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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

Requests have been received for students to travel out-of-country. All arrangements are in accordance with School 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
Felix Varela Senior High School	London, England; Paris, France; and Madrid, Spain	3/20/15 to 3/29/15 No School Days	20/3	\$3,550	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how the historic sites they will be visiting reflect the importance of Europe in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School	Lisbon, Portugal; Seville and Madrid, Spain	3/19/15 to 3/27/15 No School Days	40/5	\$2,865	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn about the sites and cultures they have studied in various curriculum.

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Hialeah Senior High School	Paris, France	3/19/15 to 3/26/15 No School Days	40/4	\$3,040	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will reflect on how French culture has shaped and influenced the culture of the United States.
South Miami Senior High School	Paris, Normandy, Brittany, France	3/20/15 to 3/28/15 No School Days	30/4	\$2,870	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	The students will learn how French history intertwined with American history and culture.
Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center	Madrid, Cordoba and Seville, Spain	3/19/15 to 3/28/15 No School Days	45/7	\$3,075	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	The students will learn more about the history and culture of Spain which they have studied in their classroom.

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

The students and teachers participating in these 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 school's website for other students to review.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the:

1. Out-of-country field trip to London, England; Paris, France; and Madrid, Spain, for the students at Felix Varela Senior High School.
2. Out-of-country field trip to Lisbon, Portugal; Seville and Madrid, Spain, for the students at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School.
3. Out-of-country field trip to Paris, France, for the students at Hialeah Senior High School.
4. Out-of-country field trip to Paris, Normandy, Brittany, France, for the students at South Miami Senior High School.
5. Out-of-country field trip to Madrid, Cordoba and Seville, Spain, for the students at Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center.

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