

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES IN AN EDUCATIONAL TOUR TO MADRID, SPAIN AND PARIS, FRANCE AND AUTHORIZE TRAVEL EXPENSES RELATED TO THE PROGRAM

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of three (3) Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences students in an educational tour to Madrid, Spain and Paris, France from April 7th- April 16th, 2006 and authorize travel expenses related to the program if any.

USER: Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences
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Marianne Doulgeris

PROGRAM: In conjunction with its World Literature courses and Foreign Language program. The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences will send three students to Spain and France from April 7, 2006 to April 16, 2006. This trip will allow students enrolled in these courses and programs to immerse themselves in language and to study firsthand comparative cultures. All three students (two seniors and one sophomore) traveling to Spain and France are enrolled in the correlating World Literature and French courses.

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 their communication skills. Participants will also have the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills they acquire in numerous classes including English and History. The 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 a 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/Spanish life and culture.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are being made by EF Educational Tours (by Laura Beaty, tour consultant) EF Center Boston, One Education Street Cambridge Massachusetts 02141-1883, 1-800-637-8222.

COST: The cost per pupil is \$2164.00 which includes transportation, meals, hotel costs, and trip cancellation insurance. Health and accident insurance will be provided by the Board of Education policy. 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.

Traveling with students will be Ms. Marianne Doulgeris (French/English teacher and World Language Department Head), Mrs. Elsa Davenport (English Literature/A.P English teacher).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student 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.

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.

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:

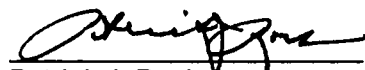


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Noted:


John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 


Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel