



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

June 27, 2019

AGENDA ITEM: 9.3

TOPIC: Students Participating in National and World Academic Competitions Policy #533

BACKGROUND: School District financial assistance is necessary to ensure continued participation in national and world academic competitions. The amounts listed in this policy will not fully cover the expenses incurred by the competing teams and their coaches. The teams and their coaches will be expected to seek support from other sources to underwrite the remaining costs.

PROCESS: The School Board Policy Committee has reviewed this policy. They are presenting it to the School Board with the changes noted.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of this policy.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN NATIONAL AND WORLD
ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

1. Forest Lake Area School District students have been successful in qualifying for national and world competitions. For example, Odyssey of the Mind teams have competed and won state championships which resulted in opportunities to attend World Finals at various locations across the United States. Future Problem Solving Program teams have been successful at regional competitions and have gone on to state competition. Individual performances in Future Problem Solving have resulted in opportunities to compete at a national level in distant cities. Likewise, both teams and individual students in Debate or Speech have qualified for national competitions. School District financial assistance is necessary to ensure continued participation in these and similar academic events.
2. The School District shall contribute a sum ~~which does not exceeding~~ \$350.00 for each student, coach, or advisor for competitions held in Minnesota and states immediately contiguous ~~states to Minnesota~~, and up to \$500.00 for each student, coach, or advisor for competitions held outside of Minnesota and its immediately contiguous states.
3. These amounts will not fully cover the expenses incurred by the competing teams and their coaches. The teams and their coaches will be expected to seek support from the community and the team members' families to underwrite the remaining costs.

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