



The Math & Science Exploratory School

Middle School 447

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Permission Slip for Exploration Program Trips 2015-2016

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Class # (if known) _____ Color Group (if known) _____

I hereby give my child, named above, permission to take part in all of the Exploration Program learning activities and school trips held throughout the 2015 – 2016 school year. I understand that this will be the only permission slip that I need to sign (except for trips for specific subjects, arts and grade level activities) and it will be kept on file for the duration of the school year. I also understand that:

- Transportation to Exploration sites may be by school bus, train or walking.
- Exploration trips may involve light physical activities such as lifting, gardening, and walking.
- In the event of an emergency injury or illness, the staff member(s) in charge of my child may act on my behalf and at my expense in obtaining medical treatment for my child.
- I am responsible for the actions of my child, and I release the school from all claims and liabilities that arise in connection with trips, except if due to negligence of school officials.
- ***If my child has any permanent or temporary medical needs that may affect him/her on a trip, I must attach a description to this letter upon returning it.***

Additionally, I have read and understand the Policies and Procedures on the back of this form.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____ Cell: _____

Additional Contact Name and Relationship: _____

Additional Contact Number: _____ Cell: _____



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MS 447 Exploration Policies and Procedures, 2015-2016

<u>What to Bring</u> All of the following materials are required on every Exploration Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two 2-pocket Exploration folders (one to stay at school, the other to bring back and forth)• An Exploration journal (student's choice, or a composition notebook)• Pens and pencils• An independent reading book• A personal water bottle (no sweetened or sugary drinks!)• A healthy snack on off-site days
<u>What NOT to Bring</u> These things are not allowed at any time on Exploration days, on-site or off-site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gum chewing is prohibited.• Do not bring personal electronics, including iPods, headphones, tablets, and handheld games.• Cell phones must be turned off and kept out of sight at all times, unless student is given explicit permission by their Exploration teacher.• Students are not permitted to buy food or drinks on Exploration days, unless given explicit permission.• Hats: if students bring hats to school, they must remain in lockers or backpacks. <i>With a teacher's permission, hats may sometimes be allowed when students are working outdoors.</i>• Please do not bring any items that could be used to harm or disturb people or property.
<u>What to Wear</u> Normal school dress codes apply on Exploration days, both in school and on trips!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If you are going off-site, dress appropriately for spending time outdoors. This can mean jackets, gloves, and appropriate footwear.• Shoes: wear sneakers! For safety, sandals and other open-toed shoes are not allowed on trip days.• Most off-site trips take place rain-or-shine, so check the weather and come prepared with a rain jacket and or umbrella. Remember..."there is no such thing as bad weather—only bad clothing!"
<u>How to Stay Informed and Prepared!</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Since we do not see you every day, it is essential that you use Pupil Path to keep on top of upcoming assignments and trip reminders. We will often use Pupil Path messages to send you important messages!• Check your unit calendar each week, and come to school knowing whether you are going off-site!• IF YOU ARE ABSENT - you are responsible to make up any missed work!! Check Pupil Path as soon as possible, and see your Exploration homeroom teacher if you have questions. In case of absence, students are responsible for making up all missed work. You must attend Exploration office hours within one cycle to make up missed work.