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## Dr. John Long Middle School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are planning to celebrate our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students moving on to high school with a field trip in their honor to “Gradventure” 2024 at Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure in Orlando, FL on May 10, 2024. Students will remain at school following normal dismissal on the day of the trip. Attendance at school on the day of the trip is mandatory in order to participate in Gradventure. We will depart JLMS at approximately 2:30 pm. Students will be provided with a light dinner/snack prior to departure. We will return to JLMS at approximately 1:00 am.

This year we will Charter 7 buses, and this will allow us to only take 350 students.

The cost of this field trip is \$190 and includes admission to the park, a dinner voucher, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade shirt, the cost of the charter bus, and a light dinner/snack prior to departing for the trip. The dinner voucher provided is only good for 1 meal. Students will be responsible for the cost of any snacks or additional food or beverage items and any souvenirs they would like to purchase. Students are encouraged to bring snacks and water for travel on the bus, they are not allowed in the park. Students should bring a cellular phone (if they have one) for communication with chaperones. Students will receive their 8<sup>th</sup> grade T-shirts on the day before the trip. T-shirts are to be worn throughout the trip accompanied by other dress code attire. Dress code violations will result in removal from the trip. Please see the attached Gradventure dress code document.

Parent volunteers (approved) may be needed as chaperones for the trip. The number of chaperones will be based on the number of students participating in the event. If you are interested in chaperoning, please be sure to immediately process a volunteer application with Pasco County School District, as you must be an approved volunteer to attend, and it may take the School District a significant amount of time to process these applications. You must fill out a new volunteer application each year. Please email your name, email address, student name and Science teacher of your student to [jfrenchk@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jfrenchk@pasco.k12.fl.us) if you are interested in chaperoning. We will contact parents based on need and seniority of interest expressed at least 3 weeks prior to the trip. We very much appreciate all in advance that may express interest, however, we can only accommodate a certain ratio to students. If you are selected to become a chaperone, please plan to attend a chaperone meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 8am in Room 3-117, Mr. Frenchko’s room to review chaperone responsibilities and checklist.

Payment is due by March 8, 2023. **Payments are non-refundable after the due date.** Online payments must be made through the Parent my student portal. please add your students shirt size in the drop down menu provided (adult sizes only). Please be sure of size, as exchanges will not be possible. If another arrangement of payment is needed, please advise your teacher in writing. If you wish to make a donation to help any student not able to afford this trip, please add it to the proper payment option payment under Gradventure donation, not Gradventure. We are looking forward to spending this amazing time with your students!

*Participation in this activity is a privilege that can be withheld if a student violates the student code of conduct or has demonstrated unsatisfactory attendance or academic performance.*  
*FINAL DECISIONS WILL BE UP TO THE DISCRETION OF JLMS ADMINISTRATION*

## Dress Code

All schools should conduct their own security and dress code screening prior to departing for Gradventure.

### OK

#### ACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Dresses, skirts, capris or shorts
- Casual pants (including jeans)
- Casual blouses and tops with sleeves
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, dress sandals, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Any bags and purses must be under the size of 8.5" x 5.5" (half a sheet of paper) including drawstring backpacks
- Drawstrings bags **ARE** allowed
- Casual pants (including khakis)
- Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts)

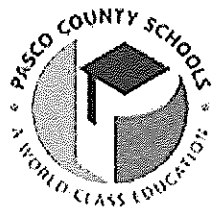
### NOT OK

#### UNACCEPTABLE ATTIRE

- Clothing with holes or shredding
- Clothing with obscene, offensive language or graphics
- Visible undergarments
- Tank tops or undershirts
- Clothing that exposes excessive portions of the skin that may be viewed as inappropriate at a school function (e.g., bikini tops and bottoms)
- Short shorts
- Area codes displayed on clothing
- Accessories such as chains, spiked collars or studded/spiked belts
- Bandanas
- Selfie sticks STUDENTS
- Large backpacks

**IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS WEAR MATCHING, BRIGHTLY COLORED SHIRTS WITH THEIR SCHOOL CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ON THEM.**

**\*Universal Orlando reserves the right to refuse entry into the event or require the purchase of appropriate clothing for non-compliance with the dress code.**



DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY PARENT RELEASE

MIS Form #166  
Rev. 02/23

TRANSPORTATION BY:

School Bus/Van \_\_\_\_\_ Walking \_\_\_\_\_ Charter XX

Date of Field Trip 5/10/2024 Sponsor John Long Middle School

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ having been accepted by the  
Student Name - Please Print \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
principal, teacher(s), or other personnel of John Long Middle School School of the District School

Board of Pasco County to go on a school sponsored trip to Gradventure @ Universal Studios, Orlando Fl,  
and I, the undersigned, understand that my child, if transported by a charter bus, school bus/van or walking, hereby release the District School Board of Pasco County,  
the individual members of said Board, the Superintendent, the principal, teachers or other employees of the school, and volunteer leaders from any financial  
responsibility because of sickness of the student while going to, returning from, or attending said field trip or because of any accident in which the student is injured.  
To ensure prompt attention in case of sickness or accident, I hereby authorize the person(s) in charge of said trip to incur expenses considered necessary for treatment,  
and I agree to pay for same if this is in excess of the amount paid by any accident or health insurance policy that may be in effect at the time of the sickness or accident.

