

SUFFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

(Attach to field trip application requiring School Board approval)

Field Trip #: 21804

School: Lakeland High School

Grade/Subject/Club/Team: Grades 9-12 Spanish Students

Date of Field Trip: June 16, 2025 to June 24, 2025


Destination: Mexico City, Mexico

Purpose: Lakeland High School Spanish Students will be touring Mexico City, Mexico to explore the Spanish culture.

Objectives: Lakeland High School Spanish Students will have the opportunity to tour Mexico City, Mexico and explore the Spanish culture.

Approve

Disapprove



Director of Secondary Leadership



Date

School Board Action:

Approve

Disapprove

Clerk of the Board

Date

Travel Request Form

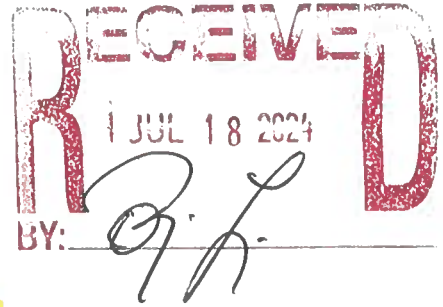
Please Note: Welcome to Suffolk City Public Schools Travel Tracker, your one-stop travel center. Within this software, you can submit student field trip requests, reserve an activity bus for a field trip or athletic event, and reserve a car for staff travel. If you have any questions or comments please email kevinprivott@spsk12.net or call (757) 925-5573.

Trip Number **21804**

* Category **Travel With Students**

* Type of Trip **Field Trip**

* Field Trip Event **OTHER**



Trip Leave

* Date **6/16/25 Monday**

* Time **6:00 AM**

Trip Return

* Date **6/24/25 Tuesday**

* Time **6:00 PM**

Trip Year/Week 2025-25

Note: This trip is for more than 5 days. Please make sure dates are correct.

* Is this trip overnight, out-of-state, or greater than 200 miles one way? **Yes**

Comments

* Your School/Dept ⓘ **300 Lakeland High**
214 Kenyon Rd, Suffolk, VA 23434

* Main Destination ⓘ **Other (Type Below)**
Mexico City, CDMX, Mexico

Destination Not Listed **Mexico City, CDMX, Mexico** * Destination Name **Mexico City**

* Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip **4521.38**

Special Instructions for Permission Slip

Funding Source #1 **Select** Budget Code

Funding Source Desc Budget Code Desc

Funding Approver

Are funds payable to a third party? **No**
 (Does venue require payment prior to trip?)

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name Erika Nery
 * Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone # 7579255790
 Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email erikanery@spsk12.net

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff

* Emergency Contact Name Erika Nery
 * Emergency Contact Phone # 7579255790

9
 10
 * Grade Level(s) Making Trip 11
 12

* Description of group or person(s) making trip Spanish Students

* Educational Objective for Field Trip Explore the Spanish culture

Number of Individuals Making Trip

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| * Male Adults 1 | * Female Adults 2 | Total Adults 3 |
| * Male Students 5 | * Female Students 5 | Total Students 10 |

Need 1 adult(s) for 15 or more students.
 Need 1 adult(s) for every additional 15 students.

* Will the students be away from school during lunch? Yes
 * If so, will these students need packed lunches? No

Nbr Students 10 Teacher Erika Nery
 Students will be away from school during the lunch period.

Additional Information

* School will be billed for Mileage No

* School will be billed for Driver No

* What is the cost to the Student? 3085.00

* Description of the funding source you will be using Student/teacher lead fundraiser and parent financial support

* Will a coach be driving the trip? No

* If yes, please enter the coaches name. If no, enter NA. NA.

* Will you be using external transportation (ex. plane, walking)? Yes

* Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itineraries. Indicate chartered transportation company if applicable.

Plane - company to be determined at a later date.

Vehicles Needed

* Do you need vehicles? No

Person Submitting Request rickeyeley@spsk12.net

Date Submitted

Field Trip Acceptance of Responsibility

By submitting this request, the trip sponsor (Teacher, Coach, Staff Member, etc.) is validating the following conditions:

1. Possess a current/valid Driver's License for the vehicle you will be driving
2. Absent of any medical condition, medications/alcohol/drugs that will impede the operation of a vehicle
3. You will obey all traffic laws while operating the vehicle
4. You will not "text" or operate any device that may distract you while driving the vehicle
5. Properly authorized use of a Suffolk City Public Schools vehicle for official travel
6. Will only transport authorized passengers for the purpose of official travel
7. The lift is to be operated only for wheelchairs.
8. Buses and vehicles must come back in good condition in order to avoid additional charges.
9. Buses and vehicles must be cleaned in order to avoid additional charges.
10. Elementary Schools must have 1 adult per every 10 students.

