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 School Operations

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

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

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*. The State Department alerts U.S. citizens to possible risks of travel due to increased threats. There is always the possibility that a change in the travel alert level may occur prior to a trip. When there is a travel warning, the affected trips will not be allowed to take place.

Additionally, Miami-Dade County Public Schools will be receiving 40 scholarships for students selected by the Superintendent, as part of a five-year agreement with EF Educational Tours, valued at \$148,750.00. Forty students and six chaperones will have the opportunity to travel to a destination, yet to be determined, during the Summer of 2018. This trip will bring the classroom to life by providing students the opportunity to be exposed to sites and cultures they have studied through various curricula, an opportunity that otherwise might not have been available to them.

SCHOOL	DESTINATION	DATE	APPROXIMATE # OF STUDENTS/ CHAPERONES	COST	AIRLINE	EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE
Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, Miami Central Senior High School, Young Men's Preparatory Academy, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School, Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School	TBD	Summer 2018	40/6	No Cost	TBD	The purpose of the trip is to expose students of the sites and cultures they have learned in the curriculum.

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Coral Gables Senior High School	Dublin, Ireland; London, England; and Paris, France	3/21/2018 to 4/1/2018 Two School Days	30/5	\$3,830.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to educate students on neo-Gothic architecture and history in Dublin, England and Paris.
John A. Ferguson Senior High School	Emerald Isle, Dublin, Galway, Killarney, Cork, and Kilkenny, Ireland.	3/22/2018 to 3/30/2018 One School Day	18/3	\$2,960.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to educate the students of the sites and cultures they have learned in the curriculum.
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School	Amsterdam, Netherlands; Brussels, Belgium; Paris, France; and London, England	3/22/2018 to 3/30/2018 One School Day	36/6	\$3,445.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to provide students a historical perspective of the issues confronting today's globalized world.
International Studies Preparatory Academy	Madrid, Córdoba, and Seville, Spain	3/23/2018 to 3/30/2018 No School Days	24/4	\$2,915.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students will gain awareness of global perspectives and connections to promote international understanding.
Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer	Athens, Corinth, Olympia, and Delphi, Greece	3/22/2018 to 3/30/2018 One School Day	24/4	\$3,105.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students will be exposed to artifacts and historical monuments and its influence on the arts.

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Miami Beach Senior High School	Rome and Florence, Italy; Delphi, Iguomenitsa, and Athens, Greece	3/22/2018 to 4/1/2018  One School Day	36/6	\$3,380.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to educate the students of the sites and cultures they have learned in their science course work, as they will explore the area that led to many of modern science's significant breakthroughs.
Miami Coral Park Senior High School	Madrid, Cordova, and Seville, Spain	3/23/2018 to 3/30/2018  No School Days	36/6	\$2,915.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The purpose of the trip is to educate the students of the sites and cultures they have studied in the curriculum
Miami Palmetto Senior High School	Paris and Versailles, France	3/24/2018 to 3/29/2018  No School Days	12/2	\$3,110.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	The students will learn how these historic sites reflect on the importance of France in the establishment of the culture and customs in the United States.
Miami Palmetto Senior High School	Venice, Florence, and Rome, Italy	3/23/2018 to 3/31/2018  No School Days	9/2	\$3,260.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	Students will learn how these cities and historic sites relate to the establishment of the culture and customs of the Western world.
Southwest Miami Senior High School	Madrid, Zaragoza, and Barcelona, Spain	3/22/2018 to 4/1/2018  One School Day	36/6	\$2,975.00	American Airlines or Approved Major Carrier	As students visit the cities' monuments and vistas, they will learn how these historic sites reflect on the culture of Spain.

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.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trips to:

1. A destination to be determined for the students at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, Miami Central Senior High School, Young Men's Preparatory Academy, Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School and Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School;
2. Dublin, Ireland; London, England; and Paris, France for the students at Coral Gables Senior High School;
3. Emerald Isle, Dublin, Galway, Killarney, Cork, and Kilkenny, Ireland for the students at John A. Ferguson Senior School;
4. Amsterdam, Netherlands; Brussels, Belgium; Paris, France; and London, England for the students at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School;
5. Madrid, Cordoba, and Seville, Spain for the students at International Studies Preparatory Academy;
6. Athens, Corinth, Olympia, and Delphi, Greece for the students at Miami Arts Studio 6-12 at Zelda Glazer;
7. Rome and Florence, Italy; Delphi, Igoumenitsa, and Athens, Greece for the students at Miami Beach Senior High School;
8. Madrid, Cordova, and Seville, Spain for the students at Miami Coral Park Senior High School;
9. Paris and Versailles, France for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School;
10. Venice, Florence, and Rome, Italy for the students at Miami Palmetto Senior High School;
11. Madrid, Zaragoza, and Barcelona, Spain for the students at Southwest Miami Senior High School.