

Lansdowne Expression of Interest for Chaperones

Tours and field trips for cultural and musical education purposes are an important part of the Lansdowne Music Program. Trips to music festivals provide crucial learning opportunities for students, and the growth students show before, during and after a tour is unparalleled in terms of the impact it has on our musicians.

Travel cannot happen without the support of caring adults to serve as chaperones. Chaperones provide basic supervision and guidance to students, and, depending on individual skill sets, may contribute even more to the success of the trip (i.e., language translations, medical support, geographical guidance, etc...). A chaperone is a working individual – part of a supervisory team – and, as such, is on call 24 hours/day for the duration of the trip. In addition, a chaperone may be called upon prior to the trip to support the planning and preparatory activities required, or may be asked to accompany a student home should the school trip need to be shortened for any reason.

The number of chaperones required on any music trip depends upon the minimum number required by school district policy and the general requirements of the trip itself. **Chaperones are chosen by the Music Directors based upon the unique needs of each travel experience; it is not a given that volunteering will ensure one's position on a music trip.** Chaperone transportation and accommodation costs are covered by the students. Because the trip cannot occur without chaperones, their travel costs are simply part of the trip budget.

If you are interested in putting your name forward to help with chaperone duties, please print off and complete the attached form, and bring it to the music room, Attn: Mr. Georges. All forms should be turned in to the drop box in the music room. Also, please email the directors at lansdownemusic@gmail.com with a note that you are interested (this will help in planning as forms are turned in).

Lansdowne Music Program Chaperone Expression of Interest Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Music Student's Name: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Telephone Number: _____(H) _____(C)

Email: _____

Brief description of qualities you can bring to the travel experience (ex., prior experience working with students, medical training, languages spoken, etc.):

Do you have a current criminal record check? Yes No

(If no, the school can provide a letter so that the CRC can be done without cost to the parent.)

Lansdowne Music Program – Chaperone Expectations

Chaperones accompanying students on trips as part of the Lansdowne Music Program are expected to:

1. participate in all preparatory activities and meetings prior to the beginning of the trip;
2. take responsibility for aspects of the trip preparation as required by the Music Director(s);
3. ensure that all paperwork (Criminal Record Check, travel documents such as passports, etc.) is current and that records are available as needed;
4. be on call and available to support students 24 hours per day, except in special circumstances approved by the Music Director(s), for the duration of the trip;
5. be available to accompany a student on an early return trip home, should such a trip be deemed necessary;
6. participate in all trip-related activities, except in special circumstances approved by the Music Director(s);
7. refrain from consumption of intoxicants for the duration of the trip.

Signature: _____