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 School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL OUT-OF-COUNTRY**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

A request has 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
Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School	Auckland and Rotura, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; Fiji	6/12/16 to 6/24/16  No School Days	15/2	\$4,035	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	As students visit monuments and attractions, they will learn how these historic sites reflect the importance of Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji in the establishments of the culture and customs of the United States.
George Washington Carver Middle School	Vienna , Tyrol, and Salzburg, Austria; Munich and Heidelberg, Germany; Lucerne, Switzerland	3/17/16 to 3/26/16  Two School Days	50/4	\$3,130	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn about the history of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.

School	Destination	Date	Approximate # of Students/ Chaperones	Cost	Airline	Educational Purpose
George Washington Carver Middle School	Berlin and Potsdam, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest, Hungary	3/17/16 to 3/26/16  Two School Days	50/5	\$2,740	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will reflect on how the culture of Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary has shaped and influenced the culture of the United States.
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Cordoba, Seville, and Madrid, Spain	3/16/16 to 3/26/16  Three School Days	40/4	\$2,655	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn about the history of Spain in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
Ponce de Leon Middle School	Paris, France; Florence and Rome, Italy	3/17/16 to 3/25/16  Two School Days	12/3	\$2,920	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn the importance of Italy and France in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.
South Dade Senior High School	Athens, Delphi, Patras, Olympia, Argolida, Epidaurus, Mycenae, and Cape Sounion, Greece	3/17/16 to 3/26/16  Two School Days	40/4	\$2,610	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will learn the importance of Greece in the establishment of the culture and customs of the United States.

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Southwest Miami Senior High School	Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest, Hungary	3/17/16 to 3/26/16  Two School Days	40/5	\$2,715	American Airlines or another major airline carrier	Students will reflect on how the culture of Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary has shaped and influenced the culture of the United States.

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 will provide a written report to their 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 out-of-country field trip to:

1. Auckland and Rotura, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; Fiji, for the students at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School;
2. Vienna, Tyrol, and Salzburg, Austria; Munich and Heidelberg, Germany; Lucerne, Switzerland, for the students at George Washington Carver Middle School;
3. Berlin and Potsdam, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest, Hungary, for the students at George Washington Carver Middle School;
4. Cordoba, Seville, and Madrid, Spain, for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior High School;
5. Paris, France; Florence and Rome, Italy, for the students at Ponce de Leon Middle School;
6. Athens, Delphi, Patras, Olympia, Argolida, Epidaurus, Mycenae, and Cape Sounion, Greece, for the students at South Dade Senior High School; and
7. Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Krakow, Poland; and Budapest, Hungary, for the students at Southwest Miami Senior High School.