
Music Department Travel Proposal

— Orlando - November 2026 —

New York Trip Report

- 43 people (including chaperones)
- Traveled in March 2025
- Student behavior was very good
- Students learned a lot in a packed itinerary:
 - 9/11 Memorial
 - Central Park & Strawberry Fields
 - Chinatown & Little Italy
 - Empire State Building
 - Federal Hall
 - Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum
 - Radio City Music Hall
 - Rockefeller Center
 - Statue of Liberty
 - Times Square

Why Orlando?

Survey Results

- **64** students/parents responded that they are interested in traveling
- **41** chose Orlando as their top choice
- This destination has been requested by students for many years. One of our goals is to increase the number of students who go on the trip so that we can perform.

Educational Benefits

- Real world exposure to performing arts careers (classes, local connections with performing arts careers in Orlando)
- Possible performance opportunity (need 40+ students)

Other benefits?

Commitment to promised travel experiences: Students have been doing fundraisers since 6th grade in order to raise money for music department travel.

Recruitment: Trips draw students into the music program and make the program more visible to the community. By maintaining a regular trip schedule, we entice students to stick with the music program.

Trip Details

- Tour Company: *Good News Tour & Travel* based in Woodbury
- Travel Dates: November, travel over a four day weekend (not Thanksgiving) students will only miss 2 days of school
- Coach bus will pick up students at Menahga HS and return us to Menahga HS
- Two travel days, four days in Orlando
- Three nights in hotel, two nights on bus

Cost to Students & Families

Cost of the trip per person: \$1,800.00 for students
\$1,600.00 for chaperones

Split over five payments:	Deposit	\$300
	February	\$400
	April	\$400
	May	\$400
	October	\$300 for students \$100 chaperones

*Main costs are transportation and hotel

*Price includes 6 days, three nights in hotel & two nights on bus

*Some meals are included, not all

Fundraisers

Fundraising Opportunities for Students:

- **Poinsettia Plant Sales**- November
- **World's Finest Chocolate**- NYC trip only
- **Coffee** Fundraiser- NYC trip only
- **Cookie Dough** Fundraiser- September
- **Fundraising Dinner**

Student account balances- Many students have leftover money from previous years, or have inherited that money from older siblings who have graduated.

Cost to District

Sub Cost for Music Teachers: \$175.00* per day, per teacher
\$875* total for two days

*Traveling over a long weekend reduces sub costs

Transportation Funding Request: \$700

We are requesting financial support from the district for mileage and the cost of bus drivers to the Minnesota border. This request is made based on past precedent of school organizations receiving monetary aid when going on national trip.

Total cost to district: \$1,575

Chaperones

- We will have a chaperone ratio of 5-10 students per chaperone.
- Each chaperone will be in charge of a designated group of students.
- Chaperones must be at least 20 years of age, have a cell phone on the trip, and pass a background check.

Student Safety

- Directors and chaperones will be monitoring student safety at all times.
- Students will stay in groups at all times.
- Students exhibiting unsafe behavior prior to the trip will not be allowed to attend.
 - Students will sign a behavior contract
 - Behavior infractions that occur during the school year prior to the trip may result in removal from the trip

Product on Return

- The trip will be a culminating event for high school music students, as we will be incorporating related music and activities into our curriculum in class.
- Students will attend performances, learn about the performing arts careers that exist in Orlando including.
- The trip will also serve as a recruitment tool to encourage students to stay involved in music, see the world, and experience the opportunities that come with music participation at Menahga High School.