

**APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION OF CHICAGO HIGH SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
IN AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO ITALY, FRANCE AND MONACO**

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THE FOLLOWING DECISION:

Approve the participation of five (5) students from Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHSAS) in an educational trip to Italy, France and Monaco from March 28, 2007 to April 8, 2007.

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 World Literature courses and Foreign Language program, The Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences will send five students to Italy, France and Monaco from March 28, 2007 to April 8, 2007. This trip will allow students enrolled in these courses and programs to immerse themselves in language and to study firsthand comparative cultures. All five students traveling to Italy, France and Monaco are enrolled in the correlating World Literature and French courses. They will be accompanied by Ms. Marianne Doulgeris, French teacher and World Language Department Head at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences, and Mrs. Sheila Fowler, another certified teacher at Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences.

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 that 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/Italian life and culture.

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

COST: The per pupil cost is \$2459, which includes transportation, meals, hotel accommodations, and trip cancellation insurance. Health and accident insurance will be provided by the Board of Education policy. The individual participants will pay the costs.

CHAPERONES: Supervision of students will be provided for this program pursuant to Board Report 03-0527-PO01 "Policy on Student Travel", including the proper ratio of students to adults. The teacher chaperones will be Ms. Marianne Doulgeris, French/English teacher and World Language Department Head at CHSAS, and Mrs. Sheila Fowler, another certified teacher at CHSAS.

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 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 June 26, 1996 (96-0626-PO3), as amended from time to time, shall be incorporated into and made a part of any agreement.

Ethics – The Board's Ethics Code adopted June 23, 2004 (04-0623-PO4), 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:



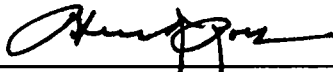
Arne Duncan
Chief Executive Officer

Within Appropriation:



John Maiorca
Chief Financial Officer

Approved as to legal form: 



Patrick J. Rocks
General Counsel