

Approval for Out-of-Country Travel
Ryan High School French Club
May 16, 2023

SUMMARY:

This item requests approval for the Ryan High School French Club to travel to Montreal, Canada and Quebec City to learn about culture, visit historical locations and language scheduled to depart on June 15, 2023, and return June 20, 2023.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

-None

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

-Travel approval is requested for 9 students, 15 sponsors, 1 chaperone, and 1 staff member.
-Students will travel via bus, air transportation, and tour bus.
-Students will have the opportunity to enhance their classroom learning and cultural experience while visiting Montreal, Canada. This opportunity will allow students to practice French while experiencing Francophone culture authentically and learn the culture and history of French speaking Canada in real-world settings, while connecting their learning.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

-Students will not miss classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

-None

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

-None

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

-None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

-None

ALTERNATIVES:

-No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

-Board policy requires board approval for such travel in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

-Recommended approval for the Ryan High School French Club to travel to Montreal, Canada and Quebec City scheduled to depart June 15, 2023, and return June 20, 2023.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Christopher Kittle

ATTACHMENT:

-Request for Travel Non-State Sanctioned Activities
-Proposed Itinerary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____



Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____

Tour Name:

Language and Culture in Québec

June 15th–20th, 2023 (tentative)

Ryan HS Tour Number: 2546359VM

Group Leader: Christopher Kittle, French Teacher at Ryan HS

Requested Departure Gateway: DFW Airport in Dallas, TX

EF (Education First) Tours: eftours.com / 1-800-665-5364

EF Tours emergency number while overseas: 001-617-2913

(given to all travelers on a lanyard to be worn at all times)

EF Tours Language and Culture in Québec Itinerary and Transportation Plans:

June 15th-June 20th, 2023 (6-day trip)

Specific times will be determined once flights are booked. EF Tours may change the departure date ranging June 14th-June 18th, meaning the return date could fall June 19th-June 23rd.

Departure Day – Thursday June 15th (tentative)

Arrival at Dallas airport: Students will meet at Dallas airport at the designated terminal and time (TBA). Parents will be responsible for dropping off students at the appointed time and terminal. Teacher will not provide a ride to students.

Flight from Dallas to Montréal: The flight details will be arranged by EF Tours with details provided at a later date.

Arrival in Montréal, Canada: Upon arrival, we will meet our EF Tours tour guide who will then provide a charter bus for transportation for the duration of the trip until our departure.

Tour Days – Thursday June 16th – Wednesday June 20th (tentative)

We will follow EF Tour's provided itinerary which I have detailed below. **Of note, there are no planned water-based activities on their itinerary.**

Day 1 Arrival – Thursday 6/15/2023 Fly from DFW to Trudeau International Airport in Montréal

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.
- Lunch after arrival in Montréal
- Take a guided walking tour of Old Montréal
 - Streets of Old Montréal
 - Underground City
 - Chinatown
- Enjoy an evening activity and meal.

Day 2 – Friday 6/16/2023 Montréal

- Take a guided sightseeing tour with a Montréal local
 - Get an inside look at daily life in Montréal.
 - Try out local French phrases.
 - Understand Montréal culture and society as it compares to the U.S.
- Visit the Notre-Dame Basilica
- Talk with Montrealers as you explore a local market.
- Learn about Montréal's street art culture at Café Graffiti
- Enjoy an Old Montréal dinner.
- Meet the ghosts of local legends on a ghost hunt in Old Montréal

Day 3 – Saturday 6/17/2023 Bus from Montréal to Québec City

- Travel to Québec City and discover a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Practice your French with an improv workshop.
- Tour a *fromagerie*, or cheese factory, and see how cheese curds are made.
- Take a guided tour of Québec City
 - Streets of the Old City
 - Petit Champlain Street
 - Château Frontenac
 - Dufferin Terrace
 - Upper Town

Day 4 – Sunday 6/18/2023 Québec City & bus to Beaupré Coast

- Take an excursion to the Beaupré Coast, one of Québec's stunning riverside towns.
- Visit the Basilica of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré
- Visit one of Québec's educational Economuseums
- Visit Montmorency Falls
 - 270-foot falls (almost 100 feet higher than Niagara)
- Perform a legendary folk tale in French during a costume workshop.

Day 5 – Monday 6/19/2023 Québec City

- Dive into Québec City's history with a virtual reality activity
- Explore Rue Saint-Jean, the gateway to Old Québec
- Visit the Musée National des Beaux-Arts du Québec

Day 6 Return – Tuesday 6/20/2023 Bus from Québec City to Montréal; Flight from Montréal's Trudeau International Airport to DFW Airport

