



## Student Travel Standards

The mission of Wheaton Academy is to nurture growth in students through relationships, excellence, and service to the glory of God. We recognize the value of travel experiences as a significant opportunity to promote student growth in the context of relationships with peers and trip leaders. As students travel, they see God's creative work in nature, culture, and people, and we regularly hear of the transformative work God does in student lives through travel. We also recognize how sensitive these experiences can be for students, thus the standards outlined below articulate our expectations for students to promote and protect the school travel experience.

## Part 1

### Student Safety and Protection Policy

We want to ensure the safety and well-being of our students as they travel with Wheaton Academy. As a result, Wheaton Academy reserves the right to evaluate whether a student is fit to travel. If any of the following situations apply to a student, he or she may not be permitted to travel:

Student has...

- been asked to re-apply to Wheaton Academy.
- been placed on or is currently on probation.
- been hospitalized due to behavioral, emotional, or physical diagnosis within the past year.
- engaged in self-harming behavior or expressed suicidal ideation within the past year.
- been involved in a Level III disciplinary infraction (as stated in the Student Handbook) within the past year.
- a physical or medical condition that may pose as a threat to student safety or hinder appropriate participation in light of the trip destination and/or itinerary.
- been identified as having other issues of concern to Wheaton Academy personnel.

A student will likely be removed from a trip if any of the above situations occur after the trip application period but before trip departure. In some circumstances, the school may also ask families to purchase a “cancel for any reason” trip insurance policy for trip application approval.



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## Part 2

### Student Handbook Reminders

1. Travel / Group Guidelines
  - a. You must always be in a group of students (minimum of 3).
  - b. You should not go off alone at any time.
  - c. Student must attend all meal times.
  - d. During any assigned free time, you may not ride any public / ride-share transit and you will stay within the parameters set by your trip leaders.
  - e. There is no leaving your housing location without prior permission.
  - f. You must stay in your room or sleeping area once room checks have occurred. If there is any need to leave your room after curfew, your trip chaperone needs to be informed prior to leaving.
  
2. Community Expectations
  - a. Refrain from “coupling off” with someone of the opposite gender or publicly displaying affection.
  - b. Refrain from going into cabins or rooms of members of the opposite gender at all times.
  - c. Adhere to Wheaton Academy’s Human Dignity Policy
  - d. Respect and listen to the speakers, guides, and chaperones, using proper eye contact and body language that show you are engaged, respectful, and attentive.
  - e. Bring nut-free snacks / food
  - f. Respect the environment, culture, and location you are visiting
  - g. If you are not feeling well or have an issue, contact a trip leader/chaperone immediately
  
3. Behavioral Expectations
  - a. No weapons or fireworks of any kind should be brought on a trip.
  - b. Students should not bring, use, or purchase drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or vaporizers on trips.
    - i. Students should not share medication or distribute prescription drugs.



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- c. Although our in-school dress code adjusts slightly for trips, please make sure your dress is appropriate.
- d. Respect the property of each location and the belongings of other students.
- e. Trip leaders have the right to send home students that fail to modify their behavior after repeated corrections or conversations.

Please note: We do not anticipate any disciplinary issues; however, if a student must be sent home for disciplinary issues, he/she will be put on the first flight home. The student's family will be responsible for any cost of the flight, as well as any additional costs that may be incurred. Wheaton Academy's Principal and Dean of Students will then evaluate the details of the incident and administer a disciplinary process commensurate with the offense.

***I understand that while I am traveling, I represent my home, school, and Jesus Christ. My conduct, words, and attitude will always reflect that. I read and understand the expectations required on Wheaton Academy trips. I understand that failure to complete these tasks or abide by these policies will result in immediate removal from the trip.***

Please sign below to indicate abidance with Parts 1 and 2 and Wheaton Academy's Student Travel Standards.

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_