

Elkins Pointe Middle School Music Department

August 16, 2024

Dear EPMS Band Parents,

We are so excited that your child is a member of our award-winning music department! We strive each year to offer a variety of musical experiences to showcase our amazing music students and provide them with an array of performance opportunities with this year proving to be no different.

We are pleased to announce that the Elkins Pointe Middle School Band, Chorus, & Orchestra have been approved to attend Orlando Fest, a music performance festival in Orlando, FL. The '**Orlando Trip**' will take place March 13-16, 2025 and will include an adjudicated music performance (much like LGPE) at Orlando Fest as well as tickets to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure. This trip is being organized by the Elkins Pointe MS Music Department. We will leave after lunch on March 13th and return in the early evening on March 16th. We have an expected ratio of 12 students per adult.

We will have hotel accommodations, and transportation will be by luxury motor coaches. Included in the trip will be 3 nights lodging at the hotel, bus transportation, performance adjudication package, 3 breakfasts, 2 meal gift cards (\$15 value each), 2-day tickets to the theme park and special entry to the awards ceremony.

The cost of the trip is \$570.00 per person (based on quad occupancy) which will be supplemented with fundraising opportunities to cover additional trip expenses as this is not the actual full cost of the trip. While we hope all students can attend and benefit from this activity, attendance is not required and does not affect the student's instruction or evaluation. We do reserve the right to cancel this field trip if sufficient money is not available to cover all costs. We need parent chaperones to go with us. Chaperones will attend and assist at a rate of \$570.00 per person (based on double occupancy). In addition, chaperones will be required to complete a background check and pay a fingerprinting fee required by Fulton County for overnight trips. Please contact Emma Teems (Choir – at teemse@fultonschools.org), with any questions or concerns.

Specific information regarding lodging/rooming, transportation, meals, itinerary, medications, fundraising opportunities, and other important trip details will be distributed at a later date. The purpose of this letter is to determine interest and commitment to the Orlando Trip. **If your child is attending the trip a non-refundable \$100 deposit and permission form is required no later than Wednesday August 28th, 2024. Parents wishing to chaperone, must also turn in chaperone commitment and a non-refundable deposit of \$100.** The deposit and permission form are necessary and important to determine instrumentation for the ensembles and viability for the trip.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All deposits made to vendors are non-refundable. Individual cancellations received 30 days or less prior to the trip are completely non-refundable.

60 Days Prior to Trip: - Full Refund, less Vendor deposits and Administrative Service Fee.

45 Days Prior to Trip: - 50% Refund, less Vendor deposits and Administrative Service Fee

30 Days Prior to Trip: - No Refund

If an entire group cancellation is made after the 45 Day Cancellation Policy, \$100.00 per person will be assessed for Administrative Services as well as any cancellation fees assessed by vendors.

What to do now?

Permission Form or Opt-Out Form

Please fill out the form attached to this letter. Both Parent and Student need to sign the Permission or Opt-Out Form. Please use student's given name. The completed Permission or Opt. Out form is **DUE: Wednesday August 28th, 2024.**

Make Payment

Please send all deposits / payments to Mr. Wilson, Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Teems, Mr. Isaacs, or Mr. Gamba depending on which program you are participating. If you are in two programs, please choose one director to consistently make payments to make paperwork easier to manage for the directors. **Please make checks payable to EPMS.** All deposits are non-refundable. You can also pay online via the Donation Selection on OSP through the School Website to find the OSP links for All Music Programs. All of the links are Donation links, so you as parents can choose the amount you wish to pay for each payment. [Link to Pay](#)

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

August 28, 2024- \$100.00 per person (chaperone and student)
September 25, 2024 - \$115.00 per person (chaperone and student)
October 23, 2024 - \$115.00 per person (chaperone and student)
November 27, 2024– \$115.00 per person (chaperone and student)
January 15, 2025 - \$125.00 final payment (Chaperone and student)

Cashless Payments: This year EPMS has decided to go cashless with their payments. You can pay with check, money order, credit card, or a reloadable pre-paid card that you can obtain at local stores.

Full payment of the trip must be complete in order to participate in roommate selection in February. Students completing forms and/or providing insurance past this deadline date will be placed in rooms based on availability.

Covid Statement:

If you are experiencing symptoms, you will be asked to remain at home and not attend the trip.

Discipline

Any student who does not demonstrate appropriate school behavior or receives a suspension (ISS or OSS) prior to the trip as a result of an office referral may be ineligible to attend the trip at the discretion of directors and administration. This begins immediately.

We are excited about the opportunity to have our ensembles perform in this festival, and we hope everyone is able to share in this musical experience together.

Thank you for sharing your students and their musical talents with us!!!

Musically yours,

Todd Wilson, Band Director
Seth Gamba, Orchestra Director
Daniel Isaacs, Chorus – 8th Grade

Emma Teems, Chorus Director
Myah Dickerson, Band Director

