

Washington DC Trip 2026

Who: All interested Chippewa High School Seniors

******The first 50 students signed up are reserved a spot on the bus. We need at least 50 to go. Anyone signed up past the initial 50, will be put on a waiting list. If we get 80 students signed up, we will take a second bus.******

Date: March 16-19 2026

Tour Company: Nowak Tours

Cost: \$877 Broken up into 3 payments.

Requirements: Seniors must be passing all of their classes, maintain good attendance, and cannot have any in or out of school suspensions during their senior year.

Meetings: Seniors will be required to attend meetings prior to the trip. These meetings will be held during WIN time and after school in the weeks prior to the trip. These meetings are ***mandatory***.

Payments: Payments will be made through the company itself. The school will be able to view records of who has paid, when, etc.

Financial Assistance: Seniors may apply for financial help from donors in the community. To apply, students must write a 1 page essay on why they are deserving to go. Essays will be read and monies will be awarded by the donors anonymously.



ELIGIBILITY

All seniors from Chippewa High School are allowed to go as long as they meet the following requirements:

1. Grades: Any senior who is failing or has failed in one or more of their courses throughout the first- 3 quarters of school, will not be allowed to attend. This is a school event, so academics must take precedence, just like a sport.
2. Credit Recovery must be complete at the end of the 1st semester.
3. Attendance: Any student who has excessive absences (38 excused or unexcused hours absent *unless* the absence is medically excused) may not be allowed to go on the trip.
4. Behavior: Any student who receives an in-school or out-of-school suspension during their senior year may not be eligible for the trip.

MEETINGS

There will be meetings where all students, going on the trip, will be **required** to attend. Each meeting will be offered twice; once during the school day (WIN time) and once after school for those who couldn't make the earlier one. These meetings will occur in the weeks leading up to the trip. Dates and times will be announced in January.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Donations are made every year by local groups and individuals who want our seniors to experience this trip. Scholarship money will be awarded for 50% of the cost of the trip. To apply, a student will submit a 1 page typed paper that states why they want to go, why they deserve to go, and what they hope to learn on the trip. These essays will be reviewed and money will be awarded by the donors.

Essays must be submitted by **October 3rd, 2025**.



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As a tradition that began in 1973, Chippewa High School has been fortunate to take seniors to the Nation's Capital every year. We are excited to announce that we are returning to Washington DC this year and are looking forward to once again seeing the sites, learning the history, and sharing memories with the class of 2026.

This is a great trip and opportunity for our seniors. We pack in so many exciting events in 4 days. Among the places we visit are: the National Cathedral, the Smithsonian Museums, the Holocaust Museum, the Vietnam Wall, the Capitol Building and the changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Not to mention the river cruise, dance and dinner, shopping, and a live performance at the Kennedy Center.

The tour buses will roll out early Monday morning (March 16th) and return Thursday evening (March 19th). Nowak Tours will provide us with the buses, tour guides, and security at the hotel.

