



**Windham Middle School  
Office of the Principal**

**Notice to Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CLASS TRIP**  
**ATTENDANCE CRITERIA - 2012 TRIP**

The opportunity for your eighth grade children to visit our nation's capital is tremendous. They will have a chance to see one of the most beautiful capitals in the world, and obtain a deeper understanding of how our government functions, while having a great time with their fellow classmates. We are looking forward, with optimism, to having **all** students who wish to go to D.C. be able to do so.

There are behavior requirements that need to be met in order for your child to have the privilege of attending the trip. Appropriate behavior is essential during the trip to ensure a safe, well-managed experience for everyone. The behavior standards will be more clearly defined at the spring meeting, but will include such things as dress code, hotel room rules, behavior guidelines for traveling throughout Washington, and a list of items prohibited from the trip. Serious violations of these standards will result in students being excluded from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dance and end of the school year activities. It is also possible that in the event of extreme rule breaking, students may be sent home from the trip at their parents' expense.

It is important that your sons and daughters understand that once we pull out of the Middle School driveway they are representing not only themselves, but their families, school, town and state.

**CRITERIA PREVENTING PARTICIPATION IN THE TRIP:**

**The following behavior infractions may lead to exclusion from the trip:**

- 1. Parents will be informed of ongoing / repeated behavioral infractions that will jeopardize the student's ability to attend the trip by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Team Leader and / or the school administration.**
- 2. Any out of school suspensions will be reviewed by the administration and may result in suspension from the trip. The decision of the building principal will be final.**

We trust that you will give us your support. In addition, you may wish to establish your own "attendance criteria" at home, and we certainly encourage you to do so.

**\*\*The "Attendance Criteria Acknowledgement" form needs to be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by **Thursday, Oct. 20th** confirming your understanding of these criteria.**