

Ankeny High School Vocal Music

New York City Tour Information 2024



Purpose:

This “once-in-a-lifetime” tour opportunity provides Ankeny High School Vocal Music Students an incredible experience in one of the greatest cities on Earth. Students will visit many of the most popular and exciting destinations New York City has to offer, experience live professional musical theater on Broadway-and through it all, grow as fellow musicians singing in world-class destinations including a competitive festival setting.

Dates:

April 9-14, 2024

We will leave *after school* on Tuesday, April 9 and will return to Ankeny on Sunday, April 14th.

Trip Highlights*:

9/11 Memorial & Museum

Rockefeller Center

Times Square

NBC Studios Tour

One World Observatory

Statue of Liberty

Ellis Island

TWO Broadway musicals

St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Central Park

Shopping on 5th Avenue

Dinner/Dance/Boat Tour

Festival performance/Clinic/Awards Ceremony

3 nights in hotel

6 provided meals (including Hard Rock Café, Ellen’s Stardust Diner, Gayle’s Broadway Rose)

Charter bus/transportation costs

**Itinerary is subject to change*

Transportation:

We will utilize *charter bus* transportation for this trip. This is cheaper than flying and we are trying to keep the cost of the trip as low as possible.

Performance Configuration:

Students will participate in the Worldstrides New York Heritage Music Festival. Students will perform for a panel of clinicians who are experts in the field and will receive a clinic on their performance. Configurations of choirs will be determined by balance of voices after trip registrations; possibilities include:

- a. Normal three ensembles: Concert Choir, Cantorei, Ankeny Singers
- b. Two choirs combined, one separate
- c. One combined choir

Chaperones:

We utilize a ratio of 1 adult chaperone for every 8-10 students. Students are under regular supervision/care. If you are interested in being considered to be a chaperone, please indicate your interest on the intent form (attached.)

Eligibility:

Students are expected to be in good standing in the vocal music department in order to attend.

Considerations include:

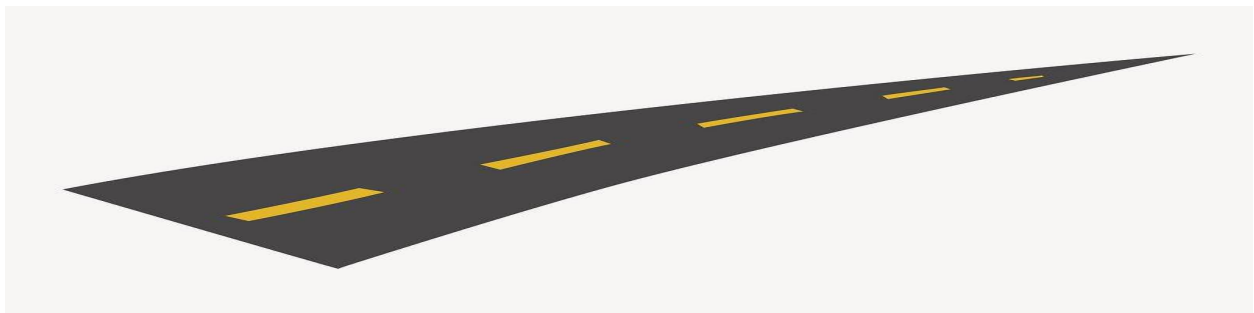
- Attendance in rehearsals (including any outside of school rehearsals)
- Grade in choir/missing assignments
- Rehearsal etiquette, behavior, and effort

Student Behavior & Expectations:

As ambassadors of our program, school, and community, we uphold the highest standards of behavior when on trips. Expectations and guidelines will be discussed in great detail later in the spring with students and parents. All school rules apply on trips and there is zero tolerance for inappropriate or illegal behavior. All students and parents will agree to and sign a code of conduct prior to departure; students who violate this code of conduct will be removed from the trip immediately and return to Ankeny at their parents' expense.

Trip Insurance:

In the unlikely event that a student has to pull out of the trip at the "last minute," trip insurance is offered for a reasonable price and is strongly recommended. Information about trip insurance will be shared with those who register for the trip.



Cost Information:

Cost per student: \$1,865.00*

*Cost of the trip may fluctuate (up or down) based on: final number of participants, changes in prices of itinerary items (i.e. theater tickets), fundraising efforts, etc.

**If you have individual financial concerns, *we want to work with you if possible*. Please contact us. Our desire is for every student to participate in this amazing trip!

Payment Schedule & Information:

All payments will be made online directly to our travel company, *Group Travel Planners (GTP)*.

Information about how to register with the payment system and make payments will be shared with those who sign-up for the trip.

Please pay close attention to due dates!

Deposit: \$165.00 (DUE October 13)

Payment 2: \$425.00 (DUE November 10)

Payment 3: \$425.00 (DUE January 5)

Payment 4: \$425.00 (DUE February 2)

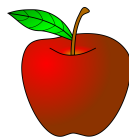
Payment 5: Balance (based on final trip costs, results of fundraising efforts, etc.) (DUE March 1)

Next Steps:

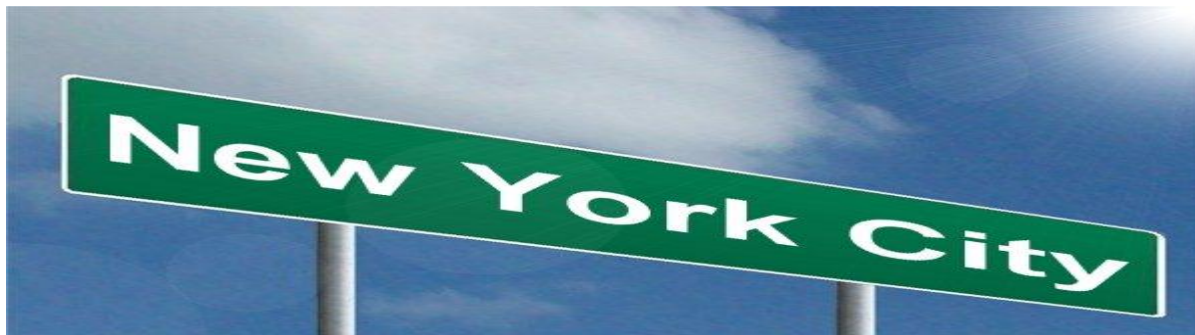
1. In order to obtain an accurate count so that our tour company can begin booking key itinerary items, securing tickets, finalizing overall cost, etc., please complete the **STATEMENT OF INTENT** form and return it to your vocal music director by Monday, October 2. *We will assume that you are not participating in the trip if you do not return a form.*

2. Make the \$165.00 deposit online (*Information about how to register online and make online payments will be shared with those who register for the trip the first week of October.*)

3. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 28, 2024** for a trip meeting. All students traveling to NYC are required to attend this meeting; parents are strongly encouraged to attend.



BIG APPLE HERE WE COME!



STATEMENT OF INTENT
AHS VOCAL MUSIC NEW YORK CITY TOUR 2024

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Ensemble (please check one):

___ Concert Choir

___ Cantorei

___ Ankeny Singers

Parents, please Initial:

___ Our student is planning to travel to NYC with the Ankeny High School Choirs. We have read the preliminary information, and both understand and commit to the payment schedule.

Optional:

___ I am interested in being a chaperone for this trip

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date