



Windham Middle School
Office of the Principal

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Notice to Parents of 8th Grade Students

WASHINGTON, D.C. 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP
ATTENDANCE CRITERIA - 2010 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 and academic requirements that need to be met in order for your child to have the privilege of attending the trip. Additionally, there will be behavior standards 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 8th grade graduation dance and trip to Hampton Beach. It is also possible that in the event of extreme rule breaking, students may be sent home from the trip at their parent's 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:

1. Any student with three F's on his/her report cards, by the end of the third marking period (April 2nd) will not be allowed to attend.
2. Any student suspended at any time, up until the date of the trip, will not be allowed to attend.

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.

There is an "Attendance Criteria Acknowledgement" form that needs to be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Weds., Sept. 30th confirming your understanding of these criteria.