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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
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School	Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest, Hungary	3/19/14 to 3/28/14  One School Day	21 / 3	\$2,705	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how the historic sites they will be visiting reflect the importance of these countries in contemporary World History and in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
W.R. Thomas Middle School	Rome, Florence, Tyrol, Italy; and Munich, Germany	3/20/14 to 3/28/14  No School Days	24 / 4	\$3,107	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	As students visit these monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect the importance of Germany and Italy in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.

Tour operators offer chaperones to travel at no cost for a designated number of participants.

The students and teachers participating in the trips 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 principal summarizing the highlights, experiences and educational value of the trip. The reports will also be posted on the schools' website for other students to review.

- RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trips to:
1. Germany, Czech Republic, Poland and Hungary for the students at Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School;
  2. Italy and Germany for the students at W.R. Thomas Middle School.

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