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 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.

SCHOOL	TO	DATE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE
George W. Carver Middle School	Paris, French Riviera, France; Pisa, Florence, Assisi and Rome, Italy	3/21/13 to 3/30/13	70	Students in the International Studies program will have an opportunity to expand lessons beyond school walls. They'll be able to better understand the impact the trade-offs among short-term and long-term past trends and movements have in today's world.
	Vienna and Salzburg, Austria ; München and Heidelberg, Germany	3/21/13 to 3/30/13	40	Students in the International Studies and International Education programs will return home having made a strong connection to the cultural and historical roots of the United States.

Eight days are required for both trips, none of which are school days. Travel will be provided by British Airways.

The cost for the students traveling to Italy and France will be \$2,948.00 per student. Seven chaperones will travel with the group at no cost since Educational Tours offers one free chaperone for every six participants.

The cost for the students traveling to Austria and Germany will be \$3,161.00 per student. Four chaperones will travel with the group at no cost since Educational Tours offers one free chaperone for every six 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 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 trips to France and Italy and Austria and Germany for students from George W. Carver Middle School.

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