



Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trips (Academic)

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Type of Trip	<i>Academic opportunity to celebrate and preserve African American history.</i>
Proposed Departure Date	<i>Nov 08, 2025</i>
Return Date	<i>Nov 12, 2025</i>
Proposer	<i>Anthony Ragona</i>
School	<i>Thurgood Marshall</i>
Position	<i>Principal</i>
Date By Which Response Is Needed	<i>Sep 24, 2025</i>
What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?	<i>African American Civil War Museum, Capital Building, Smithsonian Museums and the Supreme Court</i>
How is the trip related to the educational program of the District?	<i>The trip supports the educational mission of Thurgood Marshall Learning Center by enriching students' understanding of U.S. history, civic responsibility, and African American heritage.</i>
In what ways will the students benefit?	<i>This experience brings to life key components of the social studies and English language arts curriculum by offering students the chance to engage with primary sources, participate in guided historical interpretation, and reflect on the complex narratives that have shaped our nation.</i>
In what ways will the District benefit?	<i>It provides students with a platform to represent their community on a national stage while fostering pride in their cultural heritage.</i>
How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits were realized?	<i>Students will document the experience and present to supporters who made the experience possible.</i>
Which students (grade, class, or organization) will be going?	<i>10th-12th grade students</i>
How many students in total?	<i>6</i>
How many students are currently experiencing academic problems?	<i>0</i>

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Which staff members will be in charge?	<i>Dr. Anthony Ragona</i>
What previous experience has the staff member had in conducting overnight or extended field trips?	<i>Cross County State Meet x1, State Chess Tournament x1</i>
What other staff members will be going?	<i>Onita Watkins Harris</i>
How many chaperones, in addition to staff members, will be going?	<i>0</i>
What are their names and affiliations with the students?	
How many days of school will be missed?	<i>2</i>
How will teachers be advised in advance that the students will be out of school?	<i>Email and direct contact by staff members</i>
How will missed work be made up?	<i>Homework requests prior to leave and regular follow-up by chaperons</i>
What special assistance will be provided to students with academic problems?	<i>Tutoring will be available by chaperons</i>
What is the destination?	<i>Washington DC</i>
What will be the mode of transportation? What liability insurance does the carrier have?	<i>American Airlines Flight, public transportation and professional livery services.</i>
Where will the group be housed and fed?	<i>Hilton Alexandria Mark Center</i>
What enroute or supplementary activities are planned?	<i>Tours of Smithsonian Museums, the Capital and Supreme Court</i>
What arrangements have been made for dealing with emergency situations?	<i>Health and medical information will be collected and readily available. Nearest hospital and/or Urgent Care will be documented. Students will have digital pictures of insurance cards. A communication chain will be established . Protocols for medical emergencies, behavioral issues, missing students, and severe weather will be established. Transportation and backup transportation will be</i>

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	<i>planned out. Full itinerary will be provided to guardians.</i>
If tour guides are involved, what liability insurance do they carry?	<i>No tour guides are involved</i>
What is the estimated total cost and cost per student?	<i>\$990/student</i>
What is the source of funds?	<i>Campaign for Excellence, RIM Education Fund, and Miner Grant</i>
How will the funds be collected and safeguarded?	<i>Account will be established</i>
How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds used?	<i>TMLC Title instructional budget</i>
What provision has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any necessary costs?	<i>Students will not be required to pay for travel, accommodations and basic incidentals</i>
How will you communicate to parents prior to, during, and after the trip?	<i>phone chain, social media, etc.</i>
List telephone numbers at destination where group will be housed.	<i>Hilton Alexandria Mark Center (703) 845-1010, Dr. Anthony Ragona 309-750-0385, Onita Watkins-Harris 309-292-1699</i>
What information will be provided to the media and the community?	<i>A pathway for information to flow to media will be established and enforced.</i>
Athletic Director Approval (Athletic trips only)	Approved by
Principal approval	Approved by <i>Anthony Ragona</i>
Superintendent/Designee approval	Approved by <i>Scott Vance</i> on Sep 19, 2025 13:17
Signature of School Board Representative	