

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to gain permission to offer Temple ISD (Independent School District) Bonham Middle School 2025-26 eighth graders the opportunity to explore Washington D.C. and New York City. This opportunity is available through EF Explore America and will be paid for completely by the parents of the students and would take place in June 2026. This trip is an excellent educational opportunity to connect the lessons and knowledge the eighth-grade students have been studying all year to the physical locations where the events unfolded. Beyond having the chance to see the nation's capital, students will get to see the National Museum of American History, Arlington National Cemetery, Mount Vernon, United States Capitol, and multiple memorials. How exciting for the students to see the Declaration of Independence on the 250th Anniversary of its signing. New York City will offer students a chance to see Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial, and multiple landmarks that are associated with New York City. One highlight of the New York City stop is the evening activity of seeing a Broadway Play. EF Explore America trips include round-trip transportation, hotel accommodation with overnight security, meals, and a full-time tour director to guide them through Washington D.C. and New York. Again, this trip is fully funded by the student's parents if they wish to participate.

Thank you,

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