As an educator who has traveled on several domestic and international trips with students, I am very passionate about sharing these experiences with my students and my colleagues and allowing them these same opportunities to learn more about their subjects, the world around them, and most importantly, themselves.

**Purpose:** To allow students opportunities for experiential learning through travel.

**Expectations:** Each Middle School grade should have an opportunity to travel to a destination that relates to their curriculum. For example, the Grand Canyon/Monument Valley Tour is designed by Ms. Heaton as it relates to 7th grade Science standards. The relevance of this trip also expands to Social Studies, Language Arts, and Math. While we want our students to have an enjoyable trip, this opportunity is stressed as an educational trip. Other trips planned will be subject to the same expectations.

For domestic trips, the adult to student ratio is 1:10; international trips are 1:6. Ms. Heaton will serve as Tour Leader, and one administrator will also join the tour as a chaperone. The number of chaperones will be determined by the number of students enrolled.

**Eligibility & Rules:** Academic and behavioral standards **ARE** part of every tour. Each trip is/will be designed for the benefit of the students as an opportunity for enhanced **LEARNING**. At TCDS, we pride ourselves in focusing on academic and social excellence. However, while students will be allowed to enroll for a trip, they will be **INELIGIBLE** if:

1. **Student earns ANY suspension, in-school or at-home, during the academic year.**
2. **Student has MORE than 6 missing assignments total (can be in any class) at the end of two or more quarters.**
3. **Student has MORE than 3 Life Skills/after school detentions per semester.**
4. **Cannot maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.**

These rules are not intended to keep students off the tour, but rather give them an incentive to stay on the tour. In order to maintain the safety of the students, the on-tour rules must be followed. Any breakage of the rules on the tour may result in parental retrieval of student, or forfeiture of activity participation for the remainder of the tour.

**Financial Responsibility:** Early registration is highly recommended to qualify for current pricing. Depending on the tour group, most organizations require an initial $99, non-refundable enrollment security deposit. If a student becomes ineligible or must cancel their attendance on the trip, refunds will be subject to touring organization policy. All monies from fundraising will **ONLY** be available for scholarships. Students may use tax credits to pay for their trip. Payment plans are also subject to touring organization policy.

**Scholarships:** A scholarship fund will be created to help students in need. Parents may contribute donations for specific children, or they may donate to the general fund. Money from school-sponsored fundraisers will be deposited to this account. Students must complete an application indicating need. Notification of scholarship qualification and/or amount will be issued roughly two months before travel.