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District Operations

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-COUNTY/OUT-OF-STATE TRIPS FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY, AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

School Board Policy 2340 – *Field Trips* requires that a list of recommended out-of-county/out-of-state trips be developed by an ad hoc task force and submitted to the School Board for approval annually. Approval of this list will permit students to participate in these field trips without further School Board action. Non-pre-approved out-of-state and all out-of-country trips must be submitted to the School Board for approval.

The district continues to monitor and follow health and safety guidance from local health officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Florida Department of Education. The approval of out-of-county/out-of-state trips can be contingent on this guidance.

RECOMMENDED: The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the attached list of out-of-county/out-of-state trips for the 2026-2027 school year for use in conjunction with School Board Policy 2340 – *Field Trips*.

APPROVED OUT-OF-COUNTY/OUT-OF-STATE TRIPS*
2026-2027

A. CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

1. American Automobile Association (AAA) School Safety Patrol
2. Business Professionals of America/Career Education Clubs of Florida (BPA/CECF)
3. Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), an Association for Marketing Students
4. Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
5. Fine Arts: Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Scholastic Art Awards, Florida Art Education Association Conference, Florida Music Educators Association Conference, International Thespian Society, Music Educators National Conference, National Art Education Association, National Dance Education Organization, Southeastern Theatre Conference
6. Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. (FBLA)
7. Future Educators of America (FEA)
8. Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
9. Junior State of America (JSA)
10. National Academy Foundation (NAF)
11. National Forensic League, Florida, Forensic League, Catholic Forensic League
12. National Youth Crime Watch
13. SkillsUSA
14. Special Olympics
15. Southern Association of Student Councils (SASC)
16. Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB)
17. Student Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
18. Technology Student Association (TSA)
19. The National Future Farmers of America Organization (FFA)
20. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Ambassadors
21. National Service-Based Organizations (e.g., National Honor Society, Interact, Leo Club, and Key Club International)
22. Parent Teacher Association/Parent Teacher Student Association (PTA/PTSA)

B. CURRICULUM/ACTIVITIES - RELATED ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Advanced academic/gifted student contests
2. Close-Up Program
3. College and University Tours
4. Columbia Scholastic Press Association Convention, Columbia University
5. Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
6. The Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) Summer Camp for JROTC
7. Magnet Programs (Theme-based)
8. Performing Groups (e.g., music groups, visual art exhibitions, theatrical groups, dance troupes, speech and debate teams and festivals)
9. Museums, Zoological Centers and Nature Preserves
10. Odyssey of the Mind
11. National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN)
12. Sea Camp (Big Pine Key, FL); John Pennekamp State Park (Key Largo, FL) – Refer to Water Safety Manual for Requirements - <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/102.pdf>
13. State and national academic conferences, fairs, competitions, and tournaments (e.g., invitational forensic tournaments)
14. Yearbook Seminars

C. GENERAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES

1. Busch Gardens
2. Busch Gardens Grad Day/Universal Studios Grad Bash (for high school seniors only)
3. Universal Gradventure (for 8th graders only)
4. Cape Canaveral/ Kennedy Space Center
5. Disney Animal Kingdom
6. Epcot Center
7. Events sanctioned by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA)
8. Everglades National Park
9. Related performing and visual arts events (e.g., New York, NY; Los Angeles, CA)
10. Related historical environs and special events (e.g., Atlanta, GA; Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; New Orleans, LA; New York, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Williamsburg and Jamestown, VA; Los Angeles, CA; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC; Eatonville, FL; St. Augustine, FL; Tallahassee, FL; Tampa, FL)
11. Sea World
12. Broward, Collier, Palm Beach, and Monroe County sites/events
13. Legoland (Winter Haven, FL)

* Pre-approval does not indicate that funding is supplied. The approval of out-of-county/out-of-state trips will be contingent on the advisement from local health departments and the condition of field trip locations. Schools must include the vendor's reimbursement policy in the field trip packet for parent/ guardian permission.

** Trip designations for these events may change yearly. Trips outside of the United States require School Board approval. Schools sponsoring student travel outside the United States must complete the United States Government Travel Registration form online. The approval of out-of-country trips will be contingent on the advisement from health departments and the condition of field trip locations. Schools must include the vendor's reimbursement policy in the field trip packet for parent/ guardian permission.