Cambridge-Isanti Schools
Out of State Student Travel Approval

The following information is required for all out of state student travel. Out of state travel must be board approved at least three months in advance of the proposed travel date and before any formal meetings or fundraising take place. This form is due to the Teaching & Learning Department two weeks prior to the school board meeting.

Topics	Overview and Timeline
Student Interest	The ensemble requested an audition to compete in the International Competition of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) which we submitted in September. They were selected as one of 50 ensembles from the midwest to compete in one of 5 quarterfinals. Typically a competition site is in Lakeville at the end of February. This year due to conflicts the only quarterfinal they could place us in was in Illinois. The students still said they want to make it work and attend the competition. All 20 of the members of the group will participate
Destination	Lockport, Illinois for the Quarterfinals of the International Competition of High School A Cappella.
Travel Dates	The dates of travel are Feb. 27-28
Travel Packet and Trip Details	We hope to secure a coach bus for the 6.5 hour drive. We will leave early Saturday morning. Spend Saturday night at a local hotel and then return Sunday. Families will receive a letter outlining details of the trip. Appendix C
Cost to the Students (including trip and insurance)	Preliminary cost estimate: $300 per student
Fundraising	Members last year did fundraising through Singing Valentines (which we will do again this year) as well as our end of the year concert A Cappella Mayhem to help lower the cost (which will bring it below $300 per student)
Plan for Supervision	Aaron Knudsvig will supervise this trip. Up to 4 parental chaperones (pending background checks) will also provide additional supervision.
Plan for Academic Follow-Up	This trip is for our extra-curricular ensemble. It will provide a chance for students to see other high quality groups performing as well as develop a great sense of

	community among its current members. Many conversations will be held about what we got to see and experience.
Plan for Academic Good Standing	Students must be in good standing in all classes in order to participate. Students may not have significant discipline incidents.
Provisions for the Trip Prior to Departure	The permission slip has been updated and will be reviewed prior to departure to ensure that it meets current board policy and insurance requirements. The permission slip includes a notice that students are required to adhere to all student discipline guidelines while on the trip. These include all Cambridge-Isanti School Board Policies and specific guidelines in the CIHS Student Handbook. Advisors will review expectations with students prior to departure. Information regarding insurance will be given to families once the travel packet is updated.
Strategic Plan Alignment	The mission of Cambridge-Isanti Schools, in partnership with our community, is to *EDUCATE*, *EMPOWER* and *INSPIRE* *EVERY STUDENT*, *EVERY DAY* to achieve their full potential. Travel is one of the best ways to expose students to a variety of new experiences. The possibilities of sharing a performance with groups from another school is not only educational, it can create great opportunities to develop individual strengths and leadership skills as well as grow a students interest further in the music they are making. We believe these trips are the optimal chance to Educate, Empower, and Inspire our students.
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