



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the dates of the field trip?

The trip will be held during fall break of the 2017-18 school year. Students will depart from Atlanta Classical Academy on **Thursday morning, October 5** and return on **Monday morning, October 9**. Students will receive credit for school attendance on October 5. School is out for fall break on Monday, October 9.

What is the cost?

The cost of the trip is **\$500** per student, which includes all travel expenses, meals, hotel, tours and evening events. The trip may be paid in full anytime prior to September 29:

September 01: \$100

September 15: \$200

September 29: \$200

The balance must be paid in full by September 29.

How do I sign my child up for the field trip?

Parents will register their student(s) for the trip using the links on the Washington, DC Trip page of the school's website (School Life>Extracurricular). Look for an announcement in the Chronicle.

Is there a discount if I'm signing up more than one child?

Unfortunately, there is not a discount when signing up more than one child. This is based on fixed costs for the trip including hotel, meals, chartered buses, and other events. We have made every effort to keep the cost at a minimum to accommodate every family.

How do I qualify for financial aid?

Simply request financial aid when signing up your child for the trip. Financial aid will be provided on an as-needed basis. If you would like to provide a scholarship for another student, you may do so when registering your own child.

What are the accommodations for the trip?

Hotel accommodations will be at the Hilton Crystal City, which is a short distance from the DC attractions. Students will be housed 4 per room. Chaperones as well as ACA faculty/staff will be housed 2 per room.

Where will meals be?

The chartered motor coaches will depart from the school on the morning of Thursday, October 5. Students will have breakfast on their own that morning and will be asked to bring a sack lunch and snacks for the bus. Once in DC, breakfast will be at the hotel each morning, and lunch and dinner will be at designated places. All meals are included in the price of the trip.



How will chaperones be selected?

If you are interested in serving as a chaperone for the trip, you will be able to indicate this when you sign up your child. Chaperones will be selected by lottery and will need to complete a background check and fingerprinting. Please note that the cost of the trip for chaperones will be \$550. The additional cost is for hotel accommodations of 2 chaperones per room. We aim to have chaperones representing both grades.

What are the chaperone's duties?

Chaperones will be responsible for supervising approximately 10-11 students throughout the trip. This includes keeping track of students at all times during daily activities and evening events, making sure they are on the motor coach to and from the hotel, and ensuring they are settled in their hotel rooms at night with lights out at designated times. Chaperones will be required to ride either the motor coach or a van to and from DC.

If I'm selected as a chaperone, do I have to share a room with another chaperone or can I book my own room?

In order to keep costs down, we have booked a certain number of rooms that allow students to be housed 4 per room and chaperones 2 per room. We are asking all chaperones to share a room with another chaperone.

Which faculty and staff from ACA will be attending the trip?

We are in the process of determining which faculty and staff will attend. Teachers will be giving lectures during the trip at various sites. The school nurse will attend to assist with any medical issues.

Can I drive my child or have him/her fly to DC, or do they need to ride the chartered motor coach?

All children attending the trip are required to ride the chartered motor coach. Part of the fun of the trip is allowing the kids to bond with their fellow classmates. There will be plenty of chaperones traveling with the kids.

Can I go to DC on my own and meet up with my child there?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate additional adults on the trip beyond the chaperones and faculty/staff. Some of the tours, meals and events we are attending have limited space and cannot accommodate additional people.

My child has medical concerns (allergies, etc.). How will he/she be accommodated during the trip?

The ACA school nurse will be attending the trip and will have all medical records for each child. In addition, you will be asked to complete a medical form for the trip that includes medical conditions, allergies, medications for your child, and any other health information the school needs to know about your child.

What is the dress code for the trip?

Students will wear their ACA school uniforms during the trip.



Is my child allowed to bring his/her cell phone on the trip?

Yes; however, students will only be allowed to use their cell phones to take pictures during designated times of the day. Students will be allowed to call home once they return to their hotel rooms at night, but not after lights are out.

How will roommates be selected?

Students will be housed 4 per room and will not be allowed to pick roommates as this tends to lead to some kids feeling left out. We also want the students to get to know others in their classes that they may not know well. They will have plenty of time with their friends during the day.

What if my child does not want to go on the trip? What will they do on October 5-6?

We strongly encourage all students to attend the trip. If cost is a concern, please request financial aid when signing up. If your child cannot attend, he/she will be at school on October 5-6, and a curriculum and study hall schedule will be provided.

What if I have to cancel at the last minute (child is sick, etc.)? Can I get my money back?

If your child cannot attend the trip after you have registered, you will receive your money back less the \$100 non-refundable deposit.

Will new students who enroll at ACA for the coming school year have the opportunity to attend?

Yes, new students will be informed about the trip at the beginning of the new school year and will have the opportunity to register and pay before the September 29 deadline.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

Please contact the school office at (404) 369-3500 if you have any questions. We will continue to communicate more details about the trip as we get closer.