



Denton High School

An International Baccalaureate World School

"In the Ultimate Pursuit of Excellence in Education"



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Dear DHS Class of 2019 and Class of 2020 Full IB DP Candidates:

Our annual IB retreat will be from Thursday, May 10th to Saturday, May 12th at Charis Hills Retreat Center in Sunset, Texas. Students will be dismissed at 1 p.m. on Thursday to eat lunch and load the bus in the bus lane so that we depart by 1:30 p.m. Please see the attached suggested packing list and keep in mind that we will be outside for a portion of each day. We will depart the camp at 10:15 a.m. on the 12th, with an approximate return time of 11:30 a.m. at Denton High.

Besides becoming acquainted with everyone who is a full-diploma candidate in the classes of 2019 and 2020, we will be risk-takers who try new activities together. We will ask that you be open-minded while learning about your IB summer homework requirements. Demonstrating your ability to be reflective, we will share the reasons we all set the goal to be "IB" and develop strategies that will help us stay focused on our IB Diploma goal! Mostly, we want you to have some fun, and have planned two full days designed with that in mind. Several IB teachers and a DHS administrator will serve as chaperones and leaders for our retreat. You will NOT want to miss it!

If you are taking the IB Physics exam, Paper 3 is unfortunately in the afternoon of the 10th and morning of the 11th. Mr. Matthews will bring the Physics testers out via a rented van if they would like to attend at a reduced rate (\$55). Your morning exam on Friday the 11th is just over an hour in length so you will be on property by 10:30 a.m.

This event is for our class of 2019 and 2020 full-diploma candidates only and is considered a requirement. The cost is \$75 per student (checks payable to DHS IB), and includes transportation via DISD bus, 5 meals, snacks, all activities, and lodging. If the cost will prohibit you from participating, please see Mrs. Hughes as soon as possible as some assistance is available. We need the full amount paid in full by April 23rd. Please plan ahead with your teachers in order to get assignments in advance for 4th and 5th block on Thursday the 10th (A day) and all day Friday, May 11th (B day). I will turn in a field-trip notice to Mrs. Rivers so that you are coded correctly for attendance. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let me know *immediately* so the chefs at Charis Hills can plan accordingly.

If I can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 940-369-2238 or at bhughes@dentonisd.org. I am very proud of you all for accepting the challenge to be a part of our prestigious Denton High School IB Diploma Program.

Regards,

Beth Hughes

The Denton Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities.

Charis Hills Packing List

Linens

- twin bed sheets or sleeping bag
- pillow with pillow case
- blanket
- shower towel & washcloth
- beach towel

Personal items

- Toiletries such as shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors, deodorant
- Flashlight
- Two complete changes of clothing (shorts should be school appropriate)
- Jacket (rain poncho if rain is in the forecast)
- Swimsuit
- Night clothes/pajamas
- Tennis shoes and socks
- Flip flops
- Insect repellent and sunscreen.
- Plastic water bottles—3-6 recommended. Some past students were unhappy with the well water offered at Charis Hills. We will be served water and tea at lunch and dinner. Breakfast will also have juice and coffee.

School Backpacks need to be left at school!

- We have limited space on the school bus for luggage, so we will leave backpacks at school. You can get them on Saturday when we return.
- Pack in the smallest overnight bag you can manage. Some of our luggage will be under our seats on the bus.

Warnings!

- DO NOT BRING any item that is in violation of our Denton ISD student code of conduct—for example tobacco products, e-cigs, alcohol, illegal drugs, pocket knife (even if you are an Eagle scout) fireworks.
- You will be in the country, so critters, bugs, spiders, etc live there.
- You will be asked to use the buddy system always at camp for your safety and we are serious about you following this policy.

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PERMIT OF PARENT FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIP

- checkbox This school-sponsored trip is a required activity and is part of your student's course of study.
checkbox This school-sponsored trip is not a required activity, but is an enrichment activity for your student's course of study.

Date _____

Dear Parent,

Your child is requesting the privilege of going on a school-sponsored trip. We must have your permission before allowing him/her to go. The school will attempt to supervise the trip properly, but it is impossible to assure that no accidents will occur.

Therefore, be it hereby understood that the school is free from any and all liability and responsibility in case of an accident on the trip.

Students are expected to attend school-sponsored activities that are a required part of a basic educational program or course. Enrichment activities are not a required part of the basic educational program or course. If you do not want your child to attend, he/she will remain at school with supervision for the entire day. If a fee is charged for an optional activity, a waiver process is available for those students who qualify. Please contact the building principal regarding fee waivers.

It is understood that the pupil is still directly responsible to those teachers sponsoring the trip from the time of leaving until returning, the same as if in regular school attendance. Pupils must go and return by the same means of transportation, unless by mutual agreement of both parents and sponsors.

It is further agreed that if the above agreements are not satisfactory to you, you will refrain from signing this permit. Unless this permit is signed by you and returned to the office, your child will not be permitted to make this trip.

_____ has permission to go with _____
Student's Name Grade/Class/Organization

on a filed trip to _____
Destination of Trip

Purpose of Trip: _____

Date of Trip: _____

Mode of Travel: _____

Departure Time: _____ Return Time: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
Mother/Father/Legal Guardian

Phone number where you can be reached in case of emergency: _____ - _____ - _____

Alternate emergency number: _____ - _____ - _____

Signature of Teacher Sponsoring Trip