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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
Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School	Rome, Venice, Florence, Italy	6/17/13 to 6/24/13 No School Days	18 / 3	\$3,330.00	Alitalia Airlines or another major carrier	Students will increase their understanding of the history and culture of Italy and the impact it has on today's societies.
Coral Way K-8 Center	Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Sevilla, Spain	3/23/13 to 3/31/13 No School Days	6 / 1	\$2,775.00	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.
Hialeah Gardens Senior High School	Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, China	3/22/13 to 3/30/13 One School Day	12 / 2	\$3,059.00	American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will have an opportunity to build on literacy skills by making cultural connections through the first-hand study of Chinese history, art and language.

School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
MAST Academy	Freeport, Grand Bahamas	2/1/13 to 2/3/13 One School Day	31 / 5	\$60.00	Celebration Cruise Line	Coast Guard/ JROTC students will learn practical navigation skills, rules of the road and shipboard safety routine. US Coast Guard Academy is covering half the cost.
MAST Academy	Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Sevilla, Barcelona, Spain	3/20/13 to 3/29/13 Two School Days	18 / 3	\$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 Palmetto Senior High School	Berlin, Germany; Dresden, Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Olomouc, Poland; Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria	3/20/13 to 3/31/13 Two School Days	24 / 2	\$2,949.00	Lufthansa Air or another major carrier	Students will learn how the historic sites they will be visiting reflect and influence literary writers, both past and present, studied in the classroom environment.
Miami Palmetto Senior High School	Paris, France	3/21/13 to 3/29/13 No School Days	13 / 2	\$2,775.00	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.

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. Italy for the students at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School.
2. Spain for the students at Coral Way K-8 Center.
3. China for the students at Hialeah Gardens Senior High School.
4. Freeport, Grand Bahamas for the students at MAST Academy.
5. Spain for the students at MAST Academy.
6. Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Austria for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.
7. France for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.

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