

# RICHARDSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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## 2012 Spring Trip Info

The Richardson High School Band is excited to be traveling to Orlando, Florida in April of 2012. This packet includes all the information you need to know before our Spring Trip Info Meeting on **Tuesday, April 3rd at 7PM in the RHS Band Hall**. Our detailed itinerary won't be distributed until that meeting as it will be in flux until we receive our contest performance times.

### Trip Overview

- Destination: Orlando, Disney World, Universal Studios Park
- Dates: April 19-23, 2012
- Method of travel: Air
- Cost: \$600.00 per student (\$430.00 for chaperones... more info on chaperones later)

### Trip Purpose

There is only one reason why the RHS Band students are being allowed to miss two days of school to travel to Orlando: we are a nationally competitive organization and we will be attending a nationally attended Concert Band festival. This means that ALL band members are expected to attend the Spring Trip. We fully understand that this may not be a financial possibility for some families. There are several individual fundraisers which take place throughout the fall semester which can be used to build up funds to scholarship your individual trip. It is our hope that between the lengthened pay schedule, the RABC subsidized cost of the trip, and the various fundraising opportunities that exist, **every single band member who wants to travel** will be able to. For more information about our fundraising opportunities, please contact the RABC VP of Fundraising at [fundraising@richardsonband.org](mailto:fundraising@richardsonband.org).

### Eligibility

An important note about academic eligibility. As per RISD guidelines, a student must be UIL academically eligible in order to attend the Spring Trip. Our trip happens to fall in the "grace week" of eligibility. That sounds like a good thing... but it isn't. Essentially, academic eligibility for our departure on Thursday is determined by the 4th six weeks. The new six weeks eligibility starts on Friday at 4:10pm. This means that a student must be both eligible from his/her 4th six weeks report card **and** his/her 5th six weeks report card. The easiest way to not worry about this is for students not to fail their classes. Please note that some classes are exempt from the UIL No Pass/No Play rule. A list of those classes can be found on the last page of this handout.

### Payments

Trip payments can be submitted in two ways:

- 1) Via the RABC safe located near the Directors' offices with cash or check. Checks should be made out to the Richardson Area Band Club. All monies deposited into the RABC safe must be enclosed in a payment envelope. Envelopes are located in a cubby directly above the safe.
- 2) Via the band website at [www.richardsonband.org](http://www.richardsonband.org). Starting on Sept 15th, simply go to the website and click on "Shop and Pay" in the main menu. *Please note: There is a "convenience fee" of 3% that is charged when you use a credit card with the RABC. This is simply the fee that our bank charges the RABC in order to accept your card. This is **not** any kind of fundraiser.*

*Please note: If your Band Registration/Operation fees are not yet paid in full, any payment you make will go toward that balance before it is applied to the Spring Trip. For questions about your balances, contact RABC Band Treasurer Lucretia Camp at [treasurer@richardsonband.org](mailto:treasurer@richardsonband.org).*

### Important Spring Trip Related Dates

DATE	ITEM
Sept. 15	Trip Commitment Form due to Mr. Marquez (see attached)
Oct. 3	Payment No. 1 Due (\$100.00)
Nov. 1	Payment No. 2 Due (\$100.00)
Dec. 1	Payment No. 3 Due (\$100.00)
Jan. 9	Payment No. 4 Due (\$100.00)
Feb. 1	Payment No. 5 Due (\$100.00)
Feb 16.	End of 4th Six Weeks. Students who who fail a class for the 4th six weeks <b>MUST</b> regain their eligibility at the 3 week mark (see below) in order to be eligible to attend the trip.
Mar. 1	Final Payment (\$100.00)
Mar. 9	Any student who failed a class at the 4th six weeks <b>MUST</b> be passing all of their classes by this date in order to be eligible to attend the trip. A student who failed a class at the 4th six weeks mark <b>and</b> is failing any class on this date <b>cannot</b> attend the trip. Money will be reimbursed via the refund schedule below.
Mar. 30	Refunds can't be issued after this date. See Refund Schedule for more details.
Apr. 3	Spring Trip Information Meeting. All students attending the spring trip must attend this meeting along with <b>at least</b> one parent or guardian. You will receive a final trip itinerary in addition to very important logistical and rules info.
Apr. 12	End of the 5th Six Weeks. Any student who fails a class for the 5th six weeks will be ineligible to attend the Spring Trip. No refunds can be issued at this late date. Students - <b>DON'T FAIL A CLASS!!</b>
Apr. 19	Departure date
Apr. 23	Return date

### Refunds/Cancellations

The directors understand that circumstances may arise that causes a student to have to cancel their attendance on the trip. Please understand that the RABC does not wish to keep your trip money if your student doesn't attend. That being said, part of our getting such a great deal on this trip was our willingness to adhere to a strict payment schedule with our travel agency. Therefore, any requests for refunds on cancelled trips will be handled according to the schedule below.

