

School Operations
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SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTRY

A request has been received for students to travel out-of-country. All arrangements are in accordance with Board Rule 6Gx13- 6A-1.22, Field Trips. Funding for substitutes needed as a result of classroom teacher participation in this trip will be provided from the individual school's budget.

SCHOOL	TO	DATE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE
Arvida Middle School	Moscow, Russia Minsk, Belarus	03/29/99 through 04/29/99	5	Students enrolled in health education classes will visit sister schools in Russia, Belarus, and Azerbaijan to study the history, culture, diversity, and commonalities among the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union and the United States. During the visit, the students will work on a collaborative health education project.
Coral Gables Senior High	Moscow, Russia Minsk, Belarus		5	
MAST Academy	Moscow, Russia Baku, Azerbaijan		5	
Miami Senior High	Moscow, Russia Brest, Belarus		5	
Miami Springs Senior High	Moscow, Russia Grodno, Belarus		5	
Miami Southridge Senior High	Moscow, Russia		5	
Southwest Miami Senior High	Moscow, Russia Baku, Azerbaijan		5	

Thirty two days are required for this trip, eighteen of which are school days. Inasmuch as this is an exchange program, the students will be attending classes in the sister schools during the eighteen school days. Travel will be provided by Delta and Aeroflot Airlines.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to Russia, Belarus, and Azerbaijan, for students at Arvida Middle, Coral Gables Senior High, MAST Academy, Miami Senior High, Miami Springs Senior High, Miami Southridge Senior High, and Southwest Miami Senior High schools, March 29, 1999 through April 29, 1999.