

8th GRADE GRADVENTURE FIELD TRIP - UNIVERSAL STUDIOS & ISLANDS OF ADVENTURE

FIELD TRIP EXPECTATIONS & DEADLINES

Dear Highlander Families,

Gradventure is a special culminating field trip for our 8th grade students. Our middle school graduates can celebrate with their friends as they enjoy complete, private access to Universal Studios Florida and Universal's Islands of Adventure all night long. When your student attends the only two-park middle school graduation celebration, they will enjoy live DJ's, street entertainment, and the most exciting rides and attractions. At Dunedin Highland Middle School, we want you to feel at ease, so we have included important information in this packet that explains all expectations and deadlines.

FIELD TRIP DATE: Friday, May 10, 2024 (departure from DHMS @ Noon; approximate return to DHMS 2:00 AM)

COST: \$175.00 (one full payment or three installment payments of \$75, \$50, \$50; cash/check/money order). Money orders and checks made out to *Dunedin Highland Middle School*. The cost includes park admission, transportation, one meal voucher, and a Gradventure t-shirt that students are required to wear during the field trip. Universal Studios Annual Passes are not accepted with this special event.

CAPACITY: The first **200 8th grade students** to reserve a spot will attend the trip, pending they adhere to the behavioral and academic criteria to keep their spot reservation during the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grading periods.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations will start on **Wednesday, November 15th** at 9:20 AM in Highlander Hall. In order to reserve a spot for the Gradventure field trip, students should:

- pay at least the first installment of \$75 (cash/check/money order),
- submit a completed/signed *Student & Parent Acknowledgement Form*, and
- submit a completed/signed *Gradventure Field Trip Permission Slip*.

All sales are final; partial refunds can be requested only if another student purchases your student's reserved spot. If students are paying in installments, the following payments should be made:

- ✓ **1st Installment of \$75 non-refundable deposit**– starting Wednesday, November 15th @ 9:20AM in Highlander Hall
- ✓ **2nd Installment of \$50** – by Friday, December 15th
- ✓ **3rd Installment of \$50** – by Wednesday, January 31st

BEHAVIORAL AND ACADEMIC CRITERIA

The following criteria was determined by administration and faculty to ensure that students represent our school with *respect, excellence, and pride* prior to the field trip. Once your student reserves a spot for Gradventure, they must adhere to the following behavioral and academic criteria to attend Gradventure. These expectations take effect beginning November 1, 2023 to May 10, 2024:

- Reservations are on a first come, first served basis (first 200 students with money and signed forms).
- Students may not have administrative referrals starting Wednesday, November 1st.
- Students must also have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.0 during the 2nd and 3rd grading period.
- Students may not have more than 10 unexcused tardies each grading period starting Wednesday, November 1st.

If a student is disqualified from the Gradventure field trip for failure to adhere to the behavioral and academic criteria listed above, partial refunds may be requested only if another student purchases your student's reserved spot.

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EXPECTATIONS DURING GRADVENTURE FIELD TRIP

- Students must attend school on May 10, 2024 as a normal school day in order to participate in the trip.
- During the field trip, students must follow the dress code guidelines presented by Universal Studios. *
- During the field trip, students must meet regularly with their assigned DHMS faculty chaperone at designated times/locations.
- Students must move around the parks in groups of two or more. Students are not allowed to travel alone.
- Parents are expected to pick up students at the DHMS parking lot upon our return at approximately 2:00 AM. Students will be alerted on the buses to contact a parent when we are in the vicinity of downtown Tampa, giving parents time to commute to the DHMS campus without delay.

UNIVERSAL STUDIO'S GRADVENTURE DRESS CODE

It is required that all DHMS students wear the Gradventure T-Shirt ordered as part of the field trip. The following dress code will be enforced by Universal Studios* and DHMS faculty the day of the field trip. Students will not be permitted to depart for the field trip if dress code is not followed; chaperones will conduct multiple dress code checks.

