

VCS CONSERVATORY TRAVEL CONTRACT, 2024-2025

Student travel in the Conservatory is a unique educational tool for our ensembles and vital to the overall growth and development of our musicians and artists. All constituents (parents, students, school administration, chaperones, teachers, Conservatory) must be on the same page for travel to be successful and fruitful. Travel with our ensembles is a privilege that must be earned through trust, proper behavior, and respect for our core Christian values at VCS.

Our first priority is to have the students and staff travel safely. The following rules and guidelines are to that endeavor. If the school administration has deemed a student has demonstrated that they are unable, or unwilling, to follow school rules on campus in a trustworthy manner they will be offered a specialized travel accommodation plan or will simply be denied the privilege of participating. If a student is unable, or unwilling, to follow school rules and outlined policies while traveling they will be sent home at the family's expense.

Valley Christian Schools will provide chaperone contact information and general itineraries to members of the trip and their families upon request. Contact information can be used in the event of an emergency at any time.

The following chaperone to student ratios will be in effect:

- Day Trips: 1:15
- Overnight Domestic: 1:12
- Overnight International: 1:9

Travel Rules

- All school rules will be in effect at all times.
- Any possession or use of a controlled substance will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the trip at the family's expense.
- If a student is in a hotel room, other than their own, for any reason at any time, it is grounds for immediate dismissal from the trip at the family's expense.
- A student that has been deemed to have opened their hotel door after it has been secured by a faculty chaperone will be immediately dismissed from the trip at the family's expense.



"Do it heartily as to the Lord." Col. 3:23

- All VCS social media and internet rules will be in place for the duration of the trip. There will be no social media allowed after the hotel doors have been secured by a faculty chaperone. This includes any live video/photo feeds. Texting and direct calling are permissible.
- Severe infractions of school rules (at the discretion of the faculty chaperones and trip director) will be grounds for immediate dismissal from the trip at the family's expense.
- Students will stay in a minimum group of 3 or 4 while in public unless specified differently by a chaperone.
- Dress code will be enforced.
- Students should uphold a wholesome use of language, including the topics of conversation and online content, that uphold our core Christian values.
- All prescription medication will need to be labeled in a clear Ziploc bag with the student's name and instruction for use. Medication will be administered by a VCS chaperone for the duration of the trip. Some exceptions may apply (ex. inhalers and EpiPens). Prescription medicine forms are available in the Conservatory office.
- For "over the counter" medications (ex. Ibuprofen, acetaminophen, antacid, etc.), parents may fill out an "over the counter" medication form so chaperones can administer common medicines if a student comes down with an illness, headache, stomachache, etc.

Travel Guidelines

- Students are expected to be inclusive and demonstrate Christ-like character when dealing with other members of the trip.
- Students should maintain a positive attitude; traveling in large groups requires patience and flexibility.
- Students are expected to always be on time.
- Students should understand that while each student is valued, decisions on the trip are made for the good of the whole. The students should think of their travel as an enjoyable 'business trip,' not a personalized vacation.
- Students need to listen and focus quietly to trip chaperones, directors or adults who are giving daily updates and trip information.

Please read, sign, and detach the next page and return to Miss Rebekah Risk in the Theatre Office no later than Friday, October 25, 2024.



TRAVEL CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Please read, sign, and detach this page and return it to Miss Rebekah Risk in the Theatre Office no later than Friday, October 25, 2024.

I have read, understand, and agree to the VCS CONSERVATORY TRAVEL CONTRACT.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Student Printed Name