* I have read and understand the information above.

Yes

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name loriwhite@spsk12.net

Decision Date Jun 25, 2024, 9:07:20 AM

Level 02 Approval - Second Level Location Approval

Comment

Decision

Designated Approver keeshahicks@spsk12.net

Name

Decision Date

Level 07 Approval - Overnight/OOS Approval

Comment

Decision

Name

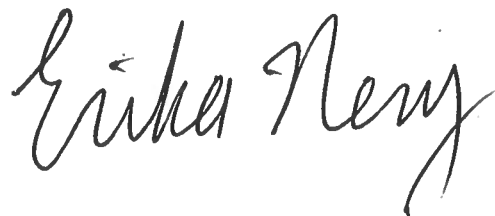
Decision Date

06/11/24

To whom it may concern

I am writing to provide additional information regarding an upcoming international field trip that I would like to organize. I have previous experience working with World Strides, having led a group of 6 students on a trip to Costa Rica in the summer of 2023. The company handles all logistics and liabilities, alleviating any burden on the school. I am seeking approval to use the school's name for fundraising purposes. Recognizing that the cost of \$3000 may be prohibitive for some families, I organize fundraisers throughout the year to assist parents in covering expenses. During our last trip, two students attended for free, one paid under \$500, and the remaining students paid less than half of the total cost. The success of our fundraising efforts was well-received by parents.

I respectfully request permission to start planning this summer trip, which offers a valuable experience for students. Parents are also encouraged to participate. Thank you for considering this request, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at erikanery@spsk12.net or (757) 556-1934.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika Nery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "E" and a long, trailing "y".

07/08/24

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter to add a little more information about the Out of the country trip to Mexico during the summer of 2025. I will not have all the correct information until I speak to the parents and the kids who are interested in going because I have to take in consideration that they have other responsibilities and I have to work around their schedule and needs.

The estimated date of departure will be June 16 and estimated return date is June 24 2025

Most of the SOL standards will be covered with this trip, especially the cultural part.
These are just some examples;

SI.7 The student will develop an awareness of common perspectives, practices, and products of Spanish-speaking cultures. 1. Identify main viewpoints of the cultures, such as those relating to the concept of time, education, transportation, and the roles of family members. 2. Identify key customs and traditions of Spanish-speaking cultures, such as greetings, celebrations, holiday practices, and forms of address that demonstrate politeness. 3. Identify important historical and contemporary individuals and groups associated with significant events from Spanish-speaking cultures. 4. Identify some products of Spanish-speaking cultures, for example, natural and manufactured items, creative and fine arts, forms of recreation, pastimes, Foreign Language Standards of Learning Virginia Department of Education 2014 14 dwellings, regionally-specific language, and symbols. SI.8 The student will recognize that perspectives, practices, and products of Spanish speaking cultures studied are interrelated. 1. Recognize that the viewpoints, customs and traditions, and products of Spanish speakers reflect Spanish-speaking cultures, such as the concepts of the extended family, a girl's 15th birthday, and typical foods. 2. Identify major cities, regions, and geographical features in Spanish-speaking countries and the reasons they are significant in the cultures of those countries.

SI.12 The student will use Spanish language skills and cultural knowledge beyond the classroom setting for recreational, educational, and occupational purposes. 1. Find and present examples of the Spanish language and Spanish-speaking cultures gathered from interaction with Spanish speakers, authentic media, and technology.

Students will be driven to the airport by their family members.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestion or concerns at erikanery@spsk12.net mrsnery19@gmail.com or 757 556-1934



Application for Field Trip

Submit intact to the Athletic Director, Principal, or Bookkeeper/Secretary, at least 30 working days (6 weeks) prior to the scheduled date of the trip. All professional leave forms for this trip must be submitted with this form. All forms are to be done in blue or black ink only.

