

Bethune Elementary School
Student Travel Criteria

Each student who will be considered for travel on the Bethune Elementary School's 2014 Philadelphia trip must meet specific criteria before being approved for travel. Although this trip will be fun, the educational experience is the first priority for everyone participating. The expectations for the students who will be participating are listed below:

1. Students must submit the specified initial deposit for their trip by October 4, 2013.
 - a. This deposit is non-refundable.
 - b. Any additional money paid will be refundable until February 7, 2013
 - c. **All students financially unable to meet this financial obligation should submit a letter requesting a scholarship application by October 4, 2013 in order to remain in consideration for travel.**
2. All students going on the 5th grade trip must submit a well written 5 paragraph essay telling why they would like to participate on the trip. This essay should be turned in with or before their initial deposit. Students must complete all other independent research assignments specified by the lead teacher of their trip.
3. Student candidates must be in good academic standing in the school. Students should have an exemplary discipline record for the current school year. All students must be approved by all of their teachers and administrators.
4. Student candidates must not have more than 5 cumulative unexcused absences.
5. Student candidates must maintain a "B" academic average.
6. Student candidates must complete all medical, emergency, and consent forms that are needed for the trip. A copy of a valid medical insurance card must be on file for each student.
7. Student candidates must be in good financial standing with the school. Students should not destroy or lose textbooks, computers, or any school property.
8. Student candidates must attend an etiquette class provided by the school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Daymon Arnold @ 404-802-8206 or at dgarnold@atlanta.k12.ga.us.