OKAY	NOT OKAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dresses, skirts, capris, shorts• Casual pants (including jeans and khakis)• Gradventure T-Shirt issued by DHMS• Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots, flip flops)• Hats and sunglasses• Drawstring backpacks, fanny packs, purses under 8.5" x 11"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clothing with holes or shredding• Clothing with offensive language or graphics• Tank tops, undershirts, short shorts and visible undergarments• Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function• Accessories such as chains, spiked collars, studded/spiked belts, bandanas, selfie sticks, and large backpacks

*Universal reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Universal has the phone numbers of 3 chaperones to contact. At that point, one of the chaperones will be contacting the parent to advise you of the situation. At any point during the night, your student can go to any of our chaperones or Universal staff for any issue, which we will promptly address. Please keep in mind, your student will have tons of fun, so they might not answer their phone right away! We can assure you that if something should happen, we will be in contact with you right away.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions or concerns about the trip, please contact Dr. Bergstrom at bergstromt@pcsb.org or Ms. Ludlam at ludlams@pcsb.org.

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PARENT & STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

After reviewing Gradventure Field Trip Permission Slip, the Gradventure Field Trip Criteria and Expectations, and Universal Studio’s Gradventure Dress Code, **I am signing this acknowledgment form in agreement to the criteria and expectations** for the Gradventure Trip that are listed below. I understand all sales are final and disqualification or cancellations may not result in a refund.

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- Student may not exceed 10 unexcused tardies to classes starting on November 1, 2023.
- Students must attend school on May 10, 2024, as a normal school day in order to participate in the trip.
- Students must follow the dress code guidelines presented by Universal Studios* during the entire trip.
- Students must meet regularly with their assigned DHMS faculty chaperone at designated times/locations.
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Directions: Print information legibly and complete the field trip slip on the back of this form.

Print Student Name:		Adult T-Shirt Size: (circle)	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Student Signature:		Student Cell Phone: (used for communication during Gradventure Field Trip)					
Print Parent Name(s):		Parent Cell Phone: (used for communication during Gradventure Field Trip)					
Parent Signature:		Email Address:					

Submit this form with the first installment (\$75 cash/check/money order) and the completed/signed field trip slip to secure your spot starting on Wednesday, November 15th. Contact Dr. Bergstrom from CGS (bergstromt@pcsb.org) or Ms. Ludlam from STEAM (ludlams@pcsb.org) with questions or concerns.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS
FIELD TRIP/ACTIVITIES PERMISSION FORM



School Dunedin Highland Middle School

I (We) hereby grant permission for _____ to participate
Student Name
in a field trip/activity to Gradventure Field Trip @ Universal Studios, Orlando on 5/10/2024-5/11/2024
Location Date
and to make authorized or emergency stops as necessary.

Students will be traveling in the following manner:

Walking School Bus Commercial Carrier Bus Rental Vehicle (Auto, Mini Van)
 Private Passenger Vehicle with District Employee Driver Volunteer Driver Student Driver*
Time of Departure (Approximate) 5/10 @ Noon Time of Return (Approximate) 5/11 @ 2:00 AM

- 1) I authorize school representatives to obtain medical treatment for my child, which includes required emergency transportation, in case of serious illness or injury and agree to pay for such treatment.
- 2) I understand that the trained school employee who usually dispenses medications may or may not be present during this trip. Medications will be dispensed by a responsible staff member.
- 3) I have documented below all precautions/instructions regarding my child's medication. I have noted any special health-related conditions or allergies regarding my child.

- 4) All provisions of the student code of conduct apply to field trips and activities. To ensure student safety and compliance with the student code, I agree that my child's luggage, belongings, and rooms (where applicable) may be randomly searched for contraband.

If the Field Trip is to a District or non-District site where students will have the opportunity to touch and hold animals, please complete the following:

Your child will have the opportunity to touch and hold captive animals during this field trip. Please check one space below to indicate your approval or denial

YES, my child may touch and hold the animals. **NO**, my child may NOT touch and hold the animals.

* From time to time students may be allowed to drive other students to and from field trips or activities on a case-by-case basis, and only with administrative approval.

I agree / **I do not agree** (check one) to allow my child to ride with another student.

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian	_____ Phone (Home)	_____ Phone (Work)	_____ Phone (Cell)
_____ Alternate Emergency Contact	_____ Phone (Home)	_____ Phone (Work)	_____ Phone (Cell)
_____ Date			