

Freddie Woodson, Deputy Superintendent  
District/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.

---

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS</b>	<b>EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE</b>
Hialeah Gardens Middle	Madrid and Barcelona, Spain	03/12/12 to 03/19/12	40	Students will have an opportunity to experience first hand what they have learned in Spanish class by immersing into the culture, traditions, and customs of Spain.

---

Eight days are required for this trip, one of which is a school day. Travel will be provided by American Airlines.

The students and chaperones 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.

Students will provide written reports to the 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 out-of-country field trip to Madrid and Barcelona, Spain for the students at Hialeah Gardens Middle School.

FW:al