

SUDIE TAG DC TRIP

October 7-10, 2025

- This is a privilege
- All student must contribute to its success both with behavior, grades, and fundraising
- DEADLINES are important!
- <https://sudieclassof2026.org/>
- [Parent Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



Important Dates

- Remaining balances and scholarship requests are due as soon as possible
- Names & DOB are due to the airline August 29th.
- MANDATORY In-person DC Parent Meeting
 - 6:30 pm on September 22 Sudie Auditorium
 - Childcare will be provided

Class Website

<https://sudieclassof2026.org/>

- Students can access the Google Classroom Resources
- Parents make sure to check Remind and GroupMe!
- [Parent Volunteer Sign-Up](#)



Eighth grade Activities for Class of 2026

| Activity | Date |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sunrise Breakfast | August 11 |
| Loteria | November 1 |
| December Pop-Up | December |
| 8th grade banners | January |
| Talent Show | March |
| Memory Book | April |
| High School Signing Day | April |
| Service Celebration Activity | May |
| End of Year Party | May |
| Teacher Appreciation Lunch | May |
| Elevation Ceremony | May |
| Legacy Gift | May |



By the Numbers

Fundraising: Cash-in-Hand

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Student Donations | \$72,140 |
| Election Day Bake Sale | \$4,625 |
| Valentine Grams | \$1,273 |
| March Madness | \$860 |
| Read-A-Thon | \$5,500 |
| Sudie Night Live | \$6,021 |
| Egg My Yard | \$6,845 |
| Class of 2024 | \$2,900 |
| You've Been Pawed! | \$5,002 |
| Parent Sponsorships | \$18,860 |
| Letter Writing/Corporate | \$9,100 |
| Chaperone Donations | \$3,000 |
| Total | \$136,126 |

Pledges

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Student Donations Pledged | \$9,850 |
| Corporate Donations Pledged | \$2,600 |
| Parent Chaperone Donations Pending | \$15,000 |
| Total Pledges to be Collected | \$27,450 |

Final Fundraiser (Loteria): **Est \$10,000**

Projected Total: **\$170,176.25**

Expenses

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Flights | \$58,000 |
| Hotel & Security | \$38,000 |
| Transportation | \$28,000 |
| D.C. Activities | \$16,000 |
| Food, gear, and incidentals | \$18,000 |
| 8th Grade activities | \$12,000 |
| Total | \$170,000 |

Fundraising: Individual Contributions

- All students are expected to contribute to the process
- Remaining balance & pledges due ASAP
- Scholarships available
 - Extra fundraising hours are strongly encouraged for those receiving scholarships



Fundraising: Corporate Sponsorships

- Sending 5 Sponsorship Request letters = 1 volunteer hour
 - [More Info Here](#)
- Sponsorship Request letter is already written for you
 - Make 5 copies and hand deliver or email
 - [Click here for Sponsorship Request Letter Template](#)
 - [Click here for donation form for businesses](#)
 - [Direct donation link](#)
- Once you send out 5 letters, input your contribution to the [google form](#) to receive your volunteer hours

Fundraising: Volunteer Hours

- Each student should have a minimum of 3-4 hours by helping with 2 class fundraising activities
- Extra volunteer hours are always welcome!
- Students must complete the [form](#) for each event
 - They must be logged into google classroom to do so

Fundraising: Loteria

- Last big event for 8th grade fundraising is Loteria on Nov. 1
- Since the date is AFTER the trip, we will accept volunteer commitments via a sign-up genius that will come out in September.
- ALL 8th grade students are expected to contribute in some way to this fun event!
- Email sudieclassof2026@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the committee!



We have an awesome Loteria Raffle Prize!

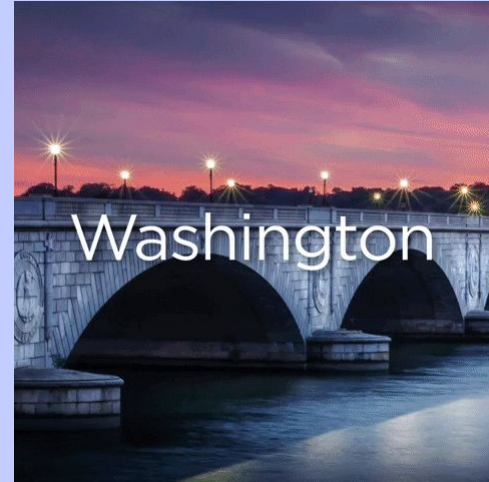


TWO TICKETS!

