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AHS PlayMakers goes to the State Thespian Festival

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Status: Submitted

Submission Title *

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The title is used to identify the submission for both submitters and reviewers. Choose something specific but brief.

Group requesting permission *

AHS PlayMakers (theatre)

Travel to destination *

Albuquerque

Points to Consider Before Requesting Approval

- ☒ Appropriate for the age level, grade level, and curriculum?
- ☒ All district employees will travel on the bus unless prior approval by the Principal?
- ☒ Request made long enough in advance so that arrangements can be made prior to the trip?
- ☒ Written permission must be obtained from the parents or legal guardians?
- ☒ Have these students attended this trip or a similar trip in the past three years?

Justification for Trip – How does this trip align with your school's current 90 Day Plan, the learning standards in your classroom, and how it will improve the learning of your students? *

Our annual trip to the State Thespian Festival and NMAA One-Act Competition is an opportunity for students to engage in workshops on a variety of theatre disciplines from guest artists that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. During this time they also fellowship with other budding theatre artists from schools across the state, engaging in peer-led learning and gaining inspiration from lectures and performances by award-winning students and student state representatives. This year two of our students, Diego Lombard and Cesar Hernandez, are also applying to be State Thespian Officers and represent New Mexico on a higher stage.

At the NMAA One-Act Competition part of the festival, students will compete with other New Mexico schools for the honor of being the Sparta division one-act champions. The troupe will be scored on performance, technical performance (light board, sound board, and stage crew), stage management, and design choices. We won the competition the first time I entered us back in 2021, received 3rd place in 2024, and have scored well in sub categories nearly every year we've competed. Competing in this competition will help students gauge their own performances as well as compare and contrast them with what other students are capable of throughout the state. From there we can set improvement goals for the rest of the year and in preparation for next year's competition play. Students will also have the opportunity to compete against individuals in a variety of both technical theatre and performance categories during the Thespy Individual Events competitions. Being able to compare their work to that of students from around the state inspires them to reflect on their strengths and weaknesses in order to better understand their potential areas of improvement once they get back into the classroom. Students who qualify will also be granted the opportunity to compete at the National Thespian Festival later on in the year. Last year we had five students earn superior scores and represent Aztec High School at the International Festival in Indiana over the summer. Preparation and performance of this type of competitive theatre builds teamwork, leadership and communication skills, and self- motivation while strengthening the students' understanding and practice of intermediate and advanced theatre.

Students will also have the opportunity to engage in workshops led by theatre educators and professionals, network with those already working in the profession, and get opportunities to visit with colleges and universities that attend the event. Seniors have the opportunity to audition/interview for scholarships, and all students will receive mentorship about next steps on their theatre journey.

Attach narrative if applicable

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Date(s) of Trip: *

November 11th-14th

Time of Departure: *

10:00am

Time you will Arrive Back: *

10:00pm

Names of Adult Chaperones: *

(Mandolynn Browning), Sidley Campbell, Layla Vaughan, and Jeremy Orr

 Trips over 100 miles or overnight require School Board approval.

Estimated Cost of The Trip (enter \$0.00 if none): *

6,943.29

Please attach an itemized list of costs or document declaring no costs.

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Will fundraisers be used to secure funds for this trip?

☒ YES

☐ NO

Please attach a list of approved fundraisers.

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⚠ Field trips must be planned within the context of the school program and must be appropriate for the age level, grade level, and curriculum. Due to limitations imposed by local conditions, field trips may be limited by the Superintendent. All field trips must be specifically approved by the Superintendent long enough in advance so that arrangements can be made prior to the trip. Before any student is taken from the school grounds on a field trip, written permission must be obtained from the parents or legal guardians. Transportation shall be provided only by District vehicles, driven by authorized personnel.

⚠ In general, field trips shall be conducted within the normal school day and shall be limited to a distance of not more than one hundred (100) miles one (1) way from the school. Longer trips or overnight trips must have Board approval. The District will not sponsor, approve, support, or encourage field trips that do not meet the criteria outlined in this policy, unless the Board gives approval after a presentation justifying the specific need for the exception.

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