

MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**Parent/Guardian Approval
MCPS Virtual Field Trip/Program Addendum**Office of School Support and Improvement
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland 20850**PURPOSE**

This is a parent permission form for virtual field trips and programs that may occur outside of MCPS's approved virtual platform(s). This means that the field trip or program host may be someone other than an MCPS employee or agent and the video conferencing and other virtual platforms they may use have not been vetted or approved by MCPS. These trips and programs are strictly voluntary. For questions, please contact your program coordinator.

School _____ Grade Level/Group _____

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP SPONSORDate(s) of Trip ____/____/____ ____/____/____ From ____:____ a.m./ p.m. to ____:____ a.m./ p.m.

Student Cost \$ _____

Type of Virtual Platform (check one)

 MCPS Zoom Virtual Platform Non-MCPS Virtual Platform (name of virtual platform) _____

Purpose of Trip _____

School Staff Sponsor _____ Date ____/____/____

The student named below may be excused in the above-described activity.

Signature of Principal _____ Date ____/____/____

**PART II: TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN, OR ELIGIBLE STUDENT
PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE IN VIRTUAL PROGRAM AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

On behalf of my minor child _____ (student name) who is a Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) student at _____ (school name) and is the participant named on this form, I acknowledge and accept the following conditions (please initial below):

_____ My student will participate virtually in this virtual field trip/program using EITHER the MCPS Zoom Virtual Platform OR the activity provider's videoconferencing platform (a non-MCPS virtual platform), that my child's participation in the virtual field trip/program(s) is wholly voluntary, and that virtual field trip/programs may occur outside of MCPS' approved virtual platform.

_____ My student will be chaperoned in the virtual space, for the entirety of the field trip, by either an MCPS professional or a qualified chaperone who has completed the compliance requirements (fingerprinting/background check and the online Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect training).

_____ My student understands that they are held accountable to the expectations as outlined in the MCPS Code of Conduct.

_____ My student will report any concerns during the virtual field trip with their MCPS professional chaperone and sponsor.

_____ In consideration of the acceptance of my student to participate in the virtual field trip/program, and the benefits derived by my student from participation, I agree to release and hold harmless MCPS, the Montgomery County Board of Education, its members, the superintendent of schools, and any and all other of their agents, servants, and/or employees from any claims, costs, suits, actions, judgments, and expenses arising from my student's participation in the virtual field trip/program.

_____ I agree and consent to my student's participation in the virtual field trip/program and do assume all risks and hazards that are conducted as part of the associated virtual activities.

_____ I grant permission for my student to participate in a virtual field trip/program, including a virtual field trip/program that is conducted on a non-MCPS virtual platform.

PART III: SIGNATURES

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above, and grant permission for my student to participate in a virtual field trip/program. I further understand that, if signed electronically, my electronic submission of this form, and my electronic signature, are intended to be, constitute, and are equivalent to my personal signature.

Student Name _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone Number ____-____-____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone Number ____-____-____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____