

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
STUDENT TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM

Student travel must be approved based on the direct benefits for the students. The trip must have approval of Superintendent or designee before any travel arrangements and reservations are made or students and parents become involved with any facet of the trip. Out-of-state travel must have Board approval.

Name of Group: HOAS (American Model of Organization of States) Campus: New Tech Odessa

Date of trip: 11/9 to 12/13 Grade levels involved: 10-12 Number of students: 10 students
Number of instructional days: 3 Location: Washington DC
(Please attach an itinerary)

Funding source: District Budget Campus Budget Department Budget Activity fund Personal

Instructional days out of the classroom: The sponsors/coaches/directors have checked the accrued number of days for each participant? Yes No

Trip function: Cocurricular Extracurricular Competition (Non-athletic)

Trip profile: In-state Out-of-state Overseas Tour Field trip Invitational
 Annual Biennial Post-district Competition associated with a tour or attraction

Transportation mode: School bus School suburban Charter bus plane flights

How does the trip relate to and benefit the Campus Improvement Plan, District Improvement Plan and/or the TEKS? Context

Does the trip require fund-raisers? Yes No that wide learning outcome hit. (social studies TEKS Research)

Are deadlines established to guide the sponsors/directors if the trip has to be canceled due to lack of funding? Yes No

How many sponsors will accompany the students? 2 sponsors 1 Admin.
What is the ratio of sponsors to students? Sponsors 2/Students 10 (gender appropriate)

Student orientation - Date: 11/2/17 Time: 4:30 Location: C-16 @ WTO

Parent orientation - Date: 11/9/17 Time: 4:30 Location: C-16 @ WTO

Sponsor orientation - Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Sponsor criminal background check - Date: 11/3/17 Current Employee

Will any kind of insurance be required? Yes No

Will room and baggage searches be required? Yes No Background check upon employment

Medical and travel releases will be required.

Coach/Sponsor: Laura Reed (Signature) 11/3/17 (Date)

Field Trips/Excursions
UIL Competition

Principal approval: [Signature] (Signature) 10/13/17 (Date)

Superintendent or designee Approval: [Signature] (Signature) 11/3/17 (Date)
(District Sanctioned Competition)
(K-8 Field Trips/Excursions)

Board approval: _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)
(Out-of-state)

MOAS' relation to TEKS and District/Campus Improvement Plan

Model Organization of American States is a simulation exercise of the Organization of American States. The Organization of American States is a 34 member state organization, consisting of Countries in North, South and Central America. The goal of the organization is to promote democracy, defend human rights, foster development and prosperity and promote as well as support inter-American legal cooperation. According to their mission statement:

"The MOAS is a simulation exercise where, through role-playing, the students represent the diplomats and political officials of the Member States of the OAS and follow parliamentary proceedings to debate and approve resolutions dealing with current issues on the Inter-American agenda. The Models foster the development of leadership skills in youth such as negotiation, team-work and problem solving."

Model Organization of American States is a great program that supports several Social Studies standards, and is aligned with many of ECISD's strategic priorities for supporting campus and district plans. Model Organization of American States is an incredibly challenging experience that requires each student to utilize critical thinking, strong interpersonal communication skills, and understand culture from a different perspective. Participating in this event and organization allows students engage in many different high school social studies TEKS through a hands on, challenging simulation. Students will get to participate in meaningful discourse over important governmental topics such as spreading democracy, the effects of changes in governmental policies, and the effects of international trade on U.S. economic and political policies. Additionally, students will be immersing themselves in the culture, government, and economic policies of foreign countries that participate in the actual Organization of American States allowing them to gain a comparative view of governmental and economic policies.

New Tech Odessa was incredibly fortunate to get to participate in this exciting and challenging conference last year. The students who were able to participate last year gained a further appreciation for how professional organizations work as well as how to better communicate with people from other cultures. This opportunity promotes several social studies TEKS while still furthering our District Improvement Plan strategies by creating a challenging and meaningful learning opportunity for the students involved. Thank you very much for your time and considering supporting Model Organization of American States participating on behalf of ECISD.