

Frequently asked questions regarding the Quebec trip

- 1. Who will be chaperoning this trip? 1 chaperone for each 10 students - teachers and district employees first, then if we need more, parents with CORI checks
- 2. Is there ever a time when the children will be doing something without the chaperones present? yes, definitely. There are two lunch periods in Old Quebec when they go together in small groups and eat in cafes), and one time in the mall. We do not allow anyone to walk around anywhere alone. If we spot a student alone for even a minute, we make them walk around with us.
- 3. Where will the chaperones be sleeping in relationship to where the children are sleeping? the chaperone rooms are interspersed with the student rooms - same floor.
- 4. Would the children be able to leave their rooms without being seen by an adult? Not after lights out because there is a security guard on the floor from 11 to 6. The guard will let them come see me, but that's it.
- 5. Approximately how much extra money would Kelly need to take for the activities listed "at individual expense?" No more than \$60 to \$75 for meals and a souvenir.
- 6. How are medical issues dealt with? We're in a city with a hospital. If a student is sick and can't go with the group somewhere, one of the chaperones stays back. There is no nurse. I hold the prescription and non-prescription meds and dole them out as needed.
- 7 Kelly takes over- the- counter, as well as prescription medication. How is that handled? I hold onto all meds. I have a small supply of tylenol and ibuprofen. If you would like to give me permission to administer it to your child, please put it in writing on the Student Health and Medical Information form.
- 8. Kelly is an extremely picky eater. She only eats the most basic of things, and has a very small amount of items that she chooses from. What will her options be when it comes to meals? We tell the restaurant ahead of time if we have dietary restrictions. For lunches, it's much like here - you eat somewhere where you can find food you eat. At breakfast, it's a buffet except for the croissants and hot chocolate café. For dinner, there are a few choices, nothing fancy.
- 9. How much luggage do kids need for the trip? One moderate sized bag for under the bus and a backpack for on the bus. The kids need to be able to carry their own luggage up a flight of stairs.
- 10. What about cell phones? Students should take cell phones, but you should be aware that many services have high roaming charges to foreign countries, like Canada. You should let your child know what YOUR expectations are for cell phone use. A quick call home, call any time you want, or call anyone as much as you want. Texting is also more expensive from Canada.
- 11. What about other electronic devices? Students are encouraged to take cameras, iPods, etc. Parents should just be aware that kids are not as careful with these things as we would hope they would be.
- 12. Is a U.S. Passport or Passport card required for this trip? Yes, for U.S. citizens. There will be no exceptions made to this rule. If your child does not have a passport or passcard, please arrange for one by January. I collect passports from all student participants a few weeks before the trip.