

AHS Band Spring Trip

Our spring band trip this year takes us to Atlanta, Georgia! The trip will take place March 26 – 29, 2020. Details on the trip will be distributed soon. This is an amazing opportunity to see an amazing city and experience its culture. **Various Fundraisers will provide opportunities to earn money towards this trip.** Our best estimate for the cost of this trip is \$650 to \$700. Below is an outline of the AHS Band Boosters Financial policy as it pertains to spring trips.

- Students who are planning on participating must make the first payment deadline and turn in the intent to travel form.
- A payment schedule will follow.
- It is the policy of AHS Band Boosters to allow for refunds up to 30 days after each published payment deadline for the most recent payment amount only. We purchase things (tickets, busses, etc.) for your child with each payment.
- It is illegal for money accrued through fundraising to be reimbursed to the student.
- Students whose accounts are not up to date are presumed to be not participating in the travel activities. Please contact the band director if you have a special circumstance impacting your ability to make timely payments.

Good communication is essential to our success! Check our website at www.ahsband.net for schedule updates, results, fundraising information, and policies. Reach the Mr. LaPrade by email at alaprade@k12albemarle.org or 434-975-9300, ext. 60079. Please subscribe to relevant “Remind” classes to get brief and up to the minute notices. Information on getting registered will be on our website soon.

Why have a Spring Trip?

We have found that trips are very positive and powerful both for the programs but also for each participating student. As always, participation in this trip is *optional*, but we strongly encourage each student to take part for several reasons:

- The opportunity to perform for, to see and to hear other groups from other parts of the country.
- The opportunity to perform for, and receive feedback from, professional judges in a top notch facility.
- The opportunity to experience the local culture in the chosen city.
- The bonding experience of traveling and performing successfully with our groups
- The resulting boost in pride, self-esteem, and esprit de corps.

Requirements for participation

In order to be included in the trip, students must meet the following:

- Be in good standing with the participating ensemble
- Maintain a “C” or better grade average
- Making up work missed due to this trip in a timely manner. School policy is within 5 days of the trip.
- Be in good standing with all other school classes and current responsibilities
- Be in good standing in the community
- Meet the account payment deadlines (see the financial sheet.)

Discipline

Any and all office referrals may be sufficient cause for dismissal from the Spring Trip, possibly without refund, depending on circumstances.

Atlanta Financial Facts

Please save this for your records! It is very important!

1. Cost

The cost this year is projected to be \$650.00 per student **but is subject to change once contracts are finalized. This includes all meals, shows, travel, lodging, gratuities, and required expenses.**

2. Down Payment

In order for us to start reserving the hotel, restaurants, et cetera, we must begin to commit. This requires a \$162.50 per person initial down payment. This is due with your permission slip (the last page of this packet) **no later than Thursday, October 31, 2019.**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DOWN PAYMENT IS NOT REFUNDABLE after November 30, 2019.

Please consider this when deciding whether to participate in the trip.

3. Financial Obligations and Policies

Please understand that we do not pay for the trip in one large lump sum just before we leave. We have already made contact with vendors who require payment in advance, and will continue to do so through March. Because of this, **trip payments are not refundable after 30 days past the published due date.** Once the 30 days have passed, the money is committed to payments that have to be made to reserve services essential to our trip. Student accounts will be published periodically so students and parents can review the balance.

5. Financial Payment Deadlines

Amount to be paid	Date	Total Account Balance
		(Assuming no fund raising)
\$162.50	October 31	\$162.50
\$162.50	November 30	\$325.00
		--NO DECEMBER PAYMENT--
\$162.50	January 31	\$487.50
\$162.50	February 28	\$650.00

AHS Band Spring Trip
Initial Permission Slip
and
Letter of Intent
Atlanta, GA 2020

I, _____parent/guardian of
(child's first & last name)_____

have read and understand the Spring Trip information packet. My family understands and will abide by the policies. Please find enclosed the down payment of \$162.50

(non-refundable after November 30)

Please make checks payable to AHS Band.

Please **do not send cash** to school with your child!

Parent Signature