

OLC FAQs

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- Q1. I need to pump during the field trip. Is there a place for me to do that?
A. Yes. You can pump in the privacy of the OLC office.
- Q2. I have a split grade level in my class. May I bring both grade levels to the field trip?
A. No. We request that you only bring the specific grade level of the field trip to the location.
- Q3. Can the OLC accommodate a student with special needs like autism, blindness, deafness, in a wheelchair, leg or arm in a cast, etc.?
A. The OLC staff will do everything in their power to accommodate a student's needs. We ask that you let us know in advance so we can be as prepared as possible.
- Q4. Can the grade level LIFE Skills students come to the OLC with their peers?
A. If a LIFE Skills student has science inclusion with their GenEd peers, then yes, of course! If not, we suggest that the student participate in the LIFE field trip planned for the Spring, designed especially for LIFE students. NOTE: If they come with the GenEd peers, they are still expected during the LIFE field trip.
- Q5. Can the students wear jeans?
A. You bet! We ask that they wear long pants, not shorts.
- Q6. Do the students need their badges?
A. For OLC purposes, badges are not needed, since they will be wearing the nametags we send you. If your campus administrator expects them to wear badges at all times, then they can wear their badges, too.
- Q7. Why do you want us to use the nametags you send us?
A. About 90% of classroom management is about relationships. We don't have the time to forge a relationship with the thousands of students we host, but using their name means a lot to them. The print on the badges is too small to be useful to us, so we send nametags asking you to write big and dark enough for us to see across a couple of tables.
- Q8. What if a student has an inhaler?
A. If it is appropriate for the student to carry their own inhaler, that is fine as long as their field trip presenter knows they have it. Otherwise, the student's classroom teacher will keep it with them. NOTE: The teacher must stay with that student's group for the day.
- Q9. What if I have an EpiPen for a student, just in case?
A. The student's classroom teacher will keep the EpiPen with them. NOTE: The teacher must stay with that student's group for the day in case it needs to be used.
- Q10. Can I split the students into groups before we come?
A. We prefer that you do not split your groups. We randomize them as they come off the bus and it tends to work out. After randomization, we ask teachers to check the groups for any personalities that may need to be separated.
- Q11. What happens if a student has a medical emergency?
A. We work with the School Nurse at Jack E Singley Academy when we have medical emergencies.

- Q12. If I have an ambulatory disability, how can I enjoy the field trip with the students?
A. The golf cart can be used to take a teacher in this situation from station to station.
- Q13. Can a parent attend the field trip if they must accompany their student to accommodate the student's BIP?
A: Yes. Communicate this with the OLC instructional specialist.
- Q14. Do we need to bring an adult for each of the four groups of students?
A. No, you do not need to bring that many adults. The classroom teachers need to be there, but since the presenters are adults, they count as the adult per the group. However, if you have a special needs student, it is best to bring an aide for that student.
- Q15. Can we bring our grade-level LIFE students to our field trip?
A. If you have a LIFE student that has Science inclusion, then yes, you can bring them. They will need an aide dedicated to helping them. If you let the OLC know they are coming we can make sure they get a field guide created especially for LIFE students. Each LIFE Skills class has a field trip in the spring focused on their needs.
- Q16. Do students need to bring water?
A: **5th Graders DO** need to bring water. **1st, 2nd, and LIFE students do NOT** need to bring water.
- Q17. What do **5th grade** students need to bring with them?
A: **DO BRING** sack lunches, water bottles, sunglasses, and/or hats. **DO NOT BRING** pencils, library books, backpacks, bug spray, sunscreen, sweet drinks, candy, money (there is no gift shop), gum, or coolers for the lunches (the students are split up and each needs to carry their own lunch).
- Q18. Do animals live at the OLC?
A: Yes. The animals are free and wild and hide from us.
- Q19. Can parents come on the field trip?
A: No. Since this is an in-district field trip, there is no need for parent chaperones.
- Q20. Is the OLC open to the public?
A: The OLC is closed during school hours for field trips. Anyone can feel free to walk the trails before 7:30 am or after 4:30 pm (M-F) during daylight hours on weekends. It is closed after dark.
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A: We work with the School Nurse at Jack E Singley Academy when we have medical emergencies.
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- Q23. Is there a gift shop?
A: No.
- Q24. Do LIFE students come with their grade-level GenEd classmates?
A: Grade-level LIFE students should come with the GenEd students if they are part of science inclusion for that class. LIFE Classes have their own field trips in the Spring.
- Q25. Do students going on the OLC field trip need a permission slip?
A. No. This is an in-district field trip, so no permission slip is required. There is a note home in English and Spanish to inform the parents they are going. It is included in the teacher email two weeks prior to the field trip.
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