

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES IN FOREIGN TRAVEL TO PARIS, FRANCE AND LONDON, ENGLAND

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of six students from Chicago High School For Agricultural Sciences in an educational tour to Paris, France and London, England from April 9 – 17, 2004.

USER: Chicago High School For Agricultural Sciences
3857 W. 111th Street Chicago, Illinois 60655
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Ms. Marianne Doulgeris

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its British and World Literature courses and Foreign Language program, The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences will send six students to England and France from April 9, 2004 through April 17, 2004. This trip will allow students enrolled in these courses and programs to immerse themselves in language and study firsthand comparative cultures. All six students traveling to England and France are enrolled in the correlating English and French courses. They will be accompanied by Ms. Marianne Doulgeris, French teacher and Foreign Language Department Head, Mrs. Paula Jones, a teacher at National Teachers Academy, and Mr. Samuel Jones, a parent of a participating student.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Students will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture and language that they are currently studying. They will also have the chance to practice and enhance vital communication skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they acquire in numerous classes including English and History. The English and World Literature and Foreign Language courses and programs offered at Chicago Agricultural Sciences are based on a curriculum which focuses on a global perspective. Furthermore, this curriculum emphasizes oral fluency in foreign language and development of an awareness of cultural differences. During the field extension of their classroom studies, students will have the opportunity to explore cultural institutions and historical sites as they experience language immersion and contemporary French life and culture.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by EF Tour Educational Tours, Adam Bleser, EF Center Boston, One Education Street, Cambridge, MA 02141-1883, 1-800-637-8222.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1721 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, and trip cancellation insurance. Health and accident insurance. The costs will be paid by the individual participants.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 (Policy on Student Travel), including proper ratio of students to adults. Ms Marianne Doulgeris, French/English Teacher and Foreign Language Department Head, Mrs. Paula Jones, teacher at National Teachers Academy, and Mr. Samuel Jones, a parent.

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student/persons are on file at Chicago High School For Agricultural Sciences.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Local School Council approval is not applicable to this report.

FINANCIAL: No cost to the Board at this time.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

Inspector General – Each party to any agreement shall acknowledge 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 – Any 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 any 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 any agreement.

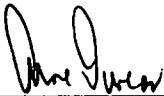
Contingent Liability – Any agreement shall contain the clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is deemed a contingent liability, subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget(s).

Approved for Consideration:




Barbara Eason-Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:



Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form:



Ruth Moscovitch
General Counsel