

Approval for Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-of-State

GHS Choir

January 23, 2007

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a request by Guyer High School Choir for travel to New York City in New York for festival performance, March 15-19, 2007.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Travel approval is requested for 27 students and 9 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled air and charter bus carriers.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to have choral and vocal skills evaluated.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the choir organization; no DISD funds will be used.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Students will miss two days of classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The campus will pay for a substitute for two days of classes.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow ample time for fundraising activities and completing reservations.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Board policy requires board approval of such travel two months in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend approval of the GHS Choir request for permission to travel out-of-state to New York City in New York for festival performance, March 15-19, 2007.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- Jamie Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

- Request for Travel, Non-State-Sanctioned Activities
- Itinerary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

David McCullar
J. Wilson

Denton Independent School District Request for Out of State Student Travel

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Guyer High School Date of Request 12/14/2006
 School Organization Guyer High School Choir Activity Sponsor Lawrence E. Johnson, Jr.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** New York, NY
 Description of Activities or Events Cathedral Performance, Broadway Musical attendance, City Tours, and Dinner Cruise
 Dates of Travel 3/15/2007 - 3/19/2007 Mode of Travel Air, Bus (NYC)
 Number of Student Participants 27 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 9
 Educational Purposes and Value We will have the opportunity to sing in one of New York's large cathedrals. We will also see and hear professional vocalists participating in activities that some of the students will eventually pursue. We will also go to some of the world's premier music halls. Every activity will be supervised.

** Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	<u>\$1,107.53</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	<u>\$50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____

Total Cost of Activity	<u>\$40,597.53</u>
Estimated Cost/Student	<u>\$1,157.53</u>

***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)
 Sonic Car Hopping, Clothing Sales, Raffle Tickets, Sonic Cards, Brochure Sales, Pass Books Sales, Dippin' Dot Sales, Valentine Caroling

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>Barbara Fischer</u> NAME	<u>BARBARA FISCHER</u> SIGNATURE	<u>12/12/06</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	<u>David McCulla</u> NAME	<u>David McCulla</u> SIGNATURE	<u>12-20-06</u> DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	_____ NAME	_____ SIGNATURE	_____ DATE OF APPROVAL

*Reference Policy FMG (L)

Guyer High School Choir

Tentative Itinerary

New York City!

Flight	3/15/07	55 Seats	AA Flt 1590	DFW	7:00 AM	Newark	11:10 AM
Schedule	3/19/07	55 Seats	AA Flt. 559	Newark	3:46 PM	DFW	6:52 PM
HOTEL: Holiday Inn Parsippany NJ 07054; Phone 973 263-2000							9/5/06
Tour Conductor: TBD US Integrity Touring Co. office 800-792-5207 (emergency only)							
Thursday March 15, 2007							
	Depart Guyer High School for DFW Int'l Airport (your arrangements)						
5:00 AM	Airport check in (breakfast at the airport on your own)						
7:00 AM	American Airlines flight departs DFW			AA Flt 1590			
11:10 AM	Arrive Newark Freedom Airport to be met by your USIT tour conductor						
12:00 PM	Depart airport for hotel check-in and lunch						
12:30 PM	Lunch on your own at a New Jersey mall food court						
2:00 PM	Board your coach for your hotel						
2:30 PM	Hotel check-in						
4:30 PM	Board your coach for Times Square						
5:30 PM	Arrive in Times Square, enjoy the lights and glamour of New York's Times Square.						
6:30 PM	Dinner on your own in Times Square						
10:00 PM	Group picture in Times Square meet behind the ticket booth in Times Square						
10:15 PM	Board your coach to return to the hotel						
11:00 PM	Lights out!						
Friday March 16, 2007							
6:30 AM	Wake up call						
7:00 AM	Full American breakfast at the hotel						
8:30 AM	Board your coach for New York City						
9:30 AM	Four hour city tour with licensed NYC tour guide (pick up guide at the Hilton Garden Hotel 8th & W 49th)						
	An overview of New York; Including Ground Zero, Chinatown, Harlem, Wall Street, Rockefeller Center, Greenwich Village, the United Nations, Soho, and Central Park (as time permits)						
1:30 PM	Lunch on your own at the South Street Seaport Mall food court						
2:30 PM	Board your coach for Saint Paul the Apostle Church						
3:00 PM	Arrive at Saint Paul the Apostle Church to change for performance (405 W. 59th St.)						
4:00 PM	Performance of the Guyer High School Choir (subject to acceptance)						
5:30 PM	Board your coach for Times Square						
6:00 PM	Dinner on your own in Times Square						
7:30 PM	Meet at the Winter Garden Theatre (1634 Broadway)						
8:00 PM	Show Time! <i>Mamma Mia</i>						
10:45 PM	Board coach to return to the hotel						
	Lights out!						
Saturday March 17, 2007							
7:00 AM	Wake up call						
7:30 AM	Full American breakfast at the hotel						
9:00 AM	Depart for New York City's Chinatown						
10:00 AM	In small groups explore New York's famous Chinatown and enjoy shopping along Broadway in Soho						
	Lunch on your own in Chinatown, Soho or Little Italy						

