

Executive Summary: Agritourism in Hawaii (Summer 2027)

Lauren Waugh, SVHS Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, is proposing a 5-day educational agritourism trip to Oahu, Hawaii, tentatively scheduled for June, 2027. The program is designed to expose students to unique agricultural practices such as watercress, pineapple, and honeybee farming that differ significantly from Midwest production agriculture.

The trip is open to students in the graduating classes of 2027–2030, as well as parents and staff.

Key Itinerary Highlights

The tour, facilitated by Educational Travel Adventures (ETA), includes a blend of technical agricultural visits and historical/geographical site tours:

- Agricultural Tours: Kahuku Farms (fruit/vegetables), Hanai Hives (beekeeping), Sumida Farm (watercress), and the Dole Pineapple Plantation.
- Educational/Cultural Sites: USS Arizona Memorial (Pearl Harbor), Diamond Head State Monument, and a Jurassic Adventure Tour.
- Workshops: A dedicated farming workshop at Waiahole Nursery.

Cost and Logistics

- Estimated Cost: Approximately \$3,899 per person (based on quad occupancy and a minimum of 20 paying passengers).
- Inclusions: Round-trip airfare, 4 nights hotel in Waikiki, daily breakfast, 4 dinners, professional tour management, and private motor coach transportation.
- Incentives: One free chaperone spot is provided for every 10 paying passengers.

Liability and Risk Management

- Insurance: The tour package includes trip delay and medical insurance coverage up to \$100,000 per person.
- District Liability: Consistent with current district travel (e.g., the D.C. trip), this program is operated independently by ETA. The company offers optional Cancel For Any Reason Insurance for individual participants.
- Security: ETA provides dedicated tour managers and can include night security at the hotel if requested.

Recommendation

The administration recommends the Board of Education consider the approval of the Agritourism in

Hawaii trip scheduled for the summer of 2027. This fantastic student experience aligns with the District's core value of innovation.