School/Organization Lakeland High School Date 06/11/24
Grade/Subject/Club 9,10,11,12 Spanish Teachers Erika Nery
Ashley Burns

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL USE OF SCHOOL BOARD VEHICLE
(Personal cars are not to be used to transport students)

Date of Field Trip 06/20/25 Time Departing School _____:____ Time Returning to School _____:_____

Destination; Mexico (9 Day tour)

School Bus _____ Number Needed _____

SPECIAL NEEDS BUS

Equipment Needed: W/C _____ PCR _____ Safety Vest _____

School Car _____ Number Needed _____

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| Non-School Board Transportation |
| Type: _____ |
| Furnished By: _____ |

(School cars are not to be used to transport students)

Number of Students _____ Number of Classes _____

Overnight Trip? Yes _____ No

Total Cost to Student 3,085.00 *Other Costs Incurred _____

*Paid By Parents, Fund raising

Names of Chaperones (Not including Teachers) Erika Nery, Ashley Burns

Date Parental Permission Secured and Filed in Office _____

Trip Requested By: Erika Nery

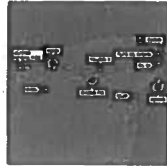
Trip Received By: _____ Date: _____

(Any field trip is subject to last minute cancellation due to local, state, national and/or international situations)



The Mayan Trail

GROUP INFORMATION



Departing:
June 16, 2025

Returning:
June 22, 2025

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Day 1 Hola Cancun

Meet your tour director, travel to Merida and check into hotel

Day 2 Merida

Visit with local Santa Elena family
 Uxmal guided excursion
 Magician's Pyramid, Governor's Palace, Nunnery Quadrangle

Day 3 Merida

Central Market visit
 ★LEAP Mexican school visit
 ★LEAP Baila Jarana
 Mérida tour director-led sightseeing tour
 Government Palace, Mérida Cathedral, Central Market visit, Plaza Grande

Day 4 Merida-Chichen Itza

Travel to Chichén Itzá
 Chichén Itzá guided visit
 Cenote visit
 Chichén Itzá sound and light show

Day 5 Chichen Itza-Playa del Carmen

Travel to Playa del Carmen
 Playa del Carmen beach time

Day 6 Playa del Carmen

Optional Excursion to Tulum & Xel-Ha \$179

Day 7 End tour

Total Fee:° \$3,225.00

Program Quote Breakdown
 The following fees apply to your full-paying participants:

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|--------------|------------|
| Program Fee* | \$3,425.00 |
| ** TravelsC | \$ -200.00 |

Total Fee° \$3,225.00

OR 10 monthly payments of \$312.60
 After initial payment of \$99.00

* Last day for this Program Fee is June 19, 2024.

** Only valid with voucher code TravelsC

Additional Adult Fees

The following additional fees apply only to full-paying participants 23 and older and are not included in the total price listed above.

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| Adult Supplement | \$125.00 |
| Twin Room Upgrade | \$270.00 |

Additional Adult Fee \$395.00

Free Chaperones

6 Travelers = 1 Free Chaperone

Your free place ratio is such that your group will fully contribute towards 1 free place(s), and partially contribute to an additional free place.

1 Free Chaperones

PROGRAM FEE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip airfare and other transportation described in the itinerary
- Basic Medical, Dental, Emergency Evacuation Insurance during trip
- Up to three college credits upon course completion (grades 9-12) or high school credit (grades 6-12)
- Centrally located three- and four-star hotels
- Plentiful daily breakfast to start the day energized and ready to go
- Appetizing, culturally representative, three-course dinner daily
- Full time, multilingual, WorldStrides tour director who is LEAP-trained in experiential education
- Local guide at sites and on city tours as described in the itinerary
- LEAP Learning through Exploration and Active Participation; trademarked immersive approach of learning by doing
- Entrances and transportation to sites and activities described in your itinerary
- Local guide and local bus driver tips; see note regarding other important tips
- 24/7 On Tour Emergency Support
- Note: On arrival day only dinner is provided; on departure day, only breakfast is provided
- Note: Tour cost does not include airline-imposed baggage fees and required

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The Mayan Trail

370 Days until departure | Departing From: Raleigh

June 16, 2025 - June 22, 2025

6 Travelers | 6 Estimated Group Size

1:6 Chaperone Ratio | MyTrip Visits: 1



Manage Your WorldStrides Tour Quote [view tour fee info >](#)

This quote expires on June 19, 2024.

Our History & Mission

Our History

In 1964, a middle school history teacher from Chicago discovered the incredible educational experience of traveling to Washington, D.C. with his students. He was so encouraged by the powerful effect travel had on his students' eagerness and ability to learn that he left teaching in 1967 to start Lakeland Tours. His vision to make educational travel easy, fun, and safe for teachers and students came to fruition as Lakeland Tours grew and became the leader in educational student travel.

Who We Are Today

Over the years, Lakeland Tours joined forces with other leaders in the student travel field to form WorldStrides, setting us apart as the premier educational travel organization in the nation. We're specialists in providing educational travel and experiences for students of all ages across their lifetime learning journey, delivering high-quality and high-value learning opportunities that support students' growth and development over time. Each learner's journey is different, which is why we offer a broad range of program categories for groups and individuals, including educational travel, performing arts, career exploration, study abroad, language immersion, sports, and service-learning tours.

