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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 the School Board Policy 2340 - Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips and with the School Board Policy 8640 – Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips.

School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
Alonso and Tracy Mourning Senior High School	Madrid and Barcelona, Spain; French Rivera, France; Pisa, Florence, and Rome, Italy	3/19/15 to 3/30/15  One School Day	14/2	\$3,135	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how these nations have influenced the customs and culture of the United States.
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School	Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, China	3/19/15 to 3/27/15  One School Day	24/4	\$2,999	United Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how these historical sites reflect the importance of China in contemporary world history.
Howard D. McMillan Middle School	London England; Paris, France; Rome, Italy	3/17/15 to 3/24/15  Two School Days	20/3	\$3,099	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how these cities have influenced the architecture and engineering of the United States.

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G.W. Carver Middle School	Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest Hungary	3/19/15 to 3/28/15  No School Days	50/5	\$2,840	British Airways or another major airline carrier	Students will formulate international connections to prepare them to live in our interconnected world.
Maritime and Science Technology (MAST) High School	Milan, Italy; Monaco; Nice, France; and Barcelona, Spain	3/18/15 to 3/26/15  One School Day	32/5	\$2,965	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will develop an appreciation for Mediterranean art, history and architecture.
Miami Sunset Senior High School	London, England; Paris, France, and Barcelona, Spain	3/20/15 to 3/29/15  No School Days	30/5	\$3,075	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will gain insights into these cities in preparation for their careers in the areas of hospitality and tourism.
Ponce de Leon Middle School	Madrid, Segovia, Burgos, Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona, and Barcelona, Spain	3/19/15 to 3/28/15  No School Days	9/2	\$3,005	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	As students visit monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect the importance of Spain in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
South Dade Senior High School	Paris, France	3/19/15 to 3/24/15  No School Days	40/4	\$2,690	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how France has impacted the culture and customs of the United States.
Southwest Miami Senior High School	London, England	3/21/15 to 3/29/15  No School Days	15/2	\$2,715	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn how England has played a role in the establishment of culture and customs in the United States.

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Southwest Miami Senior High School	Athens, Delphi, Patras, Olympia, and Cape Sounion, Greece	3/20/15 to 3/28/15  No School Days	40/4	\$2,935	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn the importance of Greek culture in the establishment of the United States government and philosophies.

The students and teachers participating in the above-mentioned 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.

Students at all nine schools 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' websites for other students to review.

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

1. out-of-country field trip to Madrid and Barcelona, Spain; French Rivera, France; Pisa, Florence, and Rome, Italy for the students at Alonso and Tracy Mourning Senior High School;
2. out-of-country field trip to Beijing, Xi'an, and Shanghai, China for the students at Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School;
3. out-of-country field trip to London England; Paris, France; Rome, Italy for the students at Howard D. McMillan Middle School;
4. out-of-country field trip to Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest, Hungary for the students at G.W. Carver Middle School;
5. out-of-country field trip to Milan, Italy; Monaco; Nice, France; and Barcelona, Spain for the students at Maritime and Science Technology (MAST) High School;
6. out-of-country field trip to London, England; Paris, France, and Barcelona, Spain for the students at Miami Sunset Senior High School;
7. out-of-country field trip to Madrid, Segovia, Burgos, Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona, and Barcelona, Spain for the students at Ponce de Leon Middle School;
8. out-of-country field trip to Paris, France for the students at South Dade Senior High School;
9. out-of-country field trip to London, England for the students at Southwest Miami Senior High School; and
10. out-of-country field trip to Athens, Delphi, Patras, Olympia, and Cape Sounion, Greece for the students at Southwest Miami Senior High School.

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