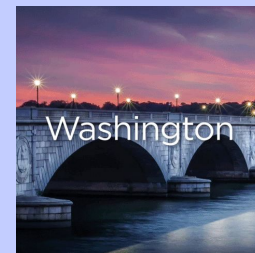


Some Trip Notes

- Plane tickets are purchased
- Itinerary is (mostly) finalized
- Students will complete a roommate preference form in the fall
- Roommate/Groups will not be announced until the week before the trip.
- We carefully plan each step of the trip, so please know that we are making decisions with the students' best interests



Tentative Itinerary



| Day 1 - Tuesday, October 7th | Day 2- Wednesday, October 8th | Day 3- Thursday, October 9th | Day 4- Friday, October 10th |
|--|---|------------------------------|--|
| Breakfast @ Sudie | Breakfast @ Hotel | Breakfast @ Hotel | Breakfast @ Hotel |
| Flight 1: depart DFW 7:01 am arrives DCA 11:01 am Flight 2: depart DFW 8:12 am arrives DCA 12:24 pm | 9:00 WW2 Memorial/Reflecting Pool | 9:00 Jefferson Memorial | 10:00 - 12 National Archives **Reservations Open October 1st** |
| Lunch on the Lawn | 9:45-11:45 Spy Museum | 10:00 Ford's Theatre | Lunch on the Lawn |
| 1:30-4:00 Scavenger Hunt - American History Smithsonian | 12:00 Lunch on the Lawn | DC Souvenior Shops | 1-3 Smithosian Choice: Natural History Museum American Art Museum |
| 1:30-4:00 Washington Monument **Reservations Open September 7th at 9:00 AM** | 1-4 African American Museum | Lunch @ Hardrock | 3:30-4:30 pm 2nd Plane Group: National Portrait Gallery |
| 4:00 Photo Ops: Supreme Court, Capitol, White House | Clothes Change, Pizza @ Hotel | 2:00 pm Mount Vernon | Dinner @ Airport |
| Dinner | 6:30 Arts & Ideals JFK Exhibit (Self Guided) Pictures on the Terrace | Dinner @ Mount Vernon | Flight 1: depart DCA 5:15 pm arrives DFW 7:55 pm (59) Flight 2: depart DCA 7:17 pm arrives DFW 9:52 pm (59) |
| Monument Night Tours | 7:30pm Shear Maddness 115 tickets | 7 pm - <u>Ghost Tour</u> | |

Chaperones



- Due to seat constraints on the buses, there is a maximum number of chaperones that we can take
 - Chosen chaperones have been contacted
 - Chaperones will have to be approved via Voly
- Thank you for your interest!!!

Behavior Contract



Washington D.C. Student Behavior Contract



Student Name: _____ Advisor: _____

Teachers and Parents at Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy are planning an 8th field trip to Washington D.C. To ensure this trip is a success, we need everyone to do their part each day to minimize classroom disruptions and keep our school safe.

All students are receiving this contract as a notice of what behaviors would place them at risk of not being permitted to participate in the 8th Grade D.C. Trip. Thus, the goal of this contract is to remind students and parents of the behavioral expectations in all classrooms, hallways, and throughout the entirety of the trip. If these expectations are not met, I understand that I will not be allowed to participate in the D.C. trip and may be sent home *DURING* the trip.

I understand that for me to participate in the D.C. trip and remain on the trip with my classmates, I must meet all of the following expectations listed below. I must meet expectations *BEFORE* and *DURING* the trip.

Read and initial each statement below.

Before the trip:

- _____ I agree to not disrupt classrooms, hallways, and other areas of Sudie Williams TAG Academy.
- _____ I understand I cannot have more than two after school reset sessions.
- _____ I understand I cannot have an office behavior referral.
- _____ I understand that I cannot have more than 3 dress code violations.
- _____ I understand I cannot have any in-school suspensions or any out-of-school suspensions.
- _____ I understand I can not use profanity, expletives, and other offensive language.
- _____ I understand I cannot have a failing grade in any class.
- _____ I agree to all classroom expectations including: staying on task, and completing assignments on time.
- _____ I understand that I must complete my fundraising duties.
- _____ I understand that I cannot take my phone, iPad, computer or any other electronic devices. If I fail to adhere to this, I will be removed from the trip at my parents' expense.
- _____ I understand I must return this contract to my advisory teacher with my parent's/guardian's signature.
- _____ I understand that my parent must complete the Medication for D.C form prior to departure and return to Nurse Bennett



Return signed sheets by
Thursday, August 21st!



Washington D.C. Student Behavior Contract



I understand the important role that I play in making this trip to Washington D.C. memorable, fun, and safe. I understand that my behavior is a reflection on my character and the values that we share at Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy.

Read and initial each statement below.

During the trip:

- _____ I pledge to represent the Sudie Essentials at all times.
- _____ I pledge to be responsible and show good citizenship.
- _____ I pledge to have a positive attitude, no matter the experience.
- _____ I pledge to respond promptly and politely to staff & parent chaperone directions.
- _____ I pledge to hold myself accountable for my actions, including being on time.

I have discussed the rules and expectations with Sudie L. Williams TAG Academy staff and my parents/guardians and I am aware of all consequences and understand that my failure to adhere to expectations before the trip will forfeit any payments that have already been processed at the time of removal. Please sign below to indicate you have reviewed this contract and that you understand what is expected of you while at school.

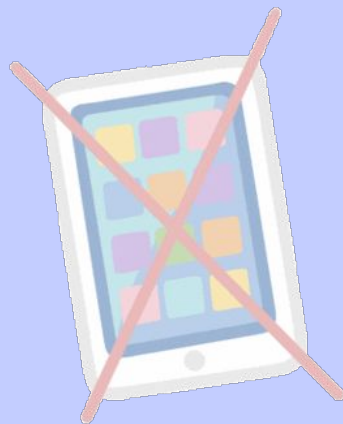
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|--------------|-------------------|
| Student Name | Student Signature |
| Parent Name | Parent Signature |

Sudie Essentials

- It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice!
- Know your worth!
- Always give the best version of yourself.
- Answer greetings or any question with complete sentences.
- Answer with affirmatives: Yes or No. Not until you, uh-huh, yeah, or now are NOT acceptable!
- Be accountable to your peers, as we all need each other.
- Be considerate of others.
- Be empathetic and kind to all people and animals; treat others like you expect to be treated.
- Be personal: make eye contact when speaking and be engaged in your conversations.
- Be positive, supportive, and encouraging.
- Celebrate the successes of others.
- Do not interrupt when others are speaking, unless it's an emergency.
- Greet others by name and always ask how they are doing.
- Seek to understand first, then be understood.
- Own when you're wrong, learn, then move on.
- Respect others properly.
- Respect other's personal space, as they should respect yours.
- Say "Thank you" or other forms of gratitude within a 3 second time-frame.
- Self-efficacy. (Show the ability to motivate, encourage, and govern yourself.)
- Set high expectations for yourself.
- Take pride in your environment and make a difference whenever you can.
- Take responsibility for yourself, it's always your [1st] assignment.
- Take school-wide rules and drills seriously!
- Use your time wisely, it's your greatest treasure.
- Walk with a purpose. Head held high and quietly, as if you have somewhere to be!

NO PHONE ZONE

- No devices is a SAFETY issue and will be taken very seriously. Devices must be left at home.
- Students can contact home every night via chaperone and teacher devices.
- The chaperones will take PLENTY of pictures.
- Parent chaperones- please do not bring your child's phone
- No smart watches, tablets, kindles, gameboys, etc
 - They can bring card games, physical books, chess sets, etc.
 - It's like a trip in the 90s!!
- Students caught with phones will be sent home at parents' expense



Mental & Physical Health



- This is a very strenuous trip, both physically and mentally
- Nurse Bennet will be with us to give out medications
 - All medications will have to officially requested to the nurse before the trip
 - This includes over-the-counter medications
 - Forms will be passed out at the September 22 meeting
- If your child sees a mental health professional, please have their counselor or psychologist sign off on attendance
- The chaperones need to know of any potential issues
 - We will keep everything confidential
- If your child may need extra emotional support, has difficulty with authority, or tends to struggle in group settings, please make us aware and consider chaperoning to ensure a positive experience for everyone.

Next Steps

- Students submit any volunteer hours
 - They DO NOT need to submit hours for anything non-Sudie fundraising related!
- Pay remaining trip balance or let us know if your student is in need of a scholarship this week.
- Payments can be made at [this link](#).
- [Sign-up to support the 8th grade activities](#)



8th Grade Activities

- There are SOOOO many!
- We need lots of volunteers throughout the year. Many hands make light work!
- [Parent Volunteer Sign-Up](#)
 - We want everyone to make this the best 8th grade year!
- Parents who completed this form in May are in the process of being contacted.





Photos **NEEDED**

4th



5th



6th



7th



8th



*PhotoCircle
is your friend...*

Please add baby photos and photos from grades 4-7 by September 30
Include first and last names of all students in the photos