

TO: Members of the Vicksburg School Board

FROM: Mary Zemlick, Spanish Teacher
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RE: Spanish Class Trip to Chicago

DATE: March 6, 2024

On May 18th, 2024 we would like to offer Vicksburg Spanish students the opportunity to visit Chicago to experience some big-city Spanish culture first-hand. This field trip is an excellent opportunity for the students to be exposed to the art, food, music and language of the Latino culture in Chicago. Students will visit the Mexican Art Museum, walk through the Pilsen Neighborhood to see the many murals by local artists, (led by a Spanish speaking guide), have an opportunity to shop at the local stores, have dinner in a Mexican restaurant, go to the Chicago Fire Soccer game, and to visit 360 Chicago. The cost for each student is \$130, which covers transportation, entry fee to Chicago 360, admission to the soccer game, dinner and the guide's fee through Pilsen. Participation in this trip is optional.

We will be using B & W Charter Buses for transportation on this trip. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed itinerary and parent letter. We ask the Board of Education to continue to support this opportunity for Vicksburg students to apply what they are learning in the classroom to real-life situations. Our last field trip to Chicago was 2019, so we are excited to return. Thank you so much for your consideration.

**Parental Permission to Attend
Spanish Field Trip 5/18/2024**

Chicago, IL

Field trip information

Spanish students have the opportunity to participate in a field trip to Chicago on May 18th, 2024. While the exact departure and return times are still being finalized, we will leave Vicksburg at approximately 7:00 a.m. and likely return to Vicksburg between 1:30 am and 2:00 am. Firm times will be established once I know how many students are going.

Our first stop will be the National Museum of Mexican Art, where students will see Mexican, Chicano, and Latino art. We will then take a tour of the murals that are in the Pilsen neighborhood and also have an opportunity to shop at local stores. After that we will go downtown and go to Chicago 360 to get a panoramic view of Chicago. If time permits, we will walk over to Millennium Park. Dinner is next on our agenda and our final stop will be the Chicago Fire Soccer game at Soldier Field. The game starts at 7:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. Of course there is an hour difference in time; hence the late return to Vicksburg.

We will be using B&W charter buses for our transportation to and from Chicago and the bus will take us to and from each location.

Fees

The fee is **\$135** per student and is broken down as follows:

\$40 for the bus to and from Chicago.

\$7 for the mural tour, which will include a gratuity.

\$30 for the entry fee to Chicago 360.

\$26 for dinner, which will include a gratuity.

\$32 for the ticket to see Chicago Fire.

Lunch and breakfast are **not** included in the price. We will stop at the McDonald's in Stevensville on the way to Chicago for those who want to buy breakfast. Regarding lunch, we tend to go to small stores, shops, and street vendors to buy snacks which will hold us over until dinner. Once at the game, kids will have to provide their own money for any snacks or souvenirs. Of course students can bring snacks with them to eat on the bus and throughout the day.

If your student would like to participate, the registration deadline is April 9, 2024. To register, students need to turn in this signed permission slip and the registration fee in cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Vicksburg Community Schools. This fee is non-refundable after April 18th, 2024.

NOTE: If your student would like to purchase anything at the museum, the shops, the soccer game or at Chicago 360, they need to bring extra money.

_____ has my permission to attend the above school
(student's name)
related event on 5/18/2024 and to be transported to and from this event by B&W Charter
Buses.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Cell number/contact number: _____