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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
Young Women's Preparatory Academy	London, England; Paris, Colmar, Alsace, France; Frankfurt, Munich, Germany; Rome, Florence, Venice, Italy; Lucerne, Switzerland	6/10/13 to 6/26/13 No School Days	40 / 4	$3,949.00	American Airlines or another major 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.

Tour operators offer chaperones to travel at no cost 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 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.

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RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to London, England; Paris, Colmar, Alsace, France; Frankfurt, Munich, Germany; Rome, Florence, Venice, Italy; and Lucerne, Switzerland for the students at Young Women's Preparatory Academy.

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