

BREVARD SPACE WEEK

Chaperone Guidelines

Dear Chaperone,

Congratulations on being selected as a chaperone for the 6th grade field trip to the Kennedy Space Center. This trip is an integral part of a unit on Space Exploration. To make sure that this trip is an educational and rewarding experience for all of our students, please read this information thoroughly before beginning the study trip. While we are sure that you will enjoy the study trip as well, remember that your job for the day is critical – supervise, manage, and guide your group of students so that they are involved and attentive to the learning taking place.

- Chaperones will be responsible for supervision of approximately ten students. You will be supplied a list of your students. Be aware of where they are at all times. Students should never go to the restroom or any other place alone.
- Chaperones may bring a bag to carry their group's essentials (including pencils supplied by the school). All bags need to be checked and cleared by KSC security upon arrival at the park.
- Students will not be allowed to bring backpacks, etc. on this trip. Everything that they will need will be furnished (except for pencils).
- Students will be riding on KSC busses to the Space Center. During the ride, students will watch the space-related videos/DVDs that will be playing.
- At the Space Center, students will be in tour groups of over 300 students, so it is very important that students stay with their designated chaperones at all times.
- KSC Educators and Brevard Public School Volunteers will be on hand to direct groups as they move to and from the exhibits and activities. Chaperones will need to help quiet students at times so they can be active listeners while adults are speaking and during audio/visual presentations.
- Students and chaperones will be served a "bag" lunch in a designated area. Students and chaperones with special dietary needs must bring their own lunch. Please be especially vigilant in the supervision of your students during this time. Make sure they get their lunch, don't feed birds and that each group leaves the lunch area neat and clean.
- Students and chaperones will NOT be allowed to visit the gift shop during this trip. The trip is packed with activities and it wouldn't be fair for some to make purchases when others are following the rules.
- Please note that each year changes are made to the program in order to improve it and also because of changes at KSC Visitor Complex. Information and schedules for the study trip will be provided on the day of the trip. Please review these, as your familiarity with them will help ensure a quality learning experience for our students.
- While there are changes to the program each year, students and families can find a "Welcome" video and curriculum materials on the Space Week website <http://spaceweek.brevardschools.org>.

With your support, this trip will also inspire 6th grade students to excel in the subjects of math and science.

Thank you for supporting science education by chaperoning this event!

Teacher