

Emory H. Markle Intermediate School
Washington, D.C. Field Trip Rules 2016-2017

This field trip will count towards your American Cultures Habits of Learning Grade during this marking period. Those not following the rules of punctuality/participation/behavior will receive 0 Behavior points. These points will be evaluated as follows:

Academic Points- Scavenger Hunt Worksheet: Your teacher/chaperone will fill out this sheet. You must participate in answering questions, or you will not receive these points.

Behavior Points- Participation/Clothing: We expect students to dress their best. Going on tours through the White House and the Capitol is a special event, and we want students to look their best.

Ties are not required for boys, and skirts are not required for girls, but otherwise, please make sure that you wear clothes that will proudly represent yourselves and the South Western School District. Jeans, shorts, and T-Shirts are not allowed. Boys must wear shirts with collars.

The shoes, however, need to be shoes which are comfortable walking shoes, not sandals or flip flops. **We will do a lot of walking on this trip.**

Behavior Points- Participation/Punctuality: Students need to be where they need to be on time. They also need to stay with their assigned group.

Punctuality begins with arriving at EHMIS at 4:00 AM.

Punctuality continues with not bringing things through security checkpoints that will slow the whole group down.

Punctuality also continues with not wandering away from your group and/or being encouraged to keep up with your group.

Know your schedule. Know where you are supposed to be and what time you are supposed to be there.

Behavior Points- Participation/Behavior: Students will act their best at all times. Office disciplinary forms will be written for bad behavior, and also a large number of points will be taken from your behavior grade. Chaperones will be treated with the respect that is to be given to substitute teachers.

Nothing shiny will be used that will distract the bus driver at any time.

Students need to eat breakfast before we go. Water is the only drink allowed on the bus. Students need to bring money for lunch at McDonalds.

Students may bring cameras, cell phones, and electronic devices to listen to music and books on tape with earpieces. Other electronic devices are forbidden. If a student chooses to bring the approved items along, however, they need to understand that a few times these items will have to be left on the bus, such as when we go through the White House and the Capitol. **The school and staff are not responsible for any item(s) left on the bus.**

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We need to keep the number of metal items to a minimum. First, because we will have to go through more than a few metal detectors, and with a hundred chaperones and students, we need to go through quickly.

All White House visitors ages 18 years of age or older will be required to present photo identification issued by a government agency with information exactly matching the name previously submitted for clearance. Individuals whose information does not exactly match the name or data cleared for entry may be denied admittance.

White House **prohibited items** include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Video Recorders
- Handbags, book bags, backpacks or purses
- Food or beverages, tobacco products, personal grooming items (i.e. makeup, lotion, etc.)
- Strollers
- Any pointed objects
- Aerosol containers
- Guns, ammunition, fireworks, electric stun guns, mace, martial arts weapons/devices, or knives of any size

Smartphones and compact cameras with a lens no longer than 3 inches (stills only) are permitted on the public tour route as long as their use does not interfere with other guests' enjoyment of the tour.

Video cameras including any action camcorders, cameras with detachable lenses, tablets, tripods, monopods and camera sticks are **not permitted**.

Flash photography or live stream as well as talking or texting on cellular phones is **not permitted** while on the tour.

United States Capitol prohibited items closely match the list for the White House. However, the following items are allowed in the capitol:

Pens and Pencils

Cameras and video recording devices are allowed in the Capitol, but cannot be carried into the House or Senate Galleries. Cameras and/or video recording devices must be "checked" before entering the galleries. ANY ITEMS THAT YOU CHECK MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR NAME USING MASKING TAPE AND A PEN.

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