

CRETE-MONEE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – September 16, 2025

Crete-Monee High School Overnight Field Trip Request

Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association High School Convention – **CONSENT**

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The Issue:

This is a request for Crete-Monee High School journalism students (6) and staff members (3) to attend the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association High School Convention, November 11 through November 15, 2025. The convention will be held at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Justification:

Participation in events of this type is a valuable learning activity that enriches leadership experiences.

Board Policy and Past Practices:

Board Policy 6:240: Overnight field trips require the Board of Education's approval.

Strategic Plan:

Graduation Goal: 100% of students have a pathway to be enlisted, employed, or enrolled in a post-graduation program at the time of graduation.

ELA Goal: 100% of students can actively interact with and comprehend grade-level text, and/or at least 75% of students demonstrate mastery on Common Formative Assessments (CFAs).

Community Impact:

Evidence indicates that parents and community members continue to lend their support to trips like this one.

Supporting Data:

Please see the attached documentation, which includes the CM 201-U Overnight Field Trip Request Application and the conference schedule.

Financial Impact:

The trip will be funded through school funds, parental support, and needs-based scholarships, which are available and sponsored by the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association.

Recommendation:

The Office of Teaching and Learning recommends that the Board of Education approve the Crete-Monee High School Overnight Field Trip Request to attend the Journalism Education Association and the National Scholastic Press Association High School Convention.

Timeline for Decision:

September 16, 2025

Crete-Monee School District 201-U Field Trip Procedures and Guidelines

Co-Curricular Overnight Field Trip Application

Sponsoring Staff Member:	<u>Kevin Kenealy</u>	School: choose school	<u>Crete-Monee High School</u>
Destination of Trip:	<u>2800 Opryland Dr. Nashville, TN 37214</u>		
Give a Brief Description/Purpose of the Trip:	<u>To further professional development and best practices for the journalism program</u>		
Approximate Departure Date:	<u>11/12/25</u>	Approximate Departure Time:	<u>7:25 a.m.</u>
Approximate Return Date:	<u>11/15/25</u>	Approximate Return Time:	<u>8:00 p.m.</u>

Is an outside vendor (i.e., travel agency) being used to organize the trip? Choose Option No

If yes, a Certificate of Insurance naming the School and District as an additional insured is required and must be submitted with this application

Will a vendor, besides our current pupil transportation vendor (i.e., First Student), supply transportation services for the trip? Choose Option

If yes, a Certificate of Insurance naming the School and District as an additional insured is required and must be submitted with this application

Number of School Days Missed (if any):	Choose One <u>3</u>	Method of Transportation:	<u>Bus</u>
Approximate Number of Students Traveling:	<u>60</u>		
Approximate cost per student:	Transportation: <u>\$0</u>	Food:	<u>\$350</u>
	Lodging: <u>\$60</u>	Other (please define):	<u>\$205 (registration)</u>
	Approximate Total Cost per Student:		<u>\$650</u>
Brief Explanation of how This Trip will be Funded: <u>Hotel - Gaylord Opryland Resort</u>			
<u>School funds, parent support and</u> → <u>needs-based scholarships available through JEA/NSPA</u>			

Name and position (i.e., teacher, parent, coach) of adult chaperones:

Name	Position	Background Check
<u>Kevin Kenealy</u>	<u>English Teacher</u>	<u>✓</u>
<u>Dorian Mays</u>	<u>CTE Teacher</u>	<u>✓</u>
<u>Cynthia Rodriguez</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>✓</u>

[Signature]
Signature of Person Making Request

Lamon A. Holifield
Signature of Building Administrator

Charlie Beckin
Signature of Superintendent/Designee

6/14/25
Date

08/04/2025
Date

08/22/2025
Date

Signatures indicate conceptual approval of this trip. If the trip is rescheduled for any reason (i.e., inclement weather), the Board of Education will be notified of the rescheduled dates, and additional approval will not be necessary.

A detailed itinerary must be provided to your building principal/designee closer to the departure date of the trip.

Convention schedule | Fall 2025 JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention Nashville



fall.journalismconvention.org/convention-schedule

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Thursday, Nov. 13

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. [JEA Outreach Academy](#)

All day TBD

Media Tours departing

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Full-day [preconvention workshops](#)

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. JEA board meeting

1 to 5 p.m. Half-day [preconvention workshops](#)

1 to 7 p.m. **Convention check-in & trade show open** (Desks for JEA National Student Media Contests and NSPA Best of Show open)

6 to 6:30 p.m. First-time attendee orientation for advisers

7 to 9 p.m. **Opening ceremony & awards** Keynote speaker

NSPA Pacemaker finalists for Innovation, Literary Arts Magazine, Online and Yearbook

9:15 to 10:30 p.m. Adviser kickoff reception

Hotel quiet hours 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 14

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adviser lounge

7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Convention check-in** Trade show

8 a.m. JEA membership meeting

8 a.m. Several JEA NSMC broadcast contests begin

8 to 10:30 a.m.JEA NSMC contest desk open

8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.**Breakout sessions**

9 a.m. and 10 a.m.Break with a Pro

Noon to 3:30 p.m.NSPA on-site media critiques

NoonNSPA Best of Show deadline

3:30 to 6 p.m.JEA certification testing

4 to 6 p.m.JEA National Student Media Contests

6 p.m.JEA NSMC judging and dinner

8 to 10 p.m.Student entertainment

Hotel quiet hours 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 15

7:30 a.m. to noonAdviser lounge

8-10 a.m.National Journalism Quiz Bowl finals

8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.**Breakout sessions**

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**Convention check-in**

9 to 11 a.m.NSPA on-site media critiques

Noon to 2:20 p.m.Adviser recognition luncheon

3:30 to 6 p.m.**NSPA awards ceremony**Individual Awards

Pacemaker finalists honored and winners announced in Broadcast,
Newspaper/Newsmagazine & Specialty MagazineBest of Show

Hotel quiet hours 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 16

8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**JEA awards ceremony**National Student Media ContestsNational
Journalism Quiz Bowl