



Disney Trip 2015

Policies, Guidelines, and Reminders

Keep in Mind: Traveling is very expensive and it is a privilege, not a right. Remember that all school district and band rules apply for the duration of the trip. We are representing the Carrollton City School District, Carrollton High School, our community, each other, and ourselves. We have earned this privilege because of our tradition of high standards of performance and behavior and we will continue to work hard to maintain this tradition.

Be at the right place at the right time: It is extremely important and expected that you will be at the right place, at the right time, with the right equipment, and ready to go on time. Adhering to the printed itinerary and checking in at announced times is vital for the success of the trip. Always remember that the wishes of an individual never over-rides the comfort of the group. Band trips are group trips. Please do not confuse them with family vacations where plans may be changed on a whim. Many of our activities have a set reservation time so there is little flexibility in the schedule. You will have a copy of the itinerary with you, hold on to it and follow it closely! As always, on time is late.

What to Pack:

Make sure that you label all of your items with Carrollton HS Band and your name.

- You are allowed 1 suitcase and 1 "day pack" - There is limited space on the bus. All instruments and uniforms will be packed on the trailer.
- You are responsible for making sure that your luggage is placed on the bus and your instrument and uniform is put in the designated area to be loaded. Do not get on the bus until you are sure that your luggage and instrument have been loaded. You are also responsible for unloading your luggage and instrument when we arrive at the hotel. Parent and student volunteers will assist with loading to keep things orderly, but ultimately you are responsible for your items. Make sure they get on the bus.
- Pack enough clothes for the trip - travel day 1, sleep, day at Disney Hollywood Studios, sleep, day at Epcot and performance at Magic Kingdom, sleep, day at Magic Kingdom, sleep, day traveling home. 2 days of travel, 4 nights at the hotel, and 3 days at parks (need everything for your marching performance as well).
- Bring a poncho just in case it rains while at the park.
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, soaps, shampoo, etc.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hats - although it is January you may need these items.
- In day pack carry snacks for the bus or while on the trip. Personal items, ipods, personal electronics (these items are ok but you **bring them at your own risk!** Do not let them out of your sight)
- Cell phone, cellphone charger, electronics chargers

Bus behavior:

- Chaperones will load the bus first and will spread out on the bus. The front seat opposite the driver is reserved for Mr. Carr.
- All students must ride the bus.
- Roll must be checked before the bus moves and after any stop at which anyone gets off.
- As is appropriate on our school busses - treat the driver and bus with respect. Do not hang anything out the windows or throw anything out the windows.

- Normal conversation is appropriate but shouting or screaming will not be tolerated. Singing may or may not be ok, depending on the bus driver, content, and musicality.
- Radio and personal music players are allowed for personal use only. Use headphones and keep the volume low enough that only the wearer of the headphones can hear the music.
- Public displays of affection between students is not allowed at any time. Holding hands is ok - but only allowed in sight. Do not hold hands under blankets, jackets, pillows, etc.
- Be courteous to our chaperones. Do as they ask the first time. Always remember to thank them and our bus driver. We could not take this trip without them.
- Movies shown on the trip must first be approved by Mr. Carr.

Hotel Behavior:

- **Male rooms and Female rooms will be on separate floors. No males are allowed on the female floor and no females are allowed on the male floor at any time.**
- Students are expected to behave at all times at the resort. Keep voices to a calm, cool, and collected manner out of respect for other guests. Please be cognizant that we are not the only ones staying there and other patrons may be sleeping when we exit for breakfast and return for the evening.
- Parents and students are responsible should any property be damaged.
- Shirts and shoes are to be worn at all times. No offensive or inappropriate attire allowed.
- Rooms are for sleeping and preparing for the next day. You will not invite strangers into your rooms at anytime.
- Chaperones will assist with room checks at lights out and students are not allowed to open the door or exit ,except in emergency, after lights out.
- Please do not play your instruments or drum on the floor in your hotel rooms.
- All amenities that require purchase will be removed from your room. In the instance that this did not happen, please do not charge anything to the room. Even the bottle of water that might be in your room will cost you money. All charges will be the responsibility of the student and his/her parents.
- Be sure to charge your phone each night as you will use it throughout the day.

