

# Geneva Community High School

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Date: April 15, 2025  
To: Dr. Andrew Barrett  
Mr. Tom Rogers  
From: Mr. Neal Shipton, Ms. Krista Halvorson, & Mr. Riley Carter  
Re: Out-of-State Music Department Trip

The Geneva High School Music Department is requesting permission for interested band and orchestra students to participate in an out-of-state field trip in February 2026. The trip destination is Orlando, FL. The purpose of this trip is to provide students with the opportunity to increase their musical skills and understandings and provide them with unique educational and musical experiences not available here in Geneva.

The basic trip details are as follows:

1. Trip Dates  
Depart → Sunday, February 15, 2026  
Return → Friday, February 20, 2026  
(5 nights/6 days)  
Because this trip starts on a 3-day weekend, the students will miss a total of four days of classes (Tuesday through Friday). The students will be expected to be in attendance at GHS when classes resume on Monday, February 23, 2026.
2. Number of students attending: 100-150 students (estimated)
3. Transportation: Flight
4. Cost of Trip: \$2,000 - \$2,500 (estimate)  
Several fundraisers have and will be offered to help reduce the cost. There will be no cost to the district for this trip.
5. Travel Company: Group Travel Planners (see attached documentation regarding itinerary, cost inclusions, etc.)
6. Adult Chaperones:  
Neal Shipton – band teacher  
Riley Carter – band teacher  
Krista Halvorson – orchestra teacher  
10-12 parent chaperones
7. Goals/Opportunities:
  - a. Performing for and receiving feedback from a larger, diverse and unfamiliar audience
  - b. Participating in clinics with music educators at Orlando Fest and Disney World.
  - c. Listening to other performing ensembles.
  - d. Representing our school and community in a positive and meaningful manner.