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Consent Agenda Item (Action Item):

Request retroactive approval for interested high school students identified in the Gifted & Talented Program from Betsy Layne, Floyd Central, and Prestonsburg to participate in a Washington D.C. Study Tour. The trip will be for 9th-12th grade students.

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KAR 704 3:285 Section 6, Board Policy 09.36

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact:

The Washington D.C. study tour will be funded through parent payments and fundraising. The tour is scheduled for June 15-18, 2026. The GT coordinator, instructor, and teachers/administrators from each school will be student chaperones.

History/Background:

Over the years, Gifted and Talented 9th-12th graders from Floyd County high schools have been given the opportunity to tour Washington, DC, New York City, Chicago Illinois, the Biltmore Estate in Asheville North Carolina, Boston, Massachusetts, Niagara Falls, New York and Central Florida. These tours have been some of the best "real world" experiences high school students have ever participated in. The GT students participating in this Washington D.C. study tour will have the chance to visit a variety of historically significant sites, museums, and landmarks. They will be able to explore the rich history and culture of Washington DC while also engaging in hands-on learning experiences that will enhance their knowledge and skills.

Recommended Action:

The GT students, their parents, GT program personnel, and school administrators recommend that the Floyd County Board of Education approve the request for those Gifted & Talented students interested in participating in the Washington D.C. study tour June 15-18, 2026 be allowed to do so pending compliance with all Board policies.

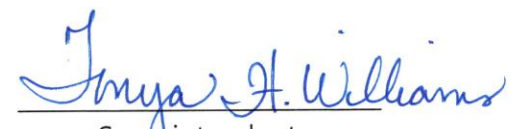
Contact Person(s):

Kevin Slone, Gifted & Talented Coordinator
Kathy Morrison, Gifted & Talented Instructor

Date: May 14, 2025


GT Coordinator


Director


Superintendent



Contract for Floyd Co. Gifted & Talented

DC – June 15-18, 2026

Thank you for considering Blue Grass Tours for your upcoming touring needs! We are proud to offer you the following all-inclusive touring package:

- Transportation aboard a deluxe, 55-passenger coach with TV/DVD, WIFI, Electrical Outlets and Restroom
- Escort, Driver, Hotel Accommodations and Gratuity
- 3 Nights' accommodations at Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center
- Breakfast included at hotel each morning of the group's stay
- Lunch and Dinner included each day
- Monument Tour
 - Lincoln Memorial
 - Vietnam Veterans Memorial
 - Washington Monument
 - World War II Memorial
- Arlington National Cemetery — *Changing of Guard*
- George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Potomac River Cruise
- Smithsonian Museums
- National Harbor
- Ford's Theatre
- U.S. Capitol
- 2 Complimentary packages per coach at Double Occupancy rate after minimum is met

ITINERARY

See the attached proposed itineraries for each day of your stay.

PROPOSED PRICING:

Price is based on a **minimum of 40 paid participants per coach** and includes 2 comps at the Double occupancy rate.

Room Configuration	Minimum 40 per coach	Pricing after minimum met
Quad Occupancy	\$995.00 per person	\$525.00 per person
Triple Occupancy	\$1,065.00 per person	\$575.00 per person
Double Occupancy	\$1,195.00 per person	\$725.00 per person
Single Occupancy	\$1,599.00 per person	\$1,125.00 per person

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2026:

6:30 AM Coach arrives to Floyd Co. High School
Group boards coach / Driver loads luggage
7:00 AM Depart for Oxon, MD
Restroom and Lunch stop enroute - \$15 cash provided
5:00 PM Check-into hotel
Dinner/shopping on own in National Harbor - \$30 cash provided

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

Breakfast at hotel
7:30 AM Depart for day
Day of Touring to Include:

- Arlington National Cemetery Tram Tour
 - Stop at Kennedy Gravesite
 - See changing of guard at Tomb of Unknown Soldier
- Cash Lunch at Fashion Centre at Pentagon City - \$20 cash provided
- Ranger led tour through Ford's Theatre
- Stop at Honest Abe's Gift Shop
- Walk by White House for photos
- Dinner at Hard Rock Café
- Guided Illuminated Monument tour

10:30 PM Coach arrives back to hotel

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2026:

Breakfast at Hotel
8:00 AM Depart for day
Day of Touring to Include:

- Guided tour through the U.S. Capitol
- Lunch at Capitol café – Voucher provided
- Afternoon exploring Smithsonian Museums on own
- Dinner/Dance Potomac River Cruise

10:30 PM Arrive back to hotel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2026:

Breakfast at Hotel
7:30 AM Guests board coach / Driver loads luggage
8:00 AM Depart for Mount Vernon
Morning at George Washington's Mount Vernon

- Guided house tour
- Video
- Self-guided tour through grounds
- Lunch voucher

1:30 PM Depart for Floyd County High School
Dinner and Restroom stops along the way
10:30 PM Coach arrives back to Floyd County High School

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The terms of the agreement are as follows:

1. Blue Grass Tours must receive the signed contract by **Friday, May 30, 2025** if the document is not received all holds will be released and pricing must be renegotiated at that time.
2. A **\$400.00 Deposit** is due to Blue Grass Tours by **Friday, July 11, 2025** to secure vehicle reservation.
3. A **\$100.00 per person** deposit is due by **Friday, August 29, 2025**.
4. A **\$200.00 per person** deposit is due by **Friday, October 31, 2025**.
5. A **\$300.00 per person** deposit is due by **Friday, January 16, 2026**.
6. **Final Guest count, Rooming List and Payment in Full** are due to Blue Grass Tours by **Friday, March 13, 2026**. If mailing a check, please mail by this date.
7. Cancellation of trip after **Friday, March 13, 2026** may result in loss of any or all payment(s).
8. If the final payment is not received by the above specified dates, it may result in the release of all confirmed reservations and loss of initial deposit.
9. Every attempt will be made to include attractions listed. Should attractions become unavailable or cancelled, a similar attraction will be replaced.

Payment:

- Failure to make final payment by the above date will result in cancellation of a signed contract.
- In order to reserve your coach, a deposit in the amount specified above is required and must be received in our office within 10 days of your booking. If the deposit is not received in the 10-day period, we reserve the right to cancel the order. Full payment must be paid and received in our office within 48 hours by Cash, Credit Card, Cashier's Check, Certified Check or Money Order.
- We gladly accept: MC, Visa, Amex, Cash, Check, or Money Order. Payment by check, except cashiers or certified check, must be received at our office at least 7 days prior to the payment due date. In the event a check is returned for insufficient funds, a \$35.00 fee will apply.
- **A 5% convenience fee will be added for all credit card payments.**
- Payments should be made payable to: Blue Grass Tours. Payments may be made by mail, in person, or by credit card to: BLUE GRASS TOURS, 817 Enterprise Drive, Lexington, KY 40510
- Due to the volatile nature of fuel prices, fuel surcharges may apply and may be adjusted prior to your departure. In the event there is an upward adjustment, the customer will be responsible for the resulting additional charges.
- Blue Grass Tours may require that a valid credit card be provided by the customer and be held on file by Blue Grass Tours for the duration of the trip as security to cover any additional unpaid charges that may be incurred by the customer prior to or during the trip.

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Itinerary:

