



# RIVER RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Friday, May 5, 2023, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at River Ridge Middle School is invited to Universal Studios/Islands of Adventure's Gradventure. This is an end of middle school celebration for students from across Florida. All eligible 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in this exciting evening of fun and entertainment. The cost of the trip will be \$175.00 per student. This includes bus transportation to/from Orlando, admission to both theme parks, dinner, and the official 8<sup>th</sup> grade t-shirt. Students may pay either by cash, money order, or a check made payable to River Ridge Middle School (please include a student number and a contact phone number on the check), or online using Rycor at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>. Students may pay the entire trip cost up front or use our easy pay plan (see information on back). The buses will depart River Ridge Middle School at approximately 1:00 P.M. and will return at approximately 2:30 A.M. Your punctuality in picking up your son/daughter is very much appreciated. Please note that students will not be allowed to walk or ride a bike home after returning to school and thus must have transportation arranged at the end of the evening.

There are a limited number of tickets (200) available, and they will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis. Administration reserves the right to give preference to students who are "On Track" for grades and behavior regardless of whether a student is one of the first 200 students. One week prior to the trip payment deadline, any students who are not on track for grades or behavior for the previous and current quarter (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) may be replaced by a student on the waiting list who is "on track." Students on the waiting list who are offered a spot on the trip must meet the final payment deadline. **The final deadline to turn in all money and permission slips will be Friday, March 24th.**

## Student Eligibility/Safety

We believe in affording our students the opportunity to participate in rewarding experiences. In order to accomplish our goal, it is necessary to provide a safe and orderly environment. As a result, our staff has developed the following criteria:

Students must meet individual class, team, and administrative guidelines to be eligible to attend an activity or event. For safety reasons, we may choose to deny attendance to students that have exhibited poor or questionable behavior at any time prior to the trip. This includes any student who receives a Level 2 or Level 3 referral from 1/3/23-5/5/23, and any student who is in danger of not meeting promotion requirements (it is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion activity). **There will be no refunds granted for any reason once we submit our payment to Universal Studios on March 24, 2023.**

## Dress Code

All students will be required to dress in accordance with Universal Studios and Pasco County's school dress code. **It will also be required that each student wear their official t-shirt for the duration of the event. T-shirts may not be altered in any way. Students not wearing their official t-shirt will not be allowed on the bus.**

### **Payment Information/Forms**

It is our goal to give every 8<sup>th</sup> grade student an opportunity to attend Gradventure. As a result, we have set up a very flexible payment system. Students may pay using the easy pay plan, or pay in full at any time until Friday, March 24th. All students with additional needs (regarding payments) are asked to see Mr. Collier in Room 23-228 (Maroon Hallway). Payments for the field trip will only be accepted on the Fridays during 8<sup>th</sup> Grade lunch. To reserve a ticket, students must return the attached permission slip/t-shirt order form, and an initial **(\$20 to reserve a spot)** or complete payment. Also, please remember tickets are on a “first come, first serve” basis. Please make all checks and money orders payable to River Ridge Middle School, and include your phone number and District Student number on the check.

#### **Easy Pay Plan\***

**Every Friday in Mr. Collier's room (23-228) during 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Knight Time/Lunch  
OR**

**Online using Rycor at <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>  
March 24, 2023 - All balances **MUST be paid in full**.**

### **Refunds**

Once tickets are ordered on March 24th, no refunds can be given. Tickets purchased for this event are valid only on May 5, 2023. Therefore, students purchasing a ticket must govern themselves in a way that will allow them to remain eligible to attend this trip. Any student that receives a referral that is a level 2 or 3 breach of the Student Code of Conduct (please see District School Board of Pasco County Student Code of Conduct) beginning on January 3, 2023 will be ineligible for the trip.

Thank you,

Angie Murphy, Principal

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# Dress Code

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

## OK

### GIRLS

- 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
- Purses under the size of 8.5" x 11", fanny packs, and drawstring backpacks

### GUYS

- Casual pants or shorts (including khakis and jeans)
- Shirts with sleeves (polos, dress and t-shirts)
- Comfortable shoes (including tennis shoes, boots and flip-flops)
- Hats
- Drawstring backpacks

### CHAPERONES

- Large backpacks

## 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.**

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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY  
PARENT RELEASE

MIS Form #166  
Rev. 9/08

TRANSPORTATION BY:

School Bus/Van \_\_\_\_\_ Private Vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Walking \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Bus X

Date of Field Trip 5/5/23 - 5/6/23

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of \_\_\_\_\_ having been accepted by the

Student Name - Please Print

Date of Birth

principal, teacher(s) or other personnel of River Ridge Middle School of the District School

Board of Pasco County to go on a school sponsored trip to Universal Studios - Gradventure

and I, the undersigned, understand that my child, if transported by a privately owned vehicle, charter bus, school bus 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 expense 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 (i.e., 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.

Name of Parent or Guardian - Please Print

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Business Phone

Street, Rural Route, or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip Code

Name of Additional Emergency Contact / Relationship to Student

Phone

DISTRIBUTION: White - School; Canary - Teacher; Pink - Parent