Should you have to cancel your trip, please follow the steps below:

- 1) Go to [www.richardsonband.org](http://www.richardsonband.org) and select "Forms and Downloads" from the main menu.
- 2) Click on "Spring Trip Cancellation/Refund Request"
- 3) Print, fill out and return the form to Mr. Linley.

### Refund/Cancellation Schedule

DUE DATE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/15/2011	N/A	Trip Commitment Form Due to Mr. Marquez
10/3/2011	\$100.00	Payment #1 – non refundable
11/1/2011	\$100.00	Payment #2 Should you cancel after this payment = \$125.00 penalty. \$75.00 refund to you.
12/1/2011	\$100.00	Payment #3 Should you cancel after this payment = \$175.00 penalty. \$125.00 refund to you.
1/9/2012	\$100.00	Payment #4 Should you cancel after this payment = \$225.00 penalty. \$175.00 refund to you.
2/1/2012	\$100.00	Payment #5 Should you cancel after this payment = \$275.00 penalty. \$225.00 refund to you.
3/1/2012	\$100.00 Final Payment	Payment #6 Should you cancel before the refund deadline = \$325.00 penalty. \$275.00 refund to you.
3/30/2012	Refund Deadline	NO REFUNDS can be issued after this date for any reason.

# Richardson Independent School District

## 2011-2012 List of Courses Exempt from the No Pass – No Play Rules

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate (All Disciplines)	Dual Credit (concurrent enrollment): ELA, Math, Sci., Soc. Studies, Econ. LOTE	Honors/Pre-Adv. Placement (ELA, Math, Sci., Soc. Studies, Econ. LOTE)
AP English 3 AP English 4	English 4 Dual Credit	Language Arts 7 Pre-AP Language Arts 8 Pre-AP English 1 Pre-AP English 2 Pre-AP
AP Statistics AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC	College Algebra	Precalculus Precalculus – Pre-AP Math 7 Pre-AP Math 8 Pre-AP (Algebra 1) Algebra 1 Pre-AP Algebra 2 Pre-AP Geometry Pre-AP
AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Physics B AP Physics C AP Environmental Science	Fundamentals of Astronomy General Introductory Astronomy	Science 7 Pre-AP Science 8 Pre-AP Biology Pre-AP Chemistry Pre-AP Physics Pre-AP Anatomy & Physiology (Honors)
AP Human Geography AP World History Studies AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government & Politics AP Macroeconomics AP European History AP Psychology	American Government Intro. To Psychology Intro. To Sociology Principles of Economics I	Social Studies 7 Pre-AP Social Studies 8 Pre-AP
AP Spanish Language – 8th AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature AP French Language AP German Language AP Japanese Language and Culture AP Latin - Vergil		Spanish 3 – Pre-AP (7-8) Spanish 3 – Pre-AP (9-12) Spanish 4 Spanish Language Enrichment (Honors) French 3 – Pre-AP French Language Enrichment (Honors) German 3 – Pre-AP German Language Enrichment (Honors) Japanese 3 – Pre-AP Latin 3 – Pre-AP
AP Art Drawing AP Art History AP Two-Dimensional Design Portfolio AP Three Dimensional Design Portfolio AP Music Theory AP Computer Science		

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## 2012 Spring Trip Commitment Form

*This form is due to Mr. Marquez no later than September 15th.*

I \_\_\_\_\_ commit for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2012 RHS  
(Parent's Name) (Band Member's Name)

Band Spring Trip to Orlando, FL. I understand the following:

- This trip is not required, though it is expected that students in Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band will attend if financially possible. The directors would very much like for Concert Band to compete. They will do so should enough members attend to be a contest viable band.
- The student cost of this trip is \$600.00.
- If I have to cancel my son/daughter's participation in this trip for any reason (personal, academic ineligibility, loss of trip privileges according to band handbook), refunds will be issued according to the Refund/Cancelation Schedule below.
- If I cancel my son/daughter's participation in this trip after March 30, 2012, I will not receive any refund.
- The full trip itinerary will not be publicly available until the mandatory trip meeting on April 3, 2012.
- My son/daughter must be academically eligible according to the "No Pass/No Play" rule in order to attend this trip. In order to be academically eligible, my son/daughter must pass all classes for the 4th and 5th six weeks.

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(Parent's Signature)

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(Band Member's Signature)