



Re: International Field Trips - Europe

## Role of Parent Chaperones

Parents chaperones are a welcomed and much needed part of any Europe tour. Along with enjoying this special experience with your son or daughter, there are some obligations you have as a chaperone.

### Chaperone duties:

1. Help with supervision of students, especially during "small group" activities, like some lunches and shopping time. You will be given a schedule.
2. Keep a record of trip money spent on meals and return receipts and change to Mr. Bresett or Mr. Johnson.
3. Do bed time "in-the-room" and "lights-out" checks on same gendered students.
4. In the event that a student or students becomes ill or injured and is unable to participate in the day's activity, a chaperone may be asked to stay behind with that student or students.
5. Report any behavior concerns/incidents to the sponsoring teachers.
6. Treat EVERY student on the trip with the kindness and respect that a reasonable, caring parent would. We have other people's children in our care for the duration of the trip, and we want the children to feel safe and comfortable and the parents at home to feel confident of that.
7. Treat the other adults on the trip with kindness and respect, modeling this behavior for the students.

**Chaperone expectations:** Although we want everyone to have a good time, it sometimes happens that someone participating in a tour can misbehave or do things that are incompatible with the safety, comfort, or convenience of other members of the tour. In those circumstances we have the exclusive right and discretion to expel someone (even you) from the tour at any time. Chaperones are to abstain from consuming alcohol on the trip and are expected to follow the District Code of Conduct.

The LFMSS Europe Tour is physically active and our accommodations are centrally located but may provide fewer North-American-style amenities. You assume certain obligations and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Carry or roll your own luggage for up to 15 minutes over uneven pavement from the bus to the hotel, then haul it up stairs to reach your room.
- Be comfortable on your feet with brisk walking tours, climbing lots of stairs, hopping on and off transportation, plus standing and walking for up to four hours inside museums and outdoors in all weather conditions.
- After orientation, be able to navigate towns and cities with a small group of students.

### Special duties:

Some parent chaperones will act as our "medical team", doling out over the counter medications to students if the need arises and recording this in the medical journal. We also need a chaperone or two to help with bookkeeping during the trip.