

## PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT FOR TRANSPORTATION AND EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP PARTICIPATION

At WCA, we refer to our field trips as "Educational Field Trips" because they encompass more than just guided tours, they also include engaging STEM programs. We take every measure to ensure our students are safe and well cared for during these trips. While participation in these trips is mandatory and graded, we understand that some parents may prefer that their child not participate. In such cases, students will be given alternative assignments. We encourage all students to take advantage of learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Our students and families are at the heart of everything we do. The relationships we've built with our students, alumni, and families are our greatest priority. If you ever have questions or concerns, we are always here to assist and support you.

In the rare event that an issue cannot be resolved through our mandatory informal dispute resolution process which includes in-person meetings or telephone, video conference discussions, Wellington Collegiate Academy and its students and families agree to address the matter through binding individual arbitration. Class and representative actions are not permitted. During arbitration, an impartial arbitrator will review the dispute, consider both sides, and issue a binding decision. The arbitrator follows the same legal standards as a court and can award the same individual remedies. Arbitration is designed to be streamlined, with limited discovery and appellate review, ensuring a fair and efficient resolution. This approach protects all parties, minimizes undue financial burdens, and ensures that disputes are handled equitably.

By signing, I confirm that I have read and agree to the terms knowingly and voluntarily. I also confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the named student.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ parent/ legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

who is in \_\_\_\_\_ grade, give permission for my child to participate in WCA's Educational Field

Trips.

Date