Our Mission

All WorldStrides programs are united under one mission: to create experiences that enable participants to view the world and themselves in new ways. We help learners grow as people by developing independence, leadership, problem-solving skills, worldliness, and maturity; and we help them grow as citizens by building compassion, understanding, connections, and perspectives that transcend boundaries and borders.

Financial Strength

WorldStrides is backed by the financial strength of Eurazeo Capital Partners. In addition, WorldStrides' stability and commitment to excellence are shown through our membership in the United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA) Travelers Assistance Program, which provides the best consumer protection plan in the industry.

Accreditation

WorldStrides satisfies the same educational standards as public and private schools across the country, and is accredited by regional accrediting bodies across the United States:

- › Cognia (formerly AdvancED; parent organization for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement)
- › Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
- › Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)



Professional Affiliations

WorldStrides is an approved professional development provider in all 50 states. We maintain various professional partnerships to guarantee our reputation of quality, including:

EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- > Center for Civic Education
- > Colonial Williamsburg
- > Monticello
- > Mount Vernon
- > United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
- > Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

TRAVEL ASSOCIATIONS

- > United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA)
- > Student and Youth Travel Association of North America (SYTA)
- > National Tour Association (NTA)
- > Washington, D.C. Convention and Visitors Association
- > American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA)
- > International Airlines Travel Agent Network (IATAN) Airlines Reporting Commission (ARC)

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

- > National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)
- > Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)
- > National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- > National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASPP)
- > Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- > National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- > National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

The WorldStrides Team

Your group's leader will have a passionate and professional team of travel experts who will work closely with your group from the time you decide to lead a WorldStrides program until your group returns home safely. Our primary goal is to provide a safe and secure travel experience—without a focus on safety, our programs could not exist.

We strive to enrich lives by taking students beyond classroom walls and inspiring student travelers by providing a unique and experiential educational program. WorldStrides has an experienced staff of travel professionals, many of whom are former educators, and all of whom are dedicated to making sure every aspect of your program is a success.

"As a director, I can't speak highly enough about the experiences I have had with WorldStrides. They listen to what I want and deliver what they promise. The quality of every aspect, including transportation, accommodations, meals, performance venues, cultural experiences, and tour guides, are all fantastic. I have great confidence working with a company that is a leader in the industry and has a proven history of excellence and fair pricing."

- RON V., PROGRAM LEADER

At a Glance

Educational travel requires special skills that go far beyond making simple hotel and airline reservations. It is critical that your travel provider has the resources and experience necessary to smoothly and effectively coordinate a travel program, and we are confident that more than 50 years as student travel specialists provides us with this level of experience.

WorldStrides sets the bar high—in terms of safety, education, and passion for student travel, our team consistently beats all other competitors.

Experience with Youth Groups

| | WorldStrides |
|--|--------------|
| > Number of years in student travel business | ✓ OVER 50 |
| > Number of participants during this period | ✓ 9+ MILLION |
| > Number of participants per year | ✓ 400,000+ |
| > Number of groups last year | ✓ 3,000+ |
| > Number of full-time staff dedicated to youth group travel programs | ✓ 700+ |

Qualifications to Coordinate Your Program

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| > Does the organization have a 24/7 WorldAssist support team? | ✓ YES |
| > Does the organization employ and train its own Tour Directors? | ✓ YES |
| > Will a Tour Director stay at the hotel with the group? | ✓ YES |
| > Does the organization provide student training for its staff on how to best work with students? | ✓ YES |

Educational Focus

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| > Does the organization employ a full-time education team? | ✓ YES |
| > Does the organization offer students the opportunity to earn school credit? | ✓ YES |
| > Does the organization offer teachers the opportunity to earn professional development? | ✓ YES |
| > Is the organization accredited by regional accrediting bodies across the United States? | ✓ YES |
| > Who issues accreditation for the organization? | |
| > Cognia (formerly AdvancED; parent organization for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement) | ✓ COGNIA |
| > Western Association of Schools and Colleges | ✓ WASC |
| > Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools | ✓ MSA-CESS |

Insurance and Consumer Protection

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|--|----------------|
| > Does your travel provider maintain liability insurance? | ✓ YES |
| > Does this coverage apply to the Program Leader (teacher)? | ✓ YES |
| > What are the limits of this policy? | ✓ \$50 MILLION |
| > What is the cost for supplemental medical and dental insurance? | ✓ \$0 |
| > Does your travel provider pay if an emergency mandates an itinerary change? | ✓ YES |
| > Does your travel provider maintain USTOA consumer protection coverage of \$1 million? | ✓ YES |
| > Does your travel provider comply with all federal and state regulations, including all U.S. Seller of Travel laws? | ✓ YES |

Educational Travel Programs vs. School Field Trips

Because WorldStrides programs are typically non-school-sponsored/affiliated, they do not follow the traditional model of a school field trip. When you let your administration know about your plans to travel, it may be helpful for you to highlight the points outlined below. These points will ensure that they don't confuse your program with a school field trip that would require an approval process.

