



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the dates of the field trip?

The field trip will be held during fall break of the 2018-19 school year. Students will depart from Atlanta Classical Academy on **Thursday morning, October 4** and return on **Monday morning, October 8**. Students who attend the trip will receive credit for school attendance on October 4th. School is out for fall break on Friday October 5 and Monday, October 8.

What is the cost?

The cost of the trip is **\$650** per student which includes all travel expenses, meals, hotel, tours and evening events. Payment schedule includes a **\$150 non-refundable deposit due by March 30th** to secure your child's spot and **4 installments of \$125 each: April 27th** 1st Installment of \$125, **May 25th** 2nd Installment of \$125, **August 30th** 3rd installment of \$125 due and **September 27th** 4th Installment of \$125 due. **Balance can be paid in full at any time before September 27th.**

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

Sign-ups will be handled through School Mint during the second week of April. Look for an announcement in the ACA 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 get 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 scholarship 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 buses will depart from the school on the morning of Thursday, October 4. Students will have breakfast on their own that morning and will be asked to bring a sack lunch and snacks for the bus. The group will stop for dinner on the way to DC. 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 \$675. The additional cost is for hotel accommodations of 2 chaperones per room. There will be an equal number of chaperones selected from the rising 9th grade and rising 10th grade. Both male and female chaperones will be selected depending on the number of students signed up for the trip.

What are the chaperone's duties?

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

All children attending the trip are required to ride the chartered bus. 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, kids will only be allowed to use their cell phones to take pictures during designated times of the day. Kids are allowed to call home once they return to their hotel rooms at night, but not after lights are out.

How will roommates be selected?

Kids will be housed 4 per room and will be randomly assigned in either boys' or girls' rooms. Kids will not be allowed to pick roommates as this tends to lead to some kids feeling left out. We also want the kids 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 4th?

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 4th, 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 \$150 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 27th 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.