

Chaperone Policy

If you are chosen as a chaperone on any CMCS field trip please keep in mind the following guidelines. If you are not able to abide by these guidelines, please let the classroom teachers know immediately as we will need to fill your spot.

Qualities of a CMCS Model Chaperone:

Keen sense of safety, responsibility, nurturing firmness, organization, and group control

Field Trip Chaperone Policy:

- All chaperones must be pre-approved by Pasco County Schools and on our volunteer list. If you **are not an approved volunteer, you will not be considered** as a chaperone and therefore, will not be authorized to attend the field trip under Pasco County Guidelines.
- **Chaperones are selected on lottery basis.** The chaperones will be pulled on the day the forms are due. Parents should receive a note with their child indicating whether they will be able to chaperone or not.
- Parents that have been selected to chaperone **should not sign-up** as chaperones for future field trips. This will facilitate opportunities for “new” chaperones to attend.
- Chaperones must leave and return to school with their assigned group on transportation provided.
- Chaperones should be supervising students **at all times**, escorting them to the restroom (as needed), and reporting any problems to the classroom teachers.
- Students will not be allowed to bring money. Students and chaperones/companions will not be able to purchase any items (e.g., treats, souvenirs, ice cream) while on the field trip (unless previously determined by CMCS).
- Chaperones **MUST** have a cell phone; however, use of cell phones is prohibited unless for emergencies, this includes calls, emails, or texts.
- Chaperones must bring their own lunch as required; keep in mind our Healthy Food Policy.
- Siblings of students **are not** permitted to attend field trips. Chaperones must be able to devote their attention to their assigned group of students at all times.