Non-School-Sponsored Status

Unlike a school field trip, a WorldStrides educational travel program is not sponsored by the school and does not require the school or school district to allocate funds.

Programs Don't Occur During School Time

Just like a part-time job, a camp, or a youth sport/activity that a student chooses to participate in, a WorldStrides program does not result in lost class time for students or the need for a substitute instructor when a teacher leads a program.

Voluntary Student Participation

Since the trip is not paid for by the school and does not take place during school time, neither the school nor the students are obligated to participate. Similar to summer camp, this program is available for all students, but only some will decide to go. Summer camps, supplemental enrichment programs, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and even the Little League are all non-school-sponsored programs that are embraced by the community and promoted in schools. Most administrators are very supportive of WorldStrides educational travel programs.

| | SCHOOL FIELD TRIP | WORLDSTRIDES PROGRAM |
|---|--|---|
| When the trip occurs | During school time | During summer or school holidays |
| How the trip is funded | With school or school district money | By individual parents and students |
| Who attends | All students | Only students who choose to go |
| How funds are collected | Teachers and school administration collect money from students | Billing and payment collection is done completely outside of school by WorldStrides |
| How parents' questions & concerns are handled | Calls flow through the school secretary and school office | Calls are directed to the teacher after school hours or are answered by WorldStrides Customer Service |

ONE EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO PRESENTING YOUR PROGRAM

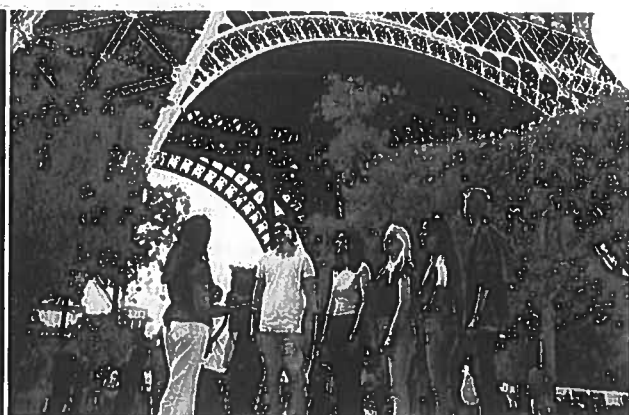
Show the presentation that was sent to you by your WorldStrides representative. This shows your administrator the quality of our programs and the strengths that have made WorldStrides the nation's leader in student travel. The presentation will also answer any questions they may have about our unmatched safety record and extensive liability coverage. In fact, WorldStrides can name you and your school as coinsured, protecting you with the power of the most comprehensive insurance policy in the student travel industry.

Explain which program you have chosen and the educational value of the experience. Include the dates you plan to travel, so your administration understands that the trip won't happen during school time and will not result in missed classes for you or your students. Since the trip is not paid for by the school and is non-school-sponsored, students are never obligated to attend.

Offer to connect administrators with WorldStrides references so they can hear first-hand from teachers and administrators in your area who have enriched students' lives through travel with WorldStrides programs. If your administrator needs any other documentation from WorldStrides, we have additional materials to help explain the merits of the program you have chosen to offer your school community.

"WorldStrides is an amazing company. Not only do they take care of everything while abroad, but they are also the kindest people. From those who helped set up the trip, to those who helped during the trip, I was in complete awe. They really take care of our students and teachers."

-WHITNEY M., PROGRAM LEADER



Beyond the Classroom Walls: Education

Accreditation

WorldStrides was the first accredited student travel organization in the nation. Accreditation recognizes educational institutions for performance, integrity, and quality, and entitles them to the confidence of the educational community and the public. WorldStrides is accredited through multiple regional accrediting bodies across the nation, including Cognia (formerly AdvancED, parent organization for the Northwest Accreditation Commission, the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CESS). This accreditation means that we have met or exceeded safety and educational standards established for schools all over the world. Accreditation means more educationally sound programs and better value for parents and students. All certificates of accreditation are available upon request.



