

American High School Theatre Festival Everything I would want to know as a parent

1. Why are we going?

The International Fringe Festival is the largest and most prestigious theatre festival in the world. The AHSTF is an organization that allows for schools to showcase their work. To apply, you have to be nominated by state, regional or national theatre organizations. The application is rigorous and only around 30 schools in the world are invited to perform at The Fringe. We have been chosen as one of those schools.

2. When is it?

To accommodate the requirements of our district to be in class on the first day of class in August of 2025, our trip will be approx. July 26th - August 8th of 2025.

3. What is included?

- a. We will be spending 5 days in London and 7 days in Edinburgh
- b. Roundtrip airfare
- c. Accommodations, breakfast every day and either lunch or dinner every day
- d. City bus and tube pass daily
- e. Professional night security
- f. Transfers for the airport and sightseeing
- g. 4 Performances of our show in a Fringe venue with technical support
- h. 1 performance on the Royal Mile
- i. Sightseeing opportunities to be discussed as we work on the itinerary of the trip
- j. Tickets to performances at the Fringe and in London
- k. College Credit is available for our students
- I. Blue Badge Guide throughout our trip
- m. Insurance for all participants
- n. 24-hour on Doctors on Call program

4. How many chaperones are going?

At minimum, we will have a 1/10 ratio

5. Can parents attend?

Yes, you can but it is the same price as a student. Also, you will not get to chaperone your own child's group. Please understand that chaperones will be working on this trip. As a chaperone, you will be assigned a group of kids to supervise and your child will not be one of those kids.

6. Will we be fundraising?

Yes, we will be fundraising for this trip. You can choose to pay in full or participate in fundraising. If you participate, any funds raised will be equally divided between the participating students after expenses and will be taken off the last payment of your payment plan.

7. What does it cost?

The final amount is still in flux slightly because our trip isn't the normal trip, due to district requirements. Currently the cost is \$6879. I expect to say no more than \$7000.

8. How do I sign up?

- Step 1 go to http://www.educationaltravel.com/register
- Step 2 Put in the trip identification number: Kirkley-8466
- Step 3 Complete the Registration and make a payment. You can set up a payment plan at this time