultures and countries. Journeys participants are always encouraged to try new foods if they are comfortable. No one is expected to eat any food that an allergy or medical condition, strong dietary preference or cultural or religious custom or law would prohibit.

If your child needs to bring their own meals, please inform their teacher first. Some of our host sites have strict guidelines regarding what food may or may not be brought into their sacred space.

Students will bring their own lunch to some Journey experiences. This information will be specifically communicated to you and your student prior to each Journeys date. We ask that your child bring a vegetarian meal and no nuts.

Please always respect these rules and guidelines. On a Journey day we are guests in someone else's home!

Virus Preparedness

We intend to follow local and federal guidelines as well as the expectations of our host communities regarding protection against virus transmission.

Media Permission

I consent to my child being photographed and recorded while participating in any of the Journeys programs. Any images of my child may be used as part of the profile of the InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit (IFLC). Video or photos may be distributed, transmitted, broadcast, exhibited and/or adopted without remuneration and without time limitation.

Parent/Guardian Initials:

Parent/Guardian Agreement

My child _____, from (school name) _____, has my permission to participate in the Journeys Program. I am aware that this program involves six field trip days and that my child will be responsible for informing teachers of their absence and completing missed classwork.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

This program is open only to middle-school and high-school children; being selected and involved is an honor. Please tell your child you are proud of them for being selected to participate! If you have any questions, you are welcome to contact your child's teacher or connect with Jen James at jenj@detroitinterfaithcouncil.com, Community Engagement Manager.

Please visit <https://detroitinterfaithcouncil.com> for more information.

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