Academic Credit for Students

Through our Discovery for Credit Program, students have access to courses that will allow them to reflect upon many of the themes and topics explored during their travel program. Students in grades 6-12 at the time of travel can earn free elective high school credit upon successful completion of both the travel program and online course. Through our university partner, George Mason University, eligible students in grades 9-12 at the time of travel can also earn up to three college credits upon successful completion of both the travel program and online course.

Students have six months to complete their courses after travel. Upon successful completion, they will receive a transcript directly either from George Mason University or WorldStrides. Students who earn credit with us will find this gives them a competitive advantage on college applications, distinguishes them as online learners, and gives them a jump-start on their path to a successful higher education experience.

Professional Development for Teachers

Earning professional development through WorldStrides is unique. It is far removed from the time spent in the school's library listening to an "expert" talk for hours. Instead, our professional development opportunities allow teachers to consider the specific needs of their classes, their students, and their school. By working closely with WorldStrides' staff from start to finish, teachers gain valuable skills and tools that can be implemented beyond the travel program. Teachers earn professional development certificates that can support teaching license renewal or be used as evidence of program participation.

Curriculum and Academics Team

WorldStrides employs a full-time Curriculum and Academics team which is responsible for maintaining our accreditation, developing curriculum materials, training our Course Leaders, assessing student learning, and providing educators with opportunities to grow through professional development offerings.

Educational Resources

Additionally, the Curriculum and Academics team has created a wealth of resources to support the educational nature of our opportunities. Our programs and online coursework are aligned to national educational standards, including Common Core, National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, and ACTFL World-Readiness Standards for Learning Languages. All of these resources, including course syllabi and program alignments, are available upon request.

Experiential Learning

Educational Value of Student Travel

Learning through personal experience takes education beyond the classroom. Through educational travel, students use knowledge acquired in the classroom to analyze the world around them and make a personal connection by applying their knowledge to their understanding and view of the future.

Educational Innovation

WorldStrides International programs are unique in that they offer students and teachers the opportunity to interact with the people, the culture, and the sites at these incredible locations. Our instructional philosophy, LEAP (Learning through Exploration and Active Participation), brings contemporary teaching strategies, used by excellent teachers in the classroom, to the environments encountered while traveling.

LEAP IS DESIGNED SO YOUR STUDENTS...



Are engaged and active learners

LEAP is the entire relationship between each student, the places they encounter, and their Tour Director acting as a cultural mediator, not just a series of activities. WorldStrides Tour Directors have developed their exceptional leadership and educational skills as a result of extensive LEAP training, which includes cultivating an understanding of how all students—and all people—learn.

Are challenged to think critically



Students learn best when they are engaged, and challenged, and in any group, a wide variety of learning styles and social skills will be represented, each deserving an opportunity to shine. LEAP was designed specifically to replace the old-fashioned lecturing style of traditional tour guides with a dynamic, inclusive, and constructivist approach.



Grow personally and intellectually



Unmatched Quality

WorldStrides programs are different because we share your passion for changing students' lives. All international programs are:

Truly Educational

Our unique LEAP educational philosophy enriches every program. LEAP provides authentic experiences and ensures that each student is engaged throughout their educational tour in an active, hands-on learning environment. Our Tour Directors are much more than just guides. They are intensively trained in teaching methods and "classroom" management by our faculty of professional educators. They lead, prompt, and challenge the students in a constructivist environment that is inclusive, varied, and which stimulates critical thinking.

High Quality with a Purpose

Our high quality tour services directly impact the educational outcomes of the program and add value by optimizing your students' time abroad. Hotels close to what you have come to see mean more time for exploring and less time commuting from a distant suburb. Enjoying authentic and well-balanced meals introduces another culture through its food. Cutting corners to offer a budget price means more out of pocket expenses for your students overseas.

Tailored to Your Needs

We don't believe one size fits all. We are specialists in custom-designing programs across the curriculum. Whether you opt for a private, customized, or pre-designed program, we will put your goals for your program first and work with you to tailor the program to your students' needs.

Safe and Secure

Our first priority is always the safety of our participants. We have developed a comprehensive approach to ensure each group's comfort and safety, and your peace of mind. WorldStrides can be reached 24 hours a day, both in the United States and overseas. In addition, WorldStrides is a Certified Student Travel Organization (CSTO) by the Student & Youth Travel Association (SYTA).

Academically Accredited

Our programs are accredited by regional accrediting bodies across the country and will provide you with free professional development. You will receive up to 35 points/hours or 3.5 CEUs toward professional development, and your official certificate will be available upon return from your WorldStrides International program. Your students also have the opportunity to earn free academic credit at the college prep or high school level. Educational travel on a college or job application demonstrates initiative, maturity, well-rounded interests, and an inquiring mind.



