



Lowell Public Schools

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Liam Skinner Superintendent
Lowell Public Schools
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SUBJECT: OVERNIGHT AFJROTC NATIONAL DRILL TEAM COMPETITION

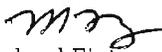
Dear Mr. Skinner,

I'm requesting permission for approximately 44 students to travel to Daytona Beach, Florida. Students will be representing Lowell High School in the National High School Drill Team Competition. Approximately 44 students in grades 9-12 will be attending between Wednesday, April 30, 2025 and returning Tuesday, May 6th, 2025. The appropriate parental and school permission forms will be completed prior to the trip. MSgt Paul Perez, TSgt David Smith and Assistant Drill Coaches Shay Peden and Izaia Cunha (LHS AFJROTC Alum) will chaperone the trip.

MA-771 has historically made a strong showing during competition, having earned a sixth-place overall finish with both the Unarmed and armed Divisions in years past and would see out nationally ranked Unarmed and Armed Color Guard teams and Armed Inspection Team return to the fray amongst Air Force/Air Force/Marine Corps/Navy JROTC units. The competition focuses on many aspects of the AFJROTC curriculum, and supports learning objectives in teamwork, self-discipline and advanced drill and ceremonies.

The AFJROTC Instructors have worked diligently to reduce the number of days that students will miss instruction. Due to exorbitant air transportation costs, the group will be using charter ground transportation, with the number of missed academic days totaling 5. Substitutes will not be required for the coverage as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor will be covering all AFJROTC classes during proposed trip dates. This trip will be funded using a combination of student fund-raising or student contributions. The total cost is approximately \$58,108. There will be no cost to the school department for the trip.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.


Michael Fiato
Head of Schools

Lowell High School Field Trip Request Form
(Must be turned in 4 Weeks in advance)

A trip is considered an official Lowell High School Field Trip when it is connected to any LHS class, student activity, club, sport or special program whether they occur on a school day or on a weekend.

A field trip form MUST be filed with the Main Office for the Head of School's signature 4 (four) weeks prior to the event. The Head of School's signature is required for ALL trips. Keep a copy of this request for your files.

Name: Paul L. Perez Date: 1/3/2025
Name and cell phone of staff member on trip: Paul L. Perez (757) 771-0004
David A. Smith (781) 354-0271
Date(s) of the trip: Wednesday/April 30, 2025 - Tuesday/May 6, 2025
(day and date)

Hours: Leaving: 6:00 AM Returning: 8:00 PM

Number of Students: 44 Number of Chaperones: 4

Description of Field Trip: AFJROTC cadets will compete against All-Service JROTC units from across the nation.

Type & Number of Vehicles: 1 charter bus Approximate Mileage: 2,476/round trip

Charges to Student (per person)		Charges to School Department	
Transportation:	_____	Transportation:	_____
Entry Fees:	_____	Entry Fees:	_____
Meals:	_____	Meals:	_____

How many substitute teachers are you requesting? ~~0~~
— Full Day OR — Specific mods (list all mods needing coverage)

- You are required to meet the following conditions:
- Obtain parental and teacher permission
 - Notify House Dean of students attending
 - Meet all requirements of the field trip site
 - File a post-trip report to the Head of School if requested
 - Arrange for students to be returned to LHS or home

Reviewed by: [Signature] Date: 3 pm 25
Department Head:
Approved by: [Signature] Date: 1-6-25
Head of School:



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From: AFJROTC MA-771, Lowell High School

Subject: Lowell High School AFJROTC National Drill Team Competition

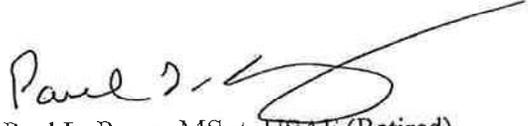
MEMORANDUM FOR HEAD OF SCHOOL/Mr. Michael Fiato

Dear Mr. Fiato,

I respectfully request your support and approval for the AFJROTC Drill Team to travel to the National High School Drill Team Competition (NHSDTC) in May 2025. Attending this prestigious Junior ROTC competition would represent our second year of participation. The competition is scheduled for Saturday May 3 & 4, 2025 in Daytona Beach, Florida. The team, made up of approximately 44 students in grades 9-12 will depart Lowell High School at approximately 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 and will return Tuesday, May 6, 2025 with an estimated return to the Lowell area at 8 p.m..

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I would like to thank you in advance for your consideration and your continued support of the Lowell High School AFJROTC program. If you have any questions, please call me at (978) 937-8946, or email pperez@lowell.k12.ma.us.


Paul L. Perez, MSgt, USAF (Retired)
Aerospace Science Instructor
MA-771, Lowell High School

Lowell High School Field Trip Notification Form



From: Lowell High School AFJROTC / MSGT Perez Date Issued: March 31, 2025

Permission Slip DUE NO LATER THAN April 11, 2025

Students Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Field Trip Destination: National High School Drill Team Competition, Daytona Beach, Florida
Cadets will travel to Daytona Beach, Florida to compete in the National High School Drill Team Competition.

Field Trip Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 through Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Departure Time: 6:00 AM

Return Time: Approximately 8:00 PM

Parent/Guardian Permission and Signature

A class trip has been arranged for your child to the destinations outlined above. Please sign below if you grant permission for your child to attend. Students will be supervised.

Parent Signature _____ Parent Name (print) _____

Parent's emergency phone _____

Teacher Permission and Initials

Please initial below to indicate if this student has permission to attend the field trip during your class. Please mark it as a field trip in your attendance records. If this student has excessive absences, or is in danger of failing, please indicate the reason for the denial.

Period 1 _____	Yes _____	No _____
Period 2 _____	Yes _____	No _____
Period 3 _____	Yes _____	No _____
Period 4 _____	Yes _____	No _____
Period 5 _____	Yes _____	No _____
Period 6 _____	Yes _____	No _____
Period 7 _____	Yes _____	No _____

Lowell Public Schools:
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

The School Committee recognizes that first-hand learning experiences provided by field trips are a most effective and worthwhile means of learning. It is the desire of the Committee to encourage field trips as an integral part of the program of the schools.

Specific guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures shall be developed to screen, approve and evaluate trips and to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken for the safety of the participants. These guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures shall ensure that all field trips have the approval of the Head of School and that all overnight trips have the prior approval of appropriate Administrative level.

Approval of the School Committee must be granted prior to money being collected, arrangements being made, or parental consent being issued for all overnight field trips.

The following guidelines are set to implement the planning of field trips as part of, and directly related to, classroom learning activities. All guidelines must be included in the request.

- The application for approval for an overnight field trip which requires students to miss a day or more of school must include written justification from the teacher proposing the trip.
- The application for approval for an overnight field trip which requires students to miss a day or more of school must include a written statement of the learning standards the trip will address.
- The application for approval for an overnight field trip must include an itemization of all costs associated with the trip and the funding source.
- All proposed field trips must have the approval of the school building administrator.
- All day trips must be within budgetary allotments for such purpose and be approved by the superintendent. Any trip, for which there is no budget allotment, must have advance approval of the School Committee.
- Each student who goes on a field trip must have written parental permission.
- Enough supervision must be provided so that discipline on the trip is effective.
- All trips must be well planned, properly timed, and related to regular learning activities.
- All Chaperones/other adults MUST be corried. Please list chaperones that are attending:

Shayden Peden / Izabela Cunha, Paul Perez, Dave Smith

Signature of Head of School: 
Signature of Central Administrator: 

Date: _____
Date: 1-9-25