

Spring Trip Information

April 9 – 12, 2026

Universal Studios, Orlando, FL

World Strides Student Travel

Space is limited! We can only take 48 students, so sign up today! Students from every orchestra are invited to participate! We will not have additional rehearsals for this trip.

Cost/Payment

The total cost of the Spring Trip is \$1,995 per student and \$2,295 per adult chaperone. The bulk of the expenses are the airfare, resort hotel, 4 day pass to Universal parks, and workshop fees. If airfare tickets are less than expected, then you will have a drop in the price of the trip. If airfare is more than expected the total cost of the trip will not change. Payments are made on school cash online. You have the option to make 6 payments, outlined below. You can pay off the balance at any time prior to the deadline. The first payment is due September 1st, and the final payment is due by February 1st. I encourage you to purchase trip insurance. Refunds will not be available after a certain date.

Payment Schedule:

September 5th	\$150 non refundable deposit + \$185 payment (total = \$335)
October 5th	\$332
November 5th	\$332
December 5th	\$332
January 5th	\$332
February 5th	\$332

Refund Policy:

Written notice is required to receive any refund. Refunds are based on the schedule below.

Notice given by November 1st	Full refund (not including the deposit)
Notice given by December 1st	75% refunded (not including the deposit)
Notice given by January 1st	50% refunded (not including the deposit)

No refunds after January 1st

Fundraiser

We will have one fundraiser. Everyone going on the trip is required to participate in the fundraiser. The funds raised are credited to students' account balance and are deducted from their February 1st payment.

Lodging

We are staying at Universal's Cabana Bay Beach Resort. Students stay 4 per room, with some variation due to an odd number of students. Chaperones are 2 per room.

Transportation

Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport. We fly out of Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) on a direct flight to the Orlando Airport. Baggage fees are the responsibility of the student and are not included in the trip fee. Once the tickets are purchased, you will receive details on the airline, flight number, and timing of our flights.

We will take a charter bus to and from our hotel. Because our hotel is on Universal Studios property, shuttle buses are available to transport us to and from our activities.

Food included on the trip

Breakfast is included in the Hotel Resort on Days 2, 3, and 4.

Lunch is provided on Days 2, 3, and 4.

Dinner at the Hard Rock Café on Day 1.

Dinner at the parks on Days 2 and 3.

Students are responsible for their meals traveling to and from Florida (breakfast and lunch on Day 1 and Dinner on Day 4).

Dining at the theme parks: cash is not accepted at Universal Theme Parks. Students get a dining card that allows them to eat at any of the food vendors at the park.

Activities included in the trip

1. Universal's Sound Design Workshop: Music and the Art of Foley Workshop for Orchestras – Your students will experience life as working movie musicians, syncing music – including Foley and digital sound effects – to real movie scenes. We will get a recording of us playing the background music for a real movie!
2. 4-Day theme park passes to Universal Studios, Epic Universe, and Islands of Adventure
3. NASA Kennedy Space Center
4. Universal's City Walk
5. Dinner at the Hard Rock Café

Instruments

Students who play the violin or viola bring their instrument on the trip as their carry-on luggage. We rent the larger instruments – cello, bass, and harp. Cello and bass students carry on their bows in a bow case provided by the directors.

Chaperones

Space is limited. We can take 48 students plus 8 adults (including directors and an administrator.) Applications for chaperones will be available by August 13th and are due by August 20th. Included in the application is a list of chaperone expectations and responsibilities. You will be notified by August 25th if you have been selected to be a chaperone. Chaperones have a similar payment schedule as students that is adjusted for the difference in cost.

Chaperone Payment Schedule:

September 5th	\$150 non refundable deposit + \$232 payment (total = \$382)
October 5th	\$382
November 5th	\$382
December 5th	\$382
January 5th	\$382
February 5th	\$382

Chaperone Refund Policy:

Written notice is required to receive any refund. Refunds are based on the schedule below.

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