Safety & Security

24/7 WorldStrides On Call

Because safety is our first priority, we maintain a WorldAssist support team that can be reached 24 hours a day in the event of an emergency both in the United States and overseas. Every WorldStrides participant is covered by an international network that provides emergency services including medical referral, medical translation, medical monitoring, repatriation, and much more.

Extensive Emergency Manual

We have developed an extensive emergency manual that details how we will deal with all types of emergency situations (including contingency plans for dealing with extreme situations such as acts of terrorism and airline disasters), and all of our on-site staff members have been trained to carry out these plans. Set procedures, checklists, and immediate access to correct phone numbers results in faster and more accurate responses, which is critical when dealing with an emergency situation.

24/7 Tour Directors

Our bilingual Tour Directors are educational experts in the field who are specially trained in international travel and are given extensive training on how to supervise student groups. Tour Directors undergo background/criminal checks as applicable in their countries of residence and are rigorously trained. They are supported on tour by our overseas and U.S. staff and stay with your group 24/7, from the moment you arrive to the moment of departure. They will help you with any on-tour needs and assist with any emergency that may arise.

Liability Insurance

We maintain an industry-leading multi-million dollar level of liability coverage. Our insurance automatically covers teachers, chaperones, and the school. WorldStrides' insurance is truly geared to protect you. Additionally, accident, illness, and accident-related dental insurance coverage are provided for WorldStrides program participants. Limits per single occurrence are \$7,500 for accident, \$1,500 for illness, and \$750 for accident-related dental.

United States Tour Operators Association

As an active member of USTOA, WorldStrides is required to post \$1 million with USTOA to be used to reimburse, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program, the advance payments of WorldStrides customers in the unlikely event of WorldStrides' bankruptcy, insolvency, or cessation of business. Further, you should understand that the \$1 million posted by WorldStrides may be sufficient to provide only a partial recovery of the advance payments received by WorldStrides. Complete details of the USTOA Travelers Assistance Program may be obtained by writing to USTOA at 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 2014, New York, New York 10016, or by e-mail to information@ustoa.com, or by visiting their website at ustoa.com.



Student Supervision and Safety

Travel with Confidence

When you travel with WorldStrides or participate in one of our programs, you can rest assured knowing that we have spent five decades putting a network of support in place to safeguard your group and your experience. The world has thrown us lots of curveballs over our 50+ years in business, and we have and will continue to refine our best practices for safety to fit the current environment, and to match the age and stage of life for all of our students. Our resources are deep and our team is prepared. This detailed and challenging work behind the scenes lets educators and students focus on what's most important—learning and enjoying the experience at hand!

Planning for a Safe Experience Before Departure

Behavior Contract—Safety is the number one priority at WorldStrides. All participants are expected to demonstrate high standards of conduct, courteousness, and consideration toward others. Students and their parent/legal guardian must sign a Behavior Contract so everyone understands the proper rules of conduct. Students behaving inappropriately while on the program may be sent home at the family's expense.

Medical Release Form—A parent/legal guardian for each participant must complete a medical release form and provide emergency contact information and authorization for treatment in the event of an emergency. Teachers carry all Medical Release Forms throughout the trip.

Ensuring Students' Safety While on the Program

Adult Supervision—With a chaperone-to-student ratio that is customized to fit your group's needs, students receive proper attention and supervision. The Program Leader will identify the adult chaperones for the program. WorldStrides suggests selecting adults who are flexible, helpful, and comfortable with the students. Please note that at selected sites, students may be allowed the freedom to explore on their own.

24/7 Tour Directors—A specially trained bilingual Tour Director is with your group from arrival to departure on every WorldStrides International program. Our Tour Directors devote 100 percent of their attention to the students, challenging them to assess and apply what they learn through firsthand experience so they take the most away from the program. Students also follow a busy schedule, so their days are full of planned activities with adult supervision.

Emergency Services

Doctors on Call Program—WorldStrides has an exclusive partnership with The George Washington University Department of Emergency Medicine. A George Washington University doctor serves on our staff as the WorldStrides Medical Director, overseeing medical response planning for the organization and providing direct case management in the event of a medical response issue anywhere in the world. Our partnership gives us access to doctors who are available 24 hours a day to provide in-hotel emergency care to all our traveling students, parents, and teachers in the Washington, D.C. area and phone consultations for travelers in other locations. This program offers teachers and students the unparalleled benefit of receiving care in the comfort of their own hotel rooms while minimizing the disruption to the entire traveling group.

WorldStrides Selects Its Partners with Safety in Mind

Hotels—WorldStrides pre-screens its properties and selects only those which are safe, comfortable, high quality, and centrally located.

