



Board Action Required

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To: Coppell ISD Board of Trustees
From: Carolyn Daniel, Mark Granado
Date: March 2, 2023
cc: Brad Hunt, Joseph Smith

Re: Proposed March, 2024 New Tech High @ Coppell LOTE Trip to Spain

The NTH@C LOTE team is working on an opportunity for our Spanish-language learners to have a language experience outside of our community. We would like to take them to Madrid and Barcelona, Spain for 9 days. We are planning this for Spring Break (March 9-17) 2024.

Our trip will begin in Madrid where we will spend 5 days. On the 5th day we will take an excursion to Toledo. On day 6 we will travel by train to Barcelona where we will spend the remainder of the trip. In Madrid, the learners will visit many important locations such as the Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, the Plaza Mayor, La Puerta del Sol, and El Mercado de San Miguel. In Toledo, the learners tour the city and visit the Cathedral and Church of Santo Tome and Synagogue. In Barcelona, the learners will do a walking tour of Las Ramblas, visit Park Güell, La Sagrada Familia, Montjuic and participate in a scavenger hunt throughout the city.

This experience would provide our Spanish learners with authentic exposure and practice with the language, as well as a deeper understanding of Spanish culture. Learners will engage in real-life application of the Spanish curriculum.

We would depart for Madrid on Saturday, March 9th, and would return on Sunday, March 17th. Participants would not miss any days of school as those dates correspond with Coppell ISD's 2024 Spring Break. Chaperones and administrators would travel with the participants and would help to supervise them during meals, activities, and classes. The chaperones will also conduct random check-ins at the hotels. The participants will be traveling by air to/from Spain and will travel on foot, by bus, train and public transportation once in Spain. The tour company is EF Tours. The cost will be approximately \$4,789, all of which will be provided by the students. Participants will pay EF Tours directly. Program price includes airfare, transportation, hotels, meals, guided sightseeing, entrances, experiential learning, full-time language immersion program director and 24-hour emergency service. This price might be different per the trip confirmation date.

According to Board Policy FMG (Local), "International trips shall require the approval of the principal, the assistant superintendent for business and support services, the Superintendent, and the Board."

Recommendation: That the Coppell ISD Board of Trustees, as required by Board Policy FMG (Local), approve the NTH@C LOTE trip to Madrid and Barcelona, Spain from March 9, 2024 through March 17, 2024.