

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

October 22, 2013

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a request by the Harpool Middle School Orchestra to travel to perform by invitation in the ASTA National Orchestra Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, March 5-7, 2014.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Travel approval is requested for 35 students and 4 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled charter bus carrier.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to have orchestra skills evaluated at a national conference.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the orchestra organization; no DISD funds will be used.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Students will miss three days of classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The campus will provide a substitute for three 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 HMS Orchestra request for permission to travel out-of-state to perform by invitation in the ASTA National Orchestra Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, March 5-7, 2014.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- David Hicks, Executive Director of Secondary Academic Programs
- Robert Bostic, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

- Request for Travel, Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out-of-State
- Itinerary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____