Travel Arrangements—WorldStrides contracts with major airlines such as American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, or a comparable airline. Typically, WorldStrides meets the group upon arrival at their destination.

Partners—WorldStrides only works with companies who share our high safety and quality standards. We thoroughly screen and regularly evaluate motorcoach drivers, hotels, host families, and restaurants by periodically visiting these venues and relying on program evaluation surveys completed by teachers after returning from their program. All participating enterprises maintain their own insurance coverage.

Trusted Travel Programs

All-Inclusive Price

- › Teachers travel free with the first six students
- › For each additional six students who travel, teachers can bring along another adult
- › Single rooms for Program Leaders
- › Round-trip transportation to destination city
- › Confirmed flight information at least 45 days prior to departure
- › The support of WorldStrides' dedicated Flight Team to help with any flight-related problems
- › Deluxe motorcoach transportation at your destination
- › Conveniently-located quality hotel accommodations
- › Free high school credit for middle and high school students
- › Three college credits for eligible high school students who complete our online coursework
- › Professional development for educators
- › Knowledgeable motorcoach drivers
- › 24/7 Tour Directors with LEAP training
- › Educational tools to support your program before you leave, on your trip, and after you return
- › All reservations and logistical planning
- › WorldAssist support team to assist 24 hours a day
- › Hearty breakfasts and authentic three-course dinners
- › Comprehensive accident, illness, and accident-related dental insurance for all participants
- › 24-hour Doctors on Call program to provide in-hotel or phone consultations for participants
- › All admissions and fees

Quality Customer Service

- › A personal Account Manager to assist you in planning your program every step of the way
- › A personal Financial Services Representative to handle all accounting and invoicing services for your group and assist in allocating fundraising monies
- › Customer Service Department to handle all parent inquiries
- › Online resources for educators and parents at worldstrides.com

We Take Care of the Billing

WorldStrides directly handles all financial responsibility. We set up an individual payment plan for each participant and bill each family directly. If requirements with the group differ, other payment plans can be arranged. In the event that a parent is having difficulties with a final payment, please encourage them to call our Customer Service Department. We may be able to make special payment arrangements on a case-by-case basis. The school and the Program Leader do not need to collect money or worry about payment deadlines.

Fundraising Assistance

Your group's personal Financial Services Representative will assist you in any fundraising that you or your school decide to do. WorldStrides offers over \$4 million in FLAG financial assistance annually, as well as the unique Gift of Education program, which has helped thousands of students raise millions of dollars over the years. Additionally, you will receive WorldStrides' fundraising flyer, and can also access our fundraising website at worldstridesfundraising.com for ideas, tips on grant writing, a list of outside companies that participate in fundraising efforts, and forms to help you keep track of the money you raise.

Funding the Program

WorldStrides is dedicated to making fundraising easy and fun for your students. We offer travelers a number of fundraising ideas and financial assistance that are designed to empower them to fundraise independently and generate contributions for their trip with WorldStrides International programs.

Scholarship and Fundraising Opportunities

FLAG SCHOLARSHIP

Our most popular scholarship program is the FLAG (Future Leaders of American Government) Scholarship program, offering more than \$4 million in travel assistance to thousands of families each year. Families with an annual adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$85,000 are invited to complete a confidential, easy application to receive travel assistance funds. Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out more at FlagFound.org.

SYTA SCHOLARSHIP

The Student Youth Travel Association (SYTA) offers need- and merit-based scholarships for student travel. Visit sytayouthfoundation.org for more information on how to apply.

FUNDRAISING

Many students work individually and with the help of their communities in order to raise money for their international program. Sending a child on a trip of a lifetime is an opportunity families, friends, and neighbors can rally behind.

GIFTS OF EDUCATION

The most successful individual fundraising effort WorldStrides students use are Gift of Education letters. The Gift of Education is a successful, easy fundraising strategy that relies on small gift donations from friends, family members, and local organizations to help fund the trip.

Flexible Payment Plans

ADVANTAGE PAYMENT PLAN

WorldStrides' Advantage Payment Plan offers deferred installments at fixed monthly rates and allows the final payment to be made after the time of travel.

AUTOMATIC MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

This automated plan allows program participants to divide the cost of their tour into equal monthly payments that are charged automatically to a credit card or checking account.

Learn more about all the options for funding a travel program at fundraising.worldstrides.com/scholarships-and-grants

"It is [your] steadfastness to duty, attention to detail, and friendly, courteous, and solicitous demeanor that keeps me coming back year after year with WorldStrides."

- MICHAEL R., PROGRAM LEADER