

Chester High

Presents:

The HBCU College Excursion 2022-2023



February 20th – 23rd, 2023



Purpose:

The effectiveness of a high school could and should be judged by the outcomes of its graduates. This year, the administration, faculty, and counseling staff at Chester High are working tirelessly to ensure that all seniors have a tangible college or career plan prior to them graduating from our school. As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we are seeking to secure admissions and competitive financial assistance packages for our current college bound students.

We are proud to announce that we are bringing back the annual overnight college tour. We are so excited to give our students the opportunity to see some of the colleges that they may have shown interest in. Twenty-five juniors and twenty-five seniors will be allowed to attend this trip, due to limited spacing. There will be four students in one room. We will be leaving Chester High School on February 20th and returning on February 23rd. In order to attend the trip, students must meet the following criteria:

- Students must be OTG (On track to graduate)
- Have correct number of Credits in appropriate areas (English, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- Minimum GPA of (2.3 seniors 2.5 Juniors)
- No pending major behavioral infractions
- A formal recommendation from a teacher
- A formal college essay written
- Taken the SAT's/ACT or PSAT once / Registered for March SAT
- Climate Manager recommendation letter
- Counselor recommendation letter
- Complete application package

We will be traveling to 6 colleges and universities in to meet with admissions and financial aid officers. Among the schools visited will be: NCAT, NCCU, Norfolk State, Virginia State University, Howard, Georgetown, Bowie, UMES, & Delaware State . We have created an itinerary that will allow our students to visit the school campuses and create meaningful relationships with college officials, teachers, and other students who currently attend these institutions. Sign up for this trip will begin on December 19th, 2022 – January 20th, 2023. This is a first come first serve trip, however, you must meet the criteria to attend. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to Mr. Franklin at efranklin@chesteruplandsd.org

Sincerely,

Interim Principal
Ronald Brown

Trip Cost:

The cost of the trip for each student who attends is \$200.00 and it is to be turned in to Chester High no later than Monday, February 6th, 2023. All monies will help defray meal expenses for students throughout the duration of the trip (All meals will be covered by the \$200.00 trip fee with the exception of lunch and dinner on the final day of the trip). Hotel accommodations, transportation, and tickets to all museums and attractions will also be covered by the school. This provides our students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to take a trip that is valued at more than \$2000.00 per person for a very minimal cost. Any student eligible to attend who needs financial assistance should speak with the College & Career counselor ASAP (Mr. Edward Franklin) to learn more about fundraising options.

Spending Money:

While the majority of student meals on the trip are covered, students should plan to bring money for some meals and any other souvenirs they want to purchase. An estimated amount for spending money is between \$200.00 - \$250.00 per student. This amount is for additional spending money for college gear/ear phones/snacks/miscellaneous purchases etc. Spending Money does not include the initial cost (\$200.00) of the trip for attendees.

Trip Expectations for ALL Chester High Students

Appropriate College Casual Attire:

Pants: Khaki pants, appropriate jeans, pants, etc.

Shirts: Polo, button-downs, rugby shirts, appropriate blouses, sweater vests, etc.

Shoes: Shoes should be appropriate for walking long distances

Do Not Wear in Public:

- Inappropriate t-shirts
- Mid-drift shirts
- Jogging pants
- Short skirts
- Short shorts
- Jeans or pants with holes in inappropriate areas

Items to Pack:

- Layered clothing (Coat, hoodies, etc.)
- Umbrella or poncho
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Toiletries (Tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant, hair products, etc.)
- Pillow (if desired for bus)
- Blanket (if desired for bus)
- Snacks

Eligibility Requirements:

In order for students to be eligible to participate on the College Tour, they must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have a grade point average suitable for college admissions
2. Seniors must apply to at least 3 schools on the itinerary no later than January 10th, 2023
3. Seniors must provide proof of SAT score or registration for the March SAT
4. Seniors must have a 2.3 GPA, and Juniors must have a 2.5 GPA
5. Must submit a payment to Chester High for \$200.00
6. Must have a satisfactory attendance and discipline record (verified by office personnel)
7. Must have two satisfactory teacher recommendations and one counselor recommendation
8. Must have parental approval
9. Must attend pre-trip meeting sessions
10. Parents must attend a pre-trip meeting on Wednesday, February 1st 2023 5:30-6:30 pm

Emergency Contact Information:

Ms. Sgro – Assistant Principal		Ms. George – Out of District Coordinator
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Msgro@chesteruplandsd.org		ngeorge@chesteruplandsd.org
Mr. Taylor Senior Counselor		Mr. Edward Franklin College & Career Counselor
267-229-6329		347-661-9839
jataylor@chesteruplandsd.org		efranklin@chesteruplandsd.org
Mr. Laws – Climate Manager		
dlaws@chesteruplandsd.org		

HBCU College Excursion Permission Slip

By signing this document I agree to adhere to all expectations, rules and regulations set forth by the Chester Upland School District throughout the duration of this trip

Rules:

- Chester High Code of Conduct will be enforced throughout the duration of the trip.
- All student baggage will be brought to the high school for inspection the night before the tour.
- No student will be allowed to bring snacks or drinks on the tour. (snacks will be provided by Chester high school)
- All students will go through the normal intake process prior to boarding the bus for the tour.
- All students and parents will be required to sign the permission slip with this policy attached.
- The Parent of any student who plans to attend must attend MANDATORY prior to trip & sign agreement.
- Students will be respectful to all adults and each other at all times (Chaperones, bus drivers, hotel staff, college counselors, tourists, locals, etc.)
- Be respectful of others during early mornings or late nights while on the bus and/or hotels (No loud talking, screaming, loud music, etc. Students should bring ear phones for music.)
- Girls will not be allowed in boys rooms at any time.
- Boys will not be allowed in girls rooms at any time.
- All students must adhere to the nightly curfew. After the final chaperone check students will not be permitted to exit their room until the following morning.
- Students will not bring or use any illegal substances during the trip (alcohol, marijuana, vapes, etc.)
- Students will not engage in public displays of affection.
- Students will not engage in sexually inappropriate behavior while on the trip.
- Students will not engage in horse-playing/pranks while in the hotel rooms.
- Students will arrive to designated meeting locations at designated times. **DO NOT BE LATE!**
- Students will not attempt to shoplift while on the trip.

Consequences:

- Parent Phone Call(s)
- Student may be assigned to chaperone room
- Student may not be allowed to leave the supervision of a chaperone
- Student may be escorted back to Chester via train, plane, or bus (Expenses will be reimbursed before student is able to participate in senior activities, prom, and commencement services).
- Student will be disciplined in accordance with the Chester Upland School District Student Code of Conduct

Student Name: _____ **Student Signature** _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Name: _____ **Parent Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____