In any situation in which the safety and security of students might be compromised (e.g., Red Alert Status issued by the Department of Homeland Security, severe weather  
conditions, etc.) the District School Board of Pasco County will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of its students and staff, including the cancellation of  
scheduled field trips and school events. Should this trip or event be cancelled as a result of such an event, the District cannot guarantee any monies (including deposits)  
will be refunded by the vendor(s) associated with this transaction. Therefore, students, parents, guardians, etc., are hereby cautioned and advised that the District will not  
be liable for any reimbursements associated with this event that are not refunded by the vendor(s) and returned to the District.

I have documented below all precautions/instructions regarding my child's medication. I have noted any special health related conditions or allergies regarding my  
child. I understand that the trained school employee who usually dispenses medication may or may not be present during the trip. Medications will be dispensed by a  
trained school employee (in accordance with Board Policy 5330).

Please list any medication(s) your child is currently taking (at home or school): (Dosages/Times)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Health Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent or Guardian - Please Print \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Rural Route, or P.O. Box

\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Additional Emergency Contact / Relationship to Student \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY**  
**District and/or School Sponsored**  
**Events/Activities**  
**Parent Permission Form**

Pursuant to 1001.02(1), (2)(n), F.S., Pasco County Schools strives to protect the safety and welfare of all students and the fundamental rights of parents regarding school and/or district sponsored events and activities.

District/School-sponsored refers to any event or activity created for students to study or participate in while in the custody of the school district, including field trips, extracurricular activities or other supplemental programs and activities as defined in Rule 6A-10.085, F.A.C.

**Name of the event or activity:** Gradventure @ Universal Studios

**Activity Description:** 8th grade EOY trip for students to enjoy a day at Universal.

**Date of event or activity:** May 10, 2024

**Time of event or activity:** 2:30 pm to return on May 11, 2024 at 1am

**Location:** Orlando Fl

**Types of sponsors and or guests:** JLMS teachers and parents

**Anticipated Number of Chaperones:** 40

**By signing and returning this form to my child's school, I formally state that I grant permission to the District School Board of Pasco County to allow participation in the above-described event or activity.**

Last Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand fully the conditions set forth in this document.**

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**2023-2024 Dr. John Long Middle School**  
**End-of-Year Activity Expectations**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

JLMS students wanting to participate in our End-of-Year (EOY) activities: Universal Gradventure and our 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance are expected to consistently follow the student code of conduct at all times. In order to participate, academic and behavioral expectations have been established.

**Any student who incurs the following academic or behavioral infractions during the current school year starting 11/6 will NOT be eligible to participate:**

- more than two on-campus referrals or more than two bus referrals
- any level two or level three referral in the fourth quarter.
- failing more than one core subject course up to the first semester of the school year, in which the course has not been recovered by the week prior to the event.
- danger of failing more than one core content subject for second semester of current year. A grade check will take place one week prior to the event and final determination will be made on the Monday before the event.

These infractions are cumulative for the school year. If a student loses the EOY activity in the second, or third quarter, points may be earned to regain participation in the EOY activities. A total of 200 points must be earned by the end of Quarter 3 (**March 7**). Points must be documented by the student and signed off by a supervising teacher/adult if earning points through participation or volunteering. Students must meet with their grade level administrator to turn in points and verify eligibility at least one week prior to the events. Ways to earn points:

- Attendance: If you miss two days or less per quarter during the second, third and fourth quarters, you will earn 25 points for each quarter. (75 points total).
- Academic: If you earn A, B, or C grades in your 4 core classes on your report card:
  - A- 20 points
  - B- 15 points
  - C- 10 points
- Volunteer: For volunteering at Special Olympics, PTSA events, sporting events, special need classrooms, or community events, you will earn 25 points. (Maximum of 4 events can be counted toward points).

I understand the behavior expectations for the EOY activities. I also understand that If I lose my privilege of participating in the EOY activities during quarters 2 or 3 of this school year, I may earn a total of 200 individual points in order to regain participation. I also understand that my points must be documented and signed off by a supervising teacher/adult if earning points through participation or volunteering. I acknowledge that I am responsible for my behavior.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and we understand the requirements as set forth for my student to be eligible to participate in the EOY activities planned for the students at Dr. John Long Middle School. We also understand that these are school-sponsored activities, and the Code of Student Conduct will be strictly enforced. **We also understand that if we pay for any of the activities, but then my child does not attend due to disciplinary, academic, or personal reasons, the amount paid toward the field trip will be NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_