

**School Board Meeting/Workshop:**

**September 9, 2019**

**Subject:**

Out-of-State Trip - Spain

**Presenter:**

**Jess Nickelsen,  
BHS Spanish Teacher**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

Preliminary approval

**DESCRIPTION:**

BHS Spanish students who have completed levels 1, 2, and 3 and submitted applications will be traveling to Spain June 15-28, 2020. Teachers Jess Nickelsen and Laura Ortega will accompany the students on the fully-guided tour by native Spaniards through the travel program, "Xperitas." This is the same Minnesota non-profit education organization that we used in 2018's trip to Costa Rica and the BHS French program uses for their trips abroad.

The cost will be approximately \$4,869 per student. This includes: all travel to and within the country of Spain, all entrance fees to museums and exhibits, most breakfasts and dinners, sleeping accommodations. The sole additional costs for students will be spending money, some lunches, and tips. All provided meals are indicated in the itinerary. Xperitas insures all students for minor illness, accidents, trip cancelation, and liability for leaders.

Students will spend Saturday, June 20 through Wednesday, the 24th with families who have been vetted through Xperitas. This gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in both language and culture. Both Ms. Nickelsen and Ms. Ortega will be staying in the town of Cádiz with host families and will be available to students for any questions or emergencies at this time.

Ms. Nickelsen and Ms. Ortega will prepare students and their families for the trip by conducting informational meetings in the spring semester. Students will learn about the culture and customs of the people of Spain so they become respectful and engaged travelers.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Itinerary