2:00 PM	Meet on the corner of Church St. and Canal St. for departure for Times Square	
3:00 PM	Walk along the streets of Manhattan while visiting Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Central Park or enjoy shopping at Tiffany's, Nike & the official NBA store on 5th Avenue.	
5:30 PM	Meet in front of Planet Hollywood in Times Square	
5:45 PM	Dinner at Planet Hollywood (if available)	
7:30 PM	Meet at the theater to be determined	
8:00 PM	Show Time!	
10:30 PM	Board coach to return to the hotel	
	Lights out!	
Sunday March 18, 2007		
6:30 AM	Wake up call	
7:00 AM	Full American breakfast at the hotel	
8:30 AM	Depart hotel for West Point	
9:30 AM	Arrive at West Point for security clearance	
10:00 AM	Tour of the United States Military Academy at West Point	
12:00 PM	Shop at the West Point gift shop located at the visitors center	
	Lunch on your own at McDonald's next to the West Point visitors center	
1:00 PM	Board your coach for New York City	
2:30 PM	Continue your shopping along Fifth Avenue	
4:00 PM	Board your coach for the Spirit of New York	
4:30 PM	Board the Spirit of New York harbor cruise ship	
5:45 PM	Sailing Time! Dinner Harbor Cruise and DJ Dance aboard the Spirit of New York	
6:30 PM	Board your coach to return to the hotel	
Monday March 19, 2007		
6:00 AM	Wake up call	
6:30 AM	Full American breakfast at the hotel	
7:30 AM	Hotel check out	
7:45 AM	Board coach for Liberty Park NJ & ferry to the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island	
9:30 AM	Board ferry for Ellis Island	
9:40 AM	Arrive Ellis Island and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. Nearly 40 percent of all living Americans can trace their roots to this port of entry. Can you find your ancestors on the American Immigration Wall of Honor?	
11:20 AM	Board the ferry for the Statue of Liberty, historic symbol of Liberty	
11:30 AM	Arrive Liberty Island and the Statue of Liberty (lunch on your own at the Liberty Island food court)	
1:15 PM	Performance of the Guyer High School Choir at the flag pole on Liberty Island (National Park service permit # TBD)	
12:30 PM	Board ferry for Liberty Park	
1:30 PM	Board your coach for Newark Airport	
2:00 PM	Airport check in	
3:46 PM	AA flight departs for DFW	AA Flt. 559
6:52 PM	AA flight arrives at DFW	

Note: Your coach driver in New York is probably the most important person that you will encounter on your tour in regard to assuring that your trip is a success. It is customary that the driver be tipped if his services are what you expect. The norm for student tips is \$1.00 per day per passenger and for adults \$2.00 per day per passenger. These tips have been included in your price.