

MSBG Adolescent NYC Field Study 2026 Art, Culture, and History



When: April 20, 2026 to April 24, 2026 (Monday-Friday)

Why: A history, art, and culture trip to New York City aligns with the Montessori adolescent curriculum by placing students in direct contact with the living story of human civilization. Adolescents learn best through real-world experiences, and NYC offers an interconnected study of history, artistic expression, economics, and social systems all in one dynamic environment. We are going to deepen understanding, foster independence and responsibility, and help students see how past and present human choices shape the world they are preparing to enter.

How: We will carpool to Detroit Airport (DTW) and fly to LaGuardia (LGA). We will use the world-famous NYC Metro System to travel around the city.

Lodging: We will be staying at an Airbnb, 1181 Dean St, Brooklyn, NY 11216, USA Brooklyn, NY 11216 (look it up to check out what's available in the surrounding area). 5 Bedrooms, with 9 beds. Adult chaperones will sleep on sofas in the central living areas.

What we will do:

Potential Itinerary

Day	Time	Activity	Location	Transit/Notes
Mon	2:00 PM	Flight Departs	DTW Airport	Arrive at DTW by 12:00 PM. Carpool drop off.
Mon	4:00 PM	Flight Arrives	LGA Airport	Collect bags; meet at Ground Transportation.
Mon	4:45 PM	Transit to Brooklyn	LGA to Airbnb	Take the M60-SBS bus to subway station.
Mon	6:15 PM	Check-in & Unpack	Brooklyn Airbnb	Quick orientation for students.
Mon	7:30 PM	Dinner	Local Brooklyn	Pizza or local diner near Airbnb.
Tue	8:30 AM	Transit to Lower Manhattan	Brooklyn to Battery Park	Take the 4/5 or R train to Whitehall St/Bowling Green.
Tue	9:30 AM	Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island	Battery Park Ferry	Pre-booked tickets required. Group security check.
Tue	12:30 PM	Lunch	Financial District	Quick eats near Brookfield Place or Fraunces Tavern.
Tue	2:00 PM	9/11 Memorial & Museum	World Trade Center	Allow 2-3 hours for a respectful, self-guided tour. Reservation required.
Tue	5:30 PM	Explore Oculus / Wall St	Lower Manhattan	Walk the area; see the Charging Bull.
Tue	7:00 PM	Dinner	Chinatown/Little Italy	Group-friendly spots (Wo Hop or Lombardi's?).
Wed	9:00 AM	Transit to Upper East Side	Brooklyn to UES	Take the 4/5/6 or Q train to 86th St.
Wed	10:30 AM	The Guggenheim	1071 5th Ave	Museum opens at 10:30. View the rotunda. Reservation required.
Wed	12:30 PM	Lunch	Near Times Square	Quick grab-and-go (Halal Guys or Juniors?).
Wed	2:00 PM	Broadway Show	Theater District	Matinee Performance. Arrive 30 mins early.
Wed	5:00 PM	Walk Times Square	Midtown	Tourist photos; "Red Steps." Visit M&M store and Sanrio store, etc.
Wed	7:30 PM	Dinner	Hell's Kitchen	Plenty of large-group options on 9th Ave.
Thu	9:00 AM	Transit to Upper West Side	Brooklyn to UWS	Take the B or C train to 81st St.
Thu	10:00 AM	American Museum of Natural History	Central Park West	See the Rose Center for Earth and Space. Reservation required.
Thu	1:00 PM	Lunch	Upper West Side	Pick up food to eat in Central Park (weather permitting).
Thu	3:00 PM	Walk Central Park	Mid-Park	Walk from the Museum toward Midtown.
Thu	5:00 PM	Empire State Building	34th St & 5th Ave	Schedule for sunset views of the city. Pre-booked tickets required.
Thu	7:30 PM	Farewell Dinner	Koreatown (32nd St)	Fun, lively atmosphere for the final night.
Fri	8:30 AM	Group Breakfast / Pack	Brooklyn Airbnb	Ensure all items are cleared from lodging.
Fri	10:00 AM	Transit to LGA	Brooklyn to LGA	Allow extra time for midday traffic/transit.
Fri	11:30 AM	Check-in at LGA	LGA Airport	Security and pre-flight lunch at terminal.
Fri	1:00 PM	Flight Departs	LGA Airport	Safe travels back to Michigan!
Fri	3:00 PM	Flight Arrives	DTW Airport	Carpool Pickup

Permission Form
NYC 2026

I permit my child, _____, to travel with the classroom teacher and assigned chaperones and participate in all the activities outlined for the trip. I understand that the itinerary can be deviated from as needed if it benefits the group as a whole. In the event of an emergency, the supervising adults will provide the necessary aid and take any steps they deem appropriate for my child's well-being.

Parent/Guardian (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____