Theme Park and Dining Behavior:

- Once we enter a park, you are not allowed to leave the park until we leave as a group. If you have an emergency please contact your chaperone who will then contact Mr. Carr if needed.
- Carrollton High School dress code is still in effect and will be enforced because this is a school function. As mentioned before, you are representing more than just yourself, please do so in a classy manner.
- You will be allowed to roam the park in a group of at least four. You must remain in a group of at least 4. This group does not have to be the group that you are rooming with, but if you split up a room and someone needs a group to hang with, please accept anyone from our group and let them be a part of your group. Splitting up is a privilege that will be lost if you do not follow this rule. We will try allowing you to make groups first, if this doesn't work then we can assign them.
- There will be at least 2 non-negotiable face-to-face meeting times throughout the day. Each time we will all come together as 1 full group. The first will be for a group photo in the middle of the day and the second will be before departure from the park to account for everyone before exiting the park. Details of these meetings will be discussed before entering the park each day.
- Students will be responsible for checking in with their chaperone at certain times throughout the day. These times will also be discussed before entering the park for the day. If students fail to check-in then more face-to-face meetings will be added, creating a nuisance for the entire group. If the students still continue to not check-in then they will spend their time in the

- parks with Mr. Carr and not be allowed to leave his side. With freedom comes great responsibility. Be responsible and we will have a great trip!
- Any souvenirs that students bring home should be purchased, not "borrowed" (i.e. Signs, dishes, towels, menus, etc.)
 - Spending money is the responsibility of individual students. Please keep in mind that the many meals have been pre-arranged but you will need extra money for lunches and for souvenirs. Also keep in mind that space on the bus is limited when choosing the size of your souvenirs - they have to be able to fit in your suitcase or day bag.

Here is some advice that I found on a band website about keeping money on the trip.

- Girls...do not carry your money in a purse. It is much too easy to lose a purse or have it stolen. Put your money in a FRONT POCKET of your pants or shorts. If wearing a jacket or a coat, do not keep your money in those pockets. It is easy to lose or misplace jackets and/or coats and pickpockets find them an easy target. You can get a "traveler's wallet" that goes on your arm (some even go around your waist) and holds money and ID. If you use a traveler's wallet you do not have to worry about a purse being stolen or lost and your money is always with you.
- Boys...if you are using a wallet, carry it in your FRONT POCKET, not the back pocket. It is much too easy for pickpockets to steal a wallet if it is in your back pocket. If wearing a jacket or a coat, do not keep your money in those pockets. It is easy to lose or misplace jackets and/or coats and pickpockets find them an easy target. Once again...a traveler's wallet is an incredibly useful item to have.
- Do NOT leave money or ID in your hotel room. Keep it with you at all times. Cleaning services are often left tips and sometimes when you leave money out in your hotel room they mistake it as a tip. Hotels do sometimes have small "room safes" available for their customers. You need to reserve them in advance and the individual student will have to pay for the room safe if they choose to get one. Fanny packs are also useful for students to keep their money, ID and small items in.

Just to be sure:

- If you have any medications that you are currently prescribed and need to take them with you on the trip - please see Mrs. Dothard. Please only bring the appropriate amount on the trip and a few extra in case you miscount or drop your dosage and need the extra. Medicine will be handled in accordance with Carrollton City School District policies. It is illegal for you to share prescription medication with anyone.
- All school board policies and school rules are to be followed at all times.
- Drinking alcoholic beverages and taking non-prescription drugs is absolutely prohibited.
- No tobacco products or paraphernalia are allowed.
- Profanity is not a part of the Carrollton High School Band Program. Make sure your language is something that you can be proud of while representing our band. You never know who is listening.
- Follow all instructions of the director and chaperones at all times. If you do not understand, please ASK. Do not guess or assume.
- Anyone deemed guilty of gross misbehavior may be sent home at the expense of the parent. This may be in the form of a Greyhound bus or plane. Parents will be contacted immediately and the trip will not be refunded.
- This trip will be fun! Remember that these guidelines are in place for everyone's safety and comfort. If we all do a great job with these guidelines then everyone can enjoy the trip!