

lafayette choir

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All-State Conduct Expectations

As an approved school trip, all school and organization rules and policies set forth in the student handbook are in effect for the duration of the tour.

GROUP TRAVEL HINTS

1. You are representing your school & community. Good manners are always a plus wherever you are!
2. Do NOT leave the convention area by yourself. Always be in groups of two or more (Even in the convention complex).
3. Chaperones do not have to accompany students to all meals, but students are responsible to notifying your assigned chaperone where you will be. ALWAYS!
4. Students MUST go in groups to eat. No exceptions. Do not leave someone by themselves to go find another group.
5. If you feel ill, tell your chaperone immediately.
6. Review your itinerary and be aware of your responsibilities.
7. It takes time to move a large group. Be patient. Arrive on time.
8. Eat properly & sleep at night. Every student MUST eat breakfast! Announcements for the day will be given then—you MUST be present.
9. You may NOT use cell phones or allow them to be visible during rehearsals. They will be confiscated by conference personnel or Mr. Marsh. DO NOT TEXT MESSAGE during rehearsal. Cell phones may be used only during long meal breaks. (Not during short water or restroom breaks. You may not leave a rehearsal for use of the phone.
10. The directors are involved in workshops and meetings throughout the event and will not be around during the day. Please notify the head chaperone if problems arise. Directors will be able to be reached by cell phone.
11. The head chaperone will communicate with the director the status of students.

MOTORCOACH INSTRUCTIONS

1. Do not leave personal items on the coach.
2. Food may be taken on board as long as the coach is kept clean. Take your trash off the bus!
3. Please treat your drivers with respect. Drivers have your lives in their hands!
4. Do not disembark until you are told to leave the bus. Do Not Run once you disembark!
5. Please, No Flash Photography while on board the motor coach. No Laser Pointers allowed on the trip.
6. Please remain seated while vehicle is in motion.
7. Walkmans and mp3 players may be taken, however music volume must be kept low. The person next to you should not be disturbed by it.
9. You may bring DVD videos for the short bus ride. Only PG-13 movies and below.

HOTEL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read the instructions in your room concerning an emergency escape.
2. **Curfew** will be strictly enforced! Students should abide by all lights-out times – and not remain awake playing games or talking. At curfew, you must be in your room. No one is to enter your room after curfew except chaperones or staff. Keep the noise level down.
3. Chaperones will check rooms each night to make sure only assigned Lafayette All-State students are in hotel rooms. There are to be absolutely no guests at any time – this includes the last night. Adhere to all guidelines regarding curfews.
4. Elevators are for all hotel guests; respect the other guests.
5. Room telephones are only to call room-to-room. If you need an adult at night for any reason, call their room. **DO NOT** leave your room after curfew without first notifying an adult.
6. Keep your room locked. Keep track of the key. A room captain will carry the key.
7. No student is allowed in the room of a person of the opposite sex.
8. While on chorus trips, we often hire security personnel to monitor hallways during the evening hours. Guards will be posted on each floor from 11pm-7am each night. In case of an infraction of trip rules (curfew, etc), your parents will be called to come to pick you up. Don't create this situation for yourself!
9. Do not order food for delivery to your room—Eat at meal time!
10. Students will have notified the director (who will communicate to the head chaperone) regarding their travel arrangements home. Students are not to be driving themselves or others home from this event.

WHAT TO PACK

1. Toiletries and medications. Do not pack any medications. Prescription medications must be in a Rx labeled bottle with your name and directions on it. We will have over-the-counter products (Tylenol, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, etc.) in our first aid kits. All medications **MUST** be given to the designated chaperone prior to leaving town. We must follow FCPS rules regarding medications.
2. Camera and plenty of film or memory cards.
3. Hotel rooms often have a hair dryer—share! Use the buddy system.
4. Put Performance Attire in black garment bags. You know what you need! Remember the shoes (and socks) you wear with your formal attire.
5. Snacks must be securely packed—hotel machines are expensive.

WHAT *NOT* TO PACK*

1. ****Prohibited items according to FCPS code of conduct. This includes items that could be weapons, prohibited chemicals, alcohol, tobacco, etc.**
 2. Prohibited rated videos.
 3. Video Game systems are prohibited on some tours. (TBA)
- *Luggage checks will be a part of all tours. Chaperones will inspect each student's luggage prior to departure of a trip.
- **Drug and Alcohol Screens - These tests are carried by directors on all trips. Suspect students will be required to submit to a test.**

DRESS CODE

1. We want you to be comfortable, however we must always represent our school and program well. Only pack jeans without holes. No cutoffs or mid-drifts. Specific dress codes will be announced for each tour/trip.
2. Appropriate rehearsal/sleeping attire. Please use discretion in your choice of clothing.
3. Be presentable. No ragged jeans, clothing. etc. Wear appropriate shirts.
4. Warm clothing/layers. You may need to walk outdoors for meals.

Straying from these rules are grounds for being sent home early and future All-State and Choral trip privileges may be revoked at the discretion of the directors.

Remember that at all times you are representing Lafayette High School, the choir, and your directors! Be in the right place at the right time, and always act in the appropriate manner even when you think no one is watching!