

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF SIMEON CAREER ACADEMY IN A LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL IMMERSION PROGRAM TO SPAIN AND FRANCE

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of forty one (41) Simeon Career Academy students in a World Language and cultural immersion program to Spain and France from March 26, 2007 to April 3, 2007.

USER: Simeon Career Academy
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PROGRAM: Our World Language Program in conjunction with the Culinary and History Departments at Simeon Career Academy will send students to Spain and France from March 26, 2007 through April 3, 2007.

EDUCATIONAL VALUE/OUTCOMES: Reasons for students to travel abroad vary. Many students have not traveled outside the United States or even outside of Chicago. It is strongly believed that students learn a second language best when they are immersed in the language and culture. By traveling to Spain and France, the students will have the opportunity to fully indulge in not only the Spanish language, but also in the daily culture of two different countries. This will be a great opportunity for the students to use everything that they have learned. The students will verbally, audibly, visually and kinesthetically learn through experience more about the language as a culture and not just as a spoken language. They will also see what they have read about in history class and taste different cuisines from both Spain and France. They will experience the simple differences in cultures and way of living that they have read about, such as transportation, atmosphere and environment, including international travel. Overall we will give our students a life time opportunity to study a world language, history and European Cuisine in a unique way; to be able to experience a new place and discover the culture, heritage and way of living of those in a different country. During this voyage the 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 and their teachers/faculty will follow a prescribed itinerary of excursions to sites of historical and cultural interest related to the curriculum.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/TRIP INFORMATION: Arrangements for this program are made by EF Educational Tours tour consultant.

COST: The per pupil cost is \$1881 which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, health and accident insurance coverage providing protection against bodily injury or death. Funds for the excursion are provided by parents, grants, and fund-raising activities so that no student is excluded for financial reasons.

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.

The ratio of chaperone to student is 1:6. Traveling with students will be Mrs. Diane Harmon (Department Chair), Ms. Imelda Meza (Spanish Teacher), Ms. Gwendolyn Foshee (Spanish Teacher), Mrs. Dorothy Lamshead-Roche (History Teacher), Mrs. Loretta Johnson (Culinary Arts Teacher), Mr. Reginald Brock (Special Education Teacher) and Mr. Sterling Bolden (Assistant Principal).

PARENTAL CONSENT: Written parental consent and release forms for each student are on file at Simeon Career Academy.

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

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION: Not applicable.

LSC REVIEW: Non-Active.

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 – 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 any agreement.

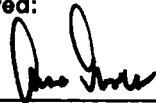
Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted September 27, 1995 (95-0927-RU3), as amended from time to time shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

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:


Dr. Barbara Eason Watkins
Chief Education Officer

Approved:


Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:


John Malorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to Legal Form: 


Patrick Rocks
General Counsel