

ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON COSTS

The cost for this trip is \$1852 per student. We realize that this amount is not insignificant, so we want to provide some context. Costs are calculated per student for 25 individuals which includes 2 SPS staff:

- Airfare \$691 (Includes baggage/special fees eg oversized baggage for acoustic bass)
- Hotel \$945 (5 nights, double occ. includes daily breakfast)
- Transport \$90 (hire coach to and from JFK airport)
- SPS substitutes \$76 (coverage for SPS staff while on trip)
- Event fee \$50 (we would like to take advantage of the unique opportunities NYC provides for first-class music experience by taking the group to a jazz or Broadway show on Wed night. We have priced several of these with discount group tickets eg *Some Like It Hot* and find that all cost within a dollar or two of \$50. We are waiting for May schedules at jazz clubs to release to make a final call. Once we know what we will be doing, we will make that info available to attending parents who wish to join us)

These costs align with our historical costs for this trip. Much of the increase is due to 2 factors: 1) change in SPS policy no longer allowing students to share large beds (previously students were 3-4 to a double room); 2) increases in baggage costs at Alaska.

As discussed in our parent orientation meeting in January, the Foundation will also help students and families who need assistance with these costs – if you would like to apply for assistance, please send back the attached form as soon as possible so that we can assess our full student need. This year is the first year that the GJF is doing its best to make assistance available to all who request without asking families for financial information in years past. We hope this approach feels more equitable and makes these special trips doable for everyone. We need the form returned with payment by check (or assistance request) by **March 22nd**, otherwise participation in the trip may be affected. We can accept payment by credit card, but unfortunately must charge a 3% fee to cover credit card processing – the credit card payment option is available through [garfieldjazz.org](https://www.garfieldjazz.org).

<https://www.garfieldjazz.org/families-calendar/essentially-ellington-competition>

ESSENTIALLY ELLINGTON FAQS

- **Will there be additional costs not included in the amount above?** This cost does NOT include meals in NY. Breakfast will be provided at the hotel, and students will attend an official welcome banquet on Thursday night, but otherwise students will be purchasing their own meals, and we recommend an allowance of \$150-200 for the trip to cover meals. The hotel is a 10-15 minute walk to Lincoln Center, but students will need some money for transportation, primarily subway, \$30 should be sufficient to cover for the trip.
- **Can I join the trip and watch my student perform?** Yes. We have already filled our official trip chaperone positions, but parents and other family members are welcome to attend at their own cost. Note that we will be able to purchase tickets for all interested to attend GHS competition performance (at a cost of \$18.50 per person), but that space is limited, and ticket holders will only be able to attend OTHER bands' performances space allowing ie after those bands' friends and families are accommodated. GHS has 30 tickets for families and friends for the Saturday evening Final Concert and Awards ceremony (\$28.50 per person). We need to place our ticket order to Lincoln Center by

March 24th, so we have asked for ticket requests to be included on the payment form attached.

Note for parents who are unable to attend that Lincoln Center will provide a livestream of at least the final concert, more info to come as Lincoln Center passes along.

- **Trip itinerary:**

Chaperones

Tracy Reed 206-335-5905

Anna-Lisa Mossesson 206-498-3004

Dan Goforth 206-683-7893

Tuesday May 9th Arrive SEATAC 5:15 AM. More info on meeting point to come, but text one of the chaperones above if you cannot find the group.

Depart SEA 7:30 AM (Alaska AS0034), arrive JFK 3:47 PM. Coach to

Hotel Belleclaire

2175 Broadway

NY NY 10024

(212) 362 7700

Wednesday May 10th

Rehearsal TBD at rental rehearsal space.

Otherwise there will be an opportunity for some local chaperoned exploring (Central Park, museums etc).

Wed evening is the best opportunity for group event as discussed previously.

Thursday May 11th

Registration at Lincoln Center

Afternoon – Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra open rehearsal and Q&A session with Wynton Marsalis

Evening – Banquet dinner and jam sessions with members of JLCO
(sorry, parents and family will NOT be able to attend these events)

Friday May 12th

Rehearsal with mentor. Section workshops. Competition performances for bands.

Friday night is free for another event, but competition performances officially end at 6:30 and may go over

Saturday May 13th

Morning/Afternoon – final band competition performances

GHS competition performance 1 PM (EST)

Top 3 bands announced c. 4 PM

7:30 PM Concert and Awards Ceremony with top 3 bands performing, Rose Theater

Sunday May 14th

6:30 AM Coach to JFK

9:30 AM depart JFK (Alaska AS0021), arr. SEA 12:37 PM

Note that transportation to and from SEATAC is student's responsibility.

Parents are welcome to enquire on staying at the official hotel and book tickets on our Alaska flights. We will have some extra seats on the coach to and from JFK, but will have to confirm availability once we know how many additional parents and family are attending.

PLEASE NOTE THAT, PER SPS DIRECTIVES, PARENTS AND FAMILIES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REMOVE THEIR STUDENT FROM THE TRIP TO ATTEND SEPARATE ACTIVITIES. THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES TO JOIN THE GHS GROUP ON WEDNESDAY DAY/EVE AND FRI EVE, AND TO ATTEND PERFORMANCES AS OUTLINED, BUT GHS STUDENTS MUST REMAIN WITH THE GROUP FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP.

- I attach payment for the full trip cost of \$1852. Please return check (payable to "Garfield Jazz Foundation") with completed form, or if you prefer mail to:

Garfield Jazz Foundation
1143 Martin Luther King Jr Way, #44
Seattle, WA 98122

If you pay by mail or online (below), please make sure to still return form to Mr. Sessink

(If you would like to pay full amount but cannot pay all at once, we can arrange staggered payments as long as full amount is paid by **May 1st**. Please reach out to president@garfieldjazz.org to discuss a payment plan)

- I prefer to pay online and have made payment at garfieldjazz.org
<https://www.garfieldjazz.org/families-calendar/essentially-ellington-competition>
- I would like to make a payment of \$_____ toward the cost of this trip. I would like assistance from the foundation to cover the remaining cost.
- I plan on attending the festival. There will be ___ family members attending.
I add the amount of \$___ for tickets to events
___ tickets at \$18.50 each for the competition performance (Fri/Sat day TBD)
___ tickets at \$28.50 for the Final awards concert (Sat eve.)

Parent signature _____

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____

FORM IS DUE BY MARCH 22ND, THANKS!