- Blue Grass Tours will make every effort to include specific attractions requested or noted on your itinerary, though these are at no point guaranteed. Blue Grass Tours has no control over Attractions/Venues discretion to cancel reservations made by Blue Grass Tours. In the event your attraction is cancelled, you will be contacted and a similar attraction will be booked.
- We recognize that changes may occur to your itinerary either prior to or during your trip. In order to assure that we can provide you with the best possible service, we will make every effort to accommodate your changes. However, any changes to your itinerary while the trip is underway may require delays and/or additional fees. Any changes to the itinerary while the trip is underway must be approved by the Blue Grass Tours office and if approved by the Blue Grass Tours, the responsible customer must sign for any additional charges that may occur as a result of the itinerary change. Please be aware that we strictly adhere to the USDOT regulations as follows: **A driver must have eight (8) consecutive hours off duty, after driving ten (10) hours (maximum driving time), or being on duty fifteen (15) hours (10 hours driving time plus 5 hours wait/on-duty time).** At the point of exceeding US DOT driving/on-duty time regulations, drivers are required to park the coach and call our dispatcher. We cannot permit or require drivers to violate US DOT regulations. All drivers have been instructed to keep the customer and the Blue Grass Tours dispatcher informed regarding on-duty/driving time and to notify the customer and the Blue Grass Tours dispatcher in the event they determine that a potential problem may arise. The customer also agrees to and will give permission to the driver to go off duty when the coach is parked and not needed by the group for specified periods of time when the coach can be locked and not attended to or occupied by the driver. When available, a replacement driver will be sent at the earliest possible time to take over the charter and continue the trip. Blue Grass Tours assumes no responsibility for delays or other consequences resulting from customer directed itinerary changes made while the trip is underway.

Cancellations:

- Deposits and/or payments will be refunded provided that a cancellation request is received at our office during regular business office hours by cancellation due date, stated above in Terms of Agreement. Blue Grass Tours reserves the right to cancel a reservation due to inclement weather or other acts of God, equipment mechanical problems or other circumstances which may, at the sole discretion of Blue Grass Tours, prevent delivery of charter bus service to the customer by Blue Grass Tours.

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Responsibilities:

- Blue Grass Tours is not responsible for lost or damaged baggage, personal belongings or any items left on the coach.
- We make every effort to ensure our coaches are in top working condition. Unfortunately, mechanical failures may occur which may delay your trip. In the event a mechanical failure occurs, Blue Grass Tours will make every effort to have repairs accomplished in a timely manner or based on circumstances and availability, provide a replacement coach to continue your service. In the event Blue Grass Tours determines that a replacement coach is necessary to continue or complete the trip, Blue Grass Tours will provide the replacement coach at no additional cost to the customer. In any event Blue Grass Tours assumes no responsibility for price adjustment, refund of the contract price or for all other costs incurred by the customer or their party as a result of delays, mechanical failures or other unforeseen circumstances. TV, VCR\DVD, Radios, PA Systems, & Internet are provided on the coaches and regularly maintained for optimum performance. In the event one of these items fails to operate properly prior to or during your trip no refund and/or price adjustments will be made since these are considered accessory items and are not essential to the operation of the coach.
- We take pride in the cleanliness of our equipment. We do expect normal wear during use. In the event Blue Grass Tours determines there is excessive trash, abnormal wear and tear or damage, etc., a \$100.00 minimum fee up to the total cleaning/repair/ replacement cost of the damaged item will be charged to the customer.

Acknowledgement of Agreement

I, the undersigned customer representative, have read and understand all of the terms and conditions of this contract, and shall be responsible for all charges herein and any charges related to changes in the charter order. Additionally, I have reviewed all the information on the confirmation and find it to be a complete description of the trip for which we have contracted services. I agree to pay all charges listed herein and all other charges that may be incurred as a result of this contract. The contract price may be adjusted based on the final itinerary provided to Blue Grass Tours by the customer prior to trip departure and/or as a result of customer directed changes while travel is underway.

Driver assignments and specific vehicles cannot be guaranteed. The company reserves the right to lease equipment from another company in order to fulfill your charter. The company is not responsible for articles left or loss during your charter or any loss of time due to mechanical failure. We strictly adhere to the USDOT regulations in regards to driver and equipment requirements. Blue Grass Tours is a DOD certified company. A signed contract and deposit delivered to and received by the Blue Grass Tours office is required to confirm your reservation.

Thank you for selecting Blue Grass Tours as your service provider. Please sign this agreement and return a copy with your payment.

Organization/Contact

Signature

Date

Printed Name of Person Signing

Blue Grass Tours

Deanna Singleton

Signature

Deanna Singleton

Printed Name of Person Signing

5/14/2025

Date