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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
Frank C. Martin K-8 Center	London, England; Paris, France; Madrid, Spain	3/20/14 to 3/29/14  One School Day	15 / 3	\$3,200	British Airways or another major carrier	Students will return home with a richer understanding of the European culture and its global influence.
Dr. Rolando Espinosa K-8 Center	Milan, Florence, Assisi, and Rome, Italy	3/20/14 to 3/28/14  One School Day	40 / 6	\$3,312	American Airlines or another major carrier	This trip will bring the classroom to life by providing students the opportunity to be educated about the sites and cultures they have studied throughout various curricula.
South Miami Senior High School	London, England	3/20/14 to 3/26/14  One School Day	18 / 3	\$2,240	American Airlines or another major carrier	Students will enrich their understanding of British history and literature by visiting historic landmarks.

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 respective principals 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. England, France, and Spain for the students at Frank C. Martin K-8 Center.
2. Italy for the students at Dr. Roland Espinosa K-8 Center.
3. England for the students of South Miami Senior High School.

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