

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

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
MAST Academy	Baku, Azerbaijan, and Russia	03/21/01 through 04/19/01	7
Miami Northwestern Senior High School	Baku, Azerbaijan, and Russia		1
Southwest Miami Senior High School	Baku, Azerbaijan, and Russia		1

EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE: Students from each school will visit sister schools in Baku, Azerbaijan, and Russia 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 collaborative health education projects.

Thirty days are required for this trip, 15 of which are school days. Since this is an exchange program, the students will be attending classes in the sister schools during the visit. 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 Azerbaijan, Baku, and Russia for students at MAST Academy, Miami Northwestern and Southwest Miami senior high schools, March 21, 2001 through April 19, 2001.

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