



Walton Midwest Clinic Trip Rules & Regulations

GENERAL RULES

1. Students represent their families, communities and Walton High School. Appropriate behavior at all times is expected.
2. The Midwest trip is a school function. All Cobb County rules that apply to campus behavior also apply to this trip. Rules and penalties regarding drugs, alcohol, smoking, behavior, language and apparel will apply.
3. A student leaving the designated areas without a chaperone, or being out of their hotel room after hours will be subject to immediate dismissal.
4. Boys are not allowed in or near the entrance to girls' rooms and girls are not allowed in or near boys' room. Students violating this policy will be sent home.
5. **Lanyards will be worn around students' neck, and outside of clothing, so as to be easily visible at all times when the student is outside his/her hotel room.** Failure to follow this policy will result in the loss of free time, and the student will be required to assist the chaperones in all tasks.

HOTEL RULES

1. Rooms are to be locked at all times. For your safety, keep the windows locked and window coverings closed at all times.
2. Rooms are to be kept clean and orderly so as to not inconvenience roommates or hotel workers.
3. No lighted candles, incense or flames of any kind.
4. No excessive noise. The Chaperones or Orchestra Director will define "excessive". Practicing in your hotel room between the hours of 10PM and 8AM is not permitted. **IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT WE ARE STAYING AT A NICE HOTEL WITH OTHER PAYING GUESTS.**
5. In-Room time will be determined nightly. In-Room means all students are to be in their own rooms, with no noise coming from the room. **NO CELL PHONE USE AFTER IN-ROOM TIME.**
6. Students may gathering and meet in the hotel lobby during down time, as long as they behave in an acceptable way. Students must always be accompanied by at least one other student when walking around the hotel.
7. All students should not leave valuables in their hotel rooms at any time. If it is valuable take it with you or leave it home. **CHAPERONES AND/OR MUSIC DIRECTORS ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.**
8. **RESPECT MUST BE GIVEN TO ALL OTHER HOTEL GUESTS AND HOTEL EMPLOYEES AT ALL TIMES.**

CITY RULES

1. **Outside of the hotel, all students must remain with their chaperone at all times.**
2. While walking around the city, students must pay attention to their surroundings and keep up with the group at all times. **THERE WILL BE WALKING EVERYDAY SO COME PREPARED WITH SHOES WITH TRACTION THAT ARE COMFORTABLE AND DURABLE.**
3. When traveling via public transportation, students should be aware of which stop the group will be departing the train.
4. While visiting Chicago attractions, students must follow all of the attraction rules in addition to those made by the Music Director.
5. Students should plan to eat all 3 meals a day. These meals need to be eaten during the scheduled time. We have a busy schedule and each student will need these meals to help them through the day and we will not stop the group to accommodate a hungry student. If hunger is a problem, the student should pack some snacks in his/her suitcase.
6. **EVERY STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING HIS/HER BAG AND INSTRUMENT WHILE WE ARE TRAVELING.** Please pack smart and light. All violin, viola and small wind instrument players will have to carry their instrument along with their bag in the airport, subway and on the walk from the subway to the hotel.
7. Each student will be given tickets or passes throughout the trip before we visit an attraction or ride the train. Each student is responsible for these tickets once handed out.
8. During the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Alpharetta Symphony Orchestra performances, there is to be no use of phones, games, iPods, etc.
9. **THIS TRIP WILL BE A LOT OF FUN AND WILL BE A GREAT MEMORY FOR ALL STUDENTS INVOLVED. PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE COMMON SENSE AND BE COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES.**

The trip coordinators, directors, instructors, and staff reserve the right to recommend the dismissal of any student who disobeys the rules or whose general conduct is detrimental to the program, other students, or the general welfare of the group. Parents of any student dismissed will be required to make arrangements (at additional cost) to return their student home as soon as practical. The decision to call a parent will not be made lightly. It will be a joint resolution made by the chaperones and music program directors.

PACKING LIST

Rolling suitcase

Purse or track-bag only for carry-on

Instrument (in small cases)

Winter coat

Gloves, hat, scarf

Umbrella/rain gear

Uniform: including black dress shoes & tall black socks

3 casual outfits with warm, closed toed shoes (boots with traction are best)

1 optional dressy outfit (for Chicago Symphony performance)

Spending money for 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, and extras (at least \$100 is recommended)