

# RUNDLETT MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Home of the Blue Dukes



Dear Parents / Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in having your child participate in this year's RMS Washington DC Trip. This experience can be an important one for any student and we are proud to offer it each year. This year we have received more interest than usual from students who would like to be a part of this experience. We must work together to assure the safety of all students on this trip. We have created guidelines that parents and students must be aware of regarding student expectations throughout the school year that ensure we all have confidence they will be safe and have a meaningful learning experience while away from home. These expectations, demonstrated consistently throughout the year, will ensure that a student is ready to have that meaningful experience. A student who is not able to consistently meet expectations during the school year will not be able to participate on this multi-day trip. Please review this information with your child so that they clearly understand these expectations throughout this school year.

Jim McCollum  
Principal

Heather K. Barker  
Assistant Principal

David Bartlett  
Assistant Principal

Cynthia Courounis  
Special Education Director

- Students who would like to participate in the Washington DC trip must demonstrate that they are able to be responsible as measured through our PRIDE rubric. Students participating on the Washington DC Trip should be achieving 3 and 4 Pride Scores in their classes. This would indicate that the student goes beyond what is expected and positively impacts the school, the classroom community or the learning of others and/or that the student does what is expected and positively impacts their learning.

- Another key area that the student must demonstrate is the ability to quickly follow directions. Washington DC is a busy place and we will be on a tight schedule throughout this learning adventure. We must know, based on experiences throughout the school year, that every student can follow instructions immediately and consistently if we are going to be safe and successful on this trip.

- Eligible students who plan on attending this experience should have minimal office referrals during the school year. They must also demonstrate the capacity to positively interact with peers and adults.

- Students who are planning on participating in the Washington DC trip must be in good standing academically. Students who are struggling academically will be offered support to improve grades throughout the school year but if a student is failing multiple courses without a valid reason, they may jeopardize their eligibility to participate on this trip. At RMS, academics always come first!

This is an experiential academic trip to expose students to a new environment and real life historical experiences. Failure to meet the requirements above may result in a student's inability to go on the trip. If a student has demonstrated themselves to be a safety concern while in school, we must assume that we cannot ensure their safety while away from home and school and in overnight situations. Mr. McCollum, Mr. Gocha, and Mrs. Sherr have final say regarding which students have met the listed criterion and will be able to participate in the trip.

*By signing below, my child and I confirm that we have read the requirements for participating on the eighth grade trip to Washington DC. We understand that students must demonstrate success through PRIDE, safety – following directions, office referrals and academics to participate on this trip. We also understand that Principal McCollum, Mr. Gocha and Mrs. Sherr will make the final decision regarding participation.*

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Parent Signature, date

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Student Signature, date

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Student Name