

Raytown South High School *Sound of the Southside* Trip Proposal

Chicago, IL
March 13 - 16, 2025

PURPOSE

This trip will be educationally valuable, both in performance and historical opportunities. The Band will perform in front of an audience at the 70th annual St. Patrick's Day parade which they were selected for in February of 2024.

The students will participate in various educational opportunities such as: Shedd's Aquarium, Museum of Science & Industry, Navy Pier, watching a music performance from a world class group, shopping at the Magnificent Mile and State Street and experiencing the famous Chicago Style Pizza!

TRAVEL

To Chicago, Illinois: Departure: Thursday, March 13th(TBA) / Arrival: Thursday, March 13th(TBA)
Depart to Raytown, MO: Departure: Sunday, March 16th (TBA) / Arrival: Sunday, March 16th (TBA)

Transportation: Chartered Bus Company. When the trip is approved, we will contact various Charter Companies and accept bids and collaborate with the transportation department as necessary. We anticipate needing 1 Charter bus and 1 box truck.

PARTICIPANTS

Number of Students Participating: Unknown until the first deposit is given. Once the trip is approved a first deposit date will be set and parents will be notified.

Estimated number of: Students (9th-12th) 50-60 Adults 10-12 Staff 3 Admin 1 **TOTAL = 64-76**

COST

***The exact amount cannot be concretely determined as of this date until the number of actual participants is determined.**

Estimated cost per student: \$550-650

Substitute Needs: 3 substitutes for 2 full days (March 13 and March 14) will be needed.

Payment Schedule: \$140

Once the trip is approved and the majority of the cost is figured out a payment schedule with monthly payments will be sent to all parents.

A date will be set for a **non-refundable security deposit** per participant once the trip is approved. This will "lock in" participants.

Itemized List of Fee Expenditures:

Hotel

Bus/Box Truck

Group Meals

Parade Entry Fee

Attractions:

Museum of Science & Industry / Shedd Aquarium / Willis Tour/ Blue Man Group Show

FUNDING

Funding: 100% Fundraising/Family contributions

SUPPORT

Band Booster Contributions: All chaperoning responsibilities Equipment movers
Uniform check-out/in, repairs Fundraising

Cost Breakdown approximate:

Hotel: \$150/per night x 3 nights (\$450). 4 people per room. **\$112.50 per person**

Charter Bus:

Arrow \$3,495

Windstar \$9459.30

Heartland \$7,314.68

Plus driver lodging

Parade Entry Fee: \$500 - could this potentially be covered by the district or building?

Attractions:

Shedd Aquarium: \$54

Skydeck Chicago: \$59

Museum of Science and Industry: \$38

Planetarium: \$35

Total: **\$186** or could potentially purchase CityPass for \$139 - more research needed.

Blue Man Group performance: **\$50-70** waiting on quote for group order

Food:

Breakfast- Provided by hotel

Lunch- 4 lunches X \$15 = **\$60**

Dinner- 4 dinners X \$20 = **\$80**

This is on the high end if we eat every meal together. The total could be lower if we make some meals on their own at locations like the Navy Pier or Magnificent Mile.

Trip cost = \$542-\$609