

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF JONES ACADEMIC MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (ACIS) TRAVEL ABROAD PROGRAM 2001
AND AUTHORIZE EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of twenty-seven (27) students at Jones Academic Magnet High School in the American Council for International Studies (ACIS) Travel Abroad Program and authorize expenses related to the program.

USER: Jones Academic Magnet High School
606 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60605
Ms. Tory L. Waterman, Mrs. Ellen Smith, Mrs. Linda Garner

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its World Language Program, Jones Academic Magnet High School will send twenty-seven (27) students, who reflect the school's population, and eight adult chaperones, to Spain and France from July 12, 2001 to July 24, 2001. The program in language immersion and comparative cultures includes a twelve-day educational travel component in Madrid, Barcelona, Toledo, Montserrat, Versailles, Paris, and Nice. A professional tour manager who has been carefully selected to ensure student safety and security will accompany the students. The Jones High Academic Magnet High School students are enrolled in Spanish I, II, III, and IV and French II and III.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students in the World Language Program at Jones Academic Magnet High School study a curriculum which focuses on a global perspective in education. The curriculum emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of awareness of cultural differences. Students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary Spanish and French life and culture. The students will have first-hand contact with Spanish and French cultures and daily experience using the Spanish and French languages for various purposes, as well as studying historical events in the locations where they occurred.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIPS INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by the American Council for International Studies (ACIS), 10 S. 463 Windjammer, Naperville, Illinois 60564, phone number (630) 369-4055.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$2,686.00, which includes transportation, certain meals, hotel accommodations, and trip cancellation insurance. Health and accident insurance will be provided by the Board of Education. The cost will be paid by the individual participants.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 97-1217-PO1 ("Policy on Student Travel"), including proper ratio of students to adults.

Touring students will be accompanied by three (3) Jones Magnet staff members: Ms. Tory Waterman, (French teacher), Mrs. Ellen Smith (Spanish teacher), Mrs. Linda Garner (Spanish teacher) and five (4) parents Luis Bautista (parent), Sara Groh (parent), Linda Smith (parent), and Marina Soto (parent).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Jones Academic Magnet High School.

AUTHORIZATION: Authorize the President and Secretary to execute any travel agreements necessary for this trip.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: The Jones Academic High School Local School Councils approved the tour on March 16, 2000.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Chicago Public Schools.

GENERAL CONDITIONS: Inspector General - Each party to this agreement hereby acknowledges that in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/34-13.1, the Inspector General of the Chicago Board of Education has the authority to conduct certain investigations and that the Inspector General shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to conduct those investigations.

Conflicts - The agreement shall not be legally binding on the Board if entered into in violation of the provisions of 105 ILCS 5/34-21.3 which restricts the employment of, or the letting of contracts to, former Board members during the one year period following expiration or other termination of their terms of office.

Indebtedness - The Board's Indebtedness Policy adopted July 26, 1995 (95-0726-EX3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Ethics - The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of the agreement.

Approved for Consideration:

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COZETTE BUCKNEY
Chief Education Officer



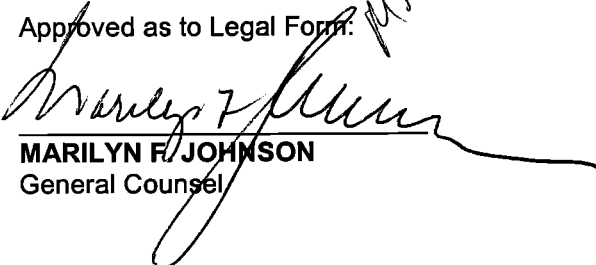
PAUL G. VALLAS
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:



KENNETH GOTSCH
Chief Fiscal Officer

Approved as to Legal Form:



MARILYN F. JOHNSON
General Counsel