

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible approval for the Sam Rayburn High School Texan Culinary Team to travel to Orlando, Florida, from April 29 to May 3, 2026, to compete in The Cook Around the World Culinary Competition at an estimated total cost of \$3,000 per student.

BACKGROUND: Cook Around the World offers high school students a unique educational and competitive hands-on culinary experience at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando. Students will participate in a hands-on culinary competition against high schools from around the country at Disney's Epcot.

Students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from culinary and hospitality colleges, attend a career forum and international gala, train with a celebrity chef, and enjoy the fun and excitement of the Disney World theme parks.

Students will stay at The Pop Century Resort and dine at the Cook Around the World Competition as well as Disney Parks. The Culinary Team will compete during a 4-day competition and explore the cuisine of the Disney Parks.

Approximately thirty (30) students will travel with two (2) instructors, and one (1) administrator which meets the district required number of chaperones. All chaperones will be trained in school district policy regarding responsibilities and duties prior to the trip. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: This is a trip paid for individually by the students and instructors at an estimated cost of \$3,000 per person. The culinary arts program will host fundraisers to help supplement the cost. The package includes flight, lodging, park admission, meals, and trip insurance for a max number of thirty (30) students and three (3) chaperones. All student travel guidelines and expectations will be followed according to Business Office procedures.

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BOARD MEETING DATE:	October 21, 2025