



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Fulton County School System – Northwestern Middle School

Dear Parents,

In connection with the standards for **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra**, our sixth grade classes will take a field trip to a special performance by the **Atlanta Symphony Orchestra**, located at the Woodruff Arts Center, Symphony Hall, 1280 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**. The performance is called **The Colors of Music**. “This concert will introduce young audiences to the orchestra through an exploration of color through music and how we use visual art to illustrate these ideas. The orchestra will feature pieces like Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 to illustrate the dark and bright colors of a thunderstorm and Ravel's Mother Goose Suite to explore the muted colors of Impressionism. We also invite students to experience Stravinsky's Firebird paired with the artist Kandinsky to demonstrate how music depicts intensely contrasting bright colors. Maestro Mulligan is thrilled to complete this concert with Atlanta School of Composers member Christopher Theofanidis and his symphony Rainbow Body.”

This trip is being sponsored by the music department directors. Students will go to first period and leave class at 9:30 am and report to the cafeteria to get in chaperone groups and board buses. We will return by **3:30pm**. We will be traveling by motor coach and will have 15 adult chaperones, including parents and teachers. The expected ratio is 11 students for every adult.

Please complete the permission slip and return it as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, November 3**. The cost to attend this trip is **\$30**, which includes your concert ticket and travel by bus. This fee must be paid through Online School Payments (**OSP**), which will be open from **October 23 to November 3 at midnight**. The link will say **Atl Symphony Field Trip** and “Sixth Grade Music Department Field Trip to Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on January 17 No Refunds.” This trip is first come, first served and we have a limited number of tickets to sell on OSP. When the tickets are all sold, OSP will automatically close. Last year, one of our field trips sold out in two days, so please be prompt. We have included instructions on how to use OSP with this letter- but be sure to use the [Atl Symphony Field Trip](#) link. The field trip fee is non-refundable even if your child is unable to participate for any reason. Late payments and forms will not be accepted as we have a deadline with the Atlanta Symphony and the charter bus company. We would like every student to be able to participate regardless of ability to pay. If you need assistance paying for this trip, please email your director to discuss arrangements for your child.

The cost for **chaperones** to attend is also \$30. Chaperones are first come, first served as well and should be paid on OSP. All chaperones must be registered. The site can be found by googling “Fulton County Schools Volunteer.” This registration process takes just a few minutes, and must be completed once each school year. To be confirmed takes a few days so please complete this process early. Chaperones will be assigned and responsible for a group of 10-12 students throughout the day and must ride the bus to and from the field trip. There is a chaperone meeting at 9:00 am on the day of the trip in the cafeteria. Please be early as you will need to check into the front office and get your name tag, which can take a few minutes.



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All sixth graders are required to wear the blue **music department t-shirt** as an informal uniform for this field trip. It will be much easier to keep up with our students if they are all dressed alike. The shirt is \$10 and can also be purchased on OSP. Be sure to use the correct link for Band, Chorus, or Orchestra. After the Symphony performance, we will walk to the Colony Square food court for lunch. **Students should bring lunch money.** Bring a coat in case it is cold or windy. We look forward to traveling to the ASO with you!

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PLEASE KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS



PARENT/GUARDIAN
INSTRUCTIONAL FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM
SIXTH GRADE



Student Name: _____

I give permission for my child to accompany his/her music class on the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra trip on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 and I have made the \$30 payment on OSP.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

CHAPERONES ONLY

I will be a chaperone for this trip and I will attend the chaperone meeting at 9:00 on the day of the trip, and I have paid for myself on OSP as well. I am registered or will register as a Fulton County Schools Volunteer.

Parent chaperone name _____ Cell phone number _____

Chaperone Signature _____