

**Mokena Music Department Trip 2018**  
**Orlando, Florida**  
**Parents' Frequently Asked Questions**

**1) Do I need to send additional money for my student to pay for meals? Will there be any additional costs?**

The amount of money needed by each student can really vary. I can only tell you what they need and then each family must decide on a budget that they feel comfortable with.

All meals are included in the trip cost. Breakfast will be at the hotel each morning. \$10 cash will be given to students for dinner at the airport on the way to Orlando and back to Chicago. Each student will receive meal vouchers for lunch and dinner (good for an entree and drink) for meals in the parks. If students wish to purchase snacks, they would need money for those.

Souvenirs are not included in the package. If your student would like to purchase any souvenirs, they should bring money for this.

Please talk to your student about being cautious with their money and their wallets. It may be a good idea for them to budget out a per diem and leave the remaining money locked in their hotel room. I would hate for a student to lose their wallet on the first day and have no money left for the remainder of the trip.

**2) What is the chaperone procedure at the various stops?**

As DisneyWorld and Universal Studios are large parks, students will move in groups at all times. Students will wear a bracelet with an emergency number should they need to contact one of us at any time.

We always do a survey of the location before giving students the procedure for the activity. There will be times when we will move as an entire group and other times where we will break out into smaller groups. However, a chaperone will ALWAYS be available to the students while in the parks.

**3) We will be in Orlando vacationing at the same time. Can we take our student on rides or out to eat?**

During the trip, we are responsible for your child. No child will be permitted to leave their group at any time without permission. We are happy to have families come watch our performance, but students will not be permitted to leave with parents until we return to MJHS at the end of our trip.

**4) What happens at the choir clinic?**

During the choir clinic, the students will be working with a college choir director. The director will work on the music we are working on along with singing fundamentals. This is a chance for students to see a college campus and school of music, for them to meet a new director, and for them to sing for a new audience.

**5) What happens at the band clinic?**

During the Disney Performing Arts Clinic, *You're Instrumental*, band students will sight-read, prepare and record a polished performance of special Disney music selections in a studio environment like a professional musician.

**6) Will students be allowed to use cell phones?**

Yes, students will be allowed to use cell phones. However, during certain events they may be asked to turn them off. During the plane ride, students will be asked to set their phones to airplane mode. Students are expected to behave appropriately with their phones, including social media posts, while on the trip.

**7) What does the security guard do?**

The security guard monitors the hallway of the hotel we will be staying in starting at curfew. The security guard will stay on duty every evening until 6AM the following morning. If there are any problems, the security guard will contact the chaperones.

**8) Do you have the address and phone number of the hotel?**

That information is on the itinerary.

**9) My student has food allergies. How do I ensure that he or she has the appropriate meal?**

Please make sure the forms you turned in are accurate with food allergies. Students should keep their allergies in mind for their meals. Accommodations will be made to ensure that every student has food. Students need to communicate their allergies to any food service location and chaperones will be advised of any allergies as well.

**10) What is the procedure for the time spent at the hotel?**

The students have very little free time at the hotel. Once we arrive at the hotel, students will be checked into their rooms by their chaperone. Lights out will be approximately 30 minutes later. In the morning, students will be expected to be at breakfast by a time set in the itinerary. ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO EAT BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING.

Students are not allowed to go into any hotel room other than their own. If students from different rooms want to meet up, they should do so in a common area in the hotel.

**11) Are students excused from school while on the trip?**

Students are considered to be in attendance at school while we are on the trip. This means they will not be counted as absent. It also means that they are responsible for collecting any work they may miss while we are gone BEFORE we leave on the trip. All work assigned will be due on time. They will not receive extra time to complete this work. While teachers have been made aware of which students will be attending the trip, students should still talk to their teachers well in advance of the trip and plan ahead.

**12) Please be aware that we may need to make changes to these guidelines throughout the trip.**