

8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

On May 4, 2022 - May 7, 2022, the 8th grade students at Mt. Vernon Middle School will have the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. During this exciting educational experience, students will visit the Arlington National Cemetery, all of the major monuments and memorials, walk past the White House, and visit at least one of the Smithsonian museums. The students will also enjoy an illuminated night tour of many monuments and sites in Washington, D.C.

This year's trip will be a four-day trip by charter bus, including a stop in Gettysburg. In Gettysburg, students will enjoy a guided tour of the battlefield. The cost of this trip, not including spending money, is \$800.00 per student (quad occupancy) and \$960.00 per adult (double occupancy paired with another adult chaperone). If students choose single, double, or triple occupancy, there will be an additional charge. Chaperones are required to have a criminal history background check completed at your own expense through Safe Hire.

Included in the price of the trip is hotel accommodations, transportation, 9 meals, admission to all sites, and two t-shirts to be worn on Thursday and Friday during the tour of Washington, D.C. This enables all of our chaperones to easily identify the students of Mt. Vernon Middle School. Students will need to bring money for buying souvenirs and for one fast food type meal on the way home.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, we will follow all local health and safety guidelines for the sites that we visit. This will require that masks be worn in certain indoor sites, such as museums and on the bus, regardless of vaccination status. Face coverings should fit properly, covering the nose, mouth, and chin with no large gaps on the outside of the face, and they should have at least two layers. Face shields are not permitted as a substitute for a face covering but may be worn over a face covering or mask. Face coverings or masks with an exhalation valve are not permitted.

Travel insurance is available for this trip. The cost of the travel insurance is \$39 per traveler. There are several terms for the insurance that can be found by clicking the [travel insurance terms link](#). Information about how to pay for travel insurance will be sent to those who wish to purchase it.

Due to the nature of reserving hotels, restaurants, and other vendors, refunds cannot be fully guaranteed. If the trip is cancelled by MVMS between December 6, 2021 and January 4, 2022, travelers can expect to receive a refund of all but approximately \$100. If the trip is cancelled by MVMS after January 5, 2022, travelers can expect to receive a refund of all but \$135. These refunds are just estimations and are based upon the typical number of travelers that have travelled in the past. Cancellations within 15 days of the trip will likely result in full loss of payments. Individuals who cancel will forfeit any money paid for the trip.

There are limited seats available for this trip and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. You must complete the attached Google Form and have the entire first

installment paid in order to reserve your seat. All payments must be paid by the above due dates. You can pay by check, cash or credit card through E-Funds.

This trip is considered a privilege. Students with severe disciplinary issues throughout the school year, who are not able to keep an upstanding academic record, or have attendance problems, may be excluded from the trip with the potential for no refund. Good standing checks will be done at the end of each academic quarter. Additionally students must complete all iLearn testing before attending the trip.

If you need additional information or should questions arise, please contact Stephanie Evans at stephanie.evans@mvcsc.k12.in.us or (317) 485-3160. There will be a mandatory parent/student meeting for any additional details and questions. This meeting will take place the week prior to the trip, date & time to be determined.

To reserve your spot on the Washington, D.C. trip, please complete the [Washington, D.C. Traveler Information form](#). We are looking forward to taking this year's 8th graders to see our nation's capital! Payments will need to be made according to the schedule below:

	Double (adults)	Quad (students)
November 29, 2021	\$140	\$100
December 17, 2021	\$240	\$200
January 7, 2022	\$290	\$250
January 28, 2022 (final payments due)	\$290	\$250
Total (this does not include the optional travel insurance)	\$960	\$800