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 School Operations

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

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

A request has been received for students to travel out-of-country. All arrangements are in accordance with Board Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips and with School Board Policy 8640 – Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips.

School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
Coral Gables Senior High School	Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Sevilla, Barcelona, Spain	3/20/13 to 3/29/13 Two School Days	24 / 4	\$3,106.00	Iberia Airlines, American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will experience the historical, cultural and architectural influences of the various civilizations inhabiting Spain.
Miami Beach Senior High School	Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, China	3/22/13 to 3/29/13 No School Days	30 / 4	\$3,100.00	Delta Airlines or another major carrier	Through traveling abroad students will learn about cultures different from their own and cultivate a love and appreciation of the shared history and global interconnectivity between people.
Miami Beach Senior High School	Lisbon, Portugal; Sevilla, Granada, Valencia, Barcelona, Spain	3/19/13 to 3/30/13 Three School Days	30 / 3	\$2,846.00	American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will experience the different cultures, ideas and customs of these two countries and make a strong connection to the cultural and historical roots of Western Civilization.

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Miami Palmetto Senior High School	London, England	3/22/13 to 3/28/13 No School Days	29 / 3	\$2,997.00	US Airways or another major carrier	Students will enrich their understanding of British history and literature by visiting historic landmarks.
Doral Middle School	London, England; Paris, France; Rome, Italy	3/21/13 to 3/29/13 No School Days	60 / 6	\$3,240.00	American Airlines or another major carrier	This trip will bring the classroom to life by providing students the opportunity to be educated about the sites and cultures they have studied throughout various curricula.
Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School	Madrid, Toledo, Barcelona, Spain; Rome, Italy	3/20/13 to 3/27/13 One School Day	45 / 3	\$2,830.00	American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will learn how these historic sites reflect the history and culture of Western civilization.

Chaperones will travel with the groups at no cost since tour operators offer free chaperones for a designated number of participants.

The students and teachers participating in the trip will be registered with the U.S. Department of State by utilizing their on-line Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) which is a free service provided by the United States Government. By registering trip participants with STEP, the Department of State can better assist them in an emergency.

The students will provide a written report to their respective principals summarizing the highlights, experiences and educational value of the trip. The reports will also be posted on the schools' websites for other students to review.

- RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trips to:
1. Spain for the students at Coral Gables Senior High School.
 2. China for the students at Miami Beach Senior High School.
 3. Spain and Portugal for the students at Miami Beach Senior High School.
 4. England for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.
 5. England, France and Italy for the students at Doral Middle School.
 6. Spain and Italy for the students at Jorge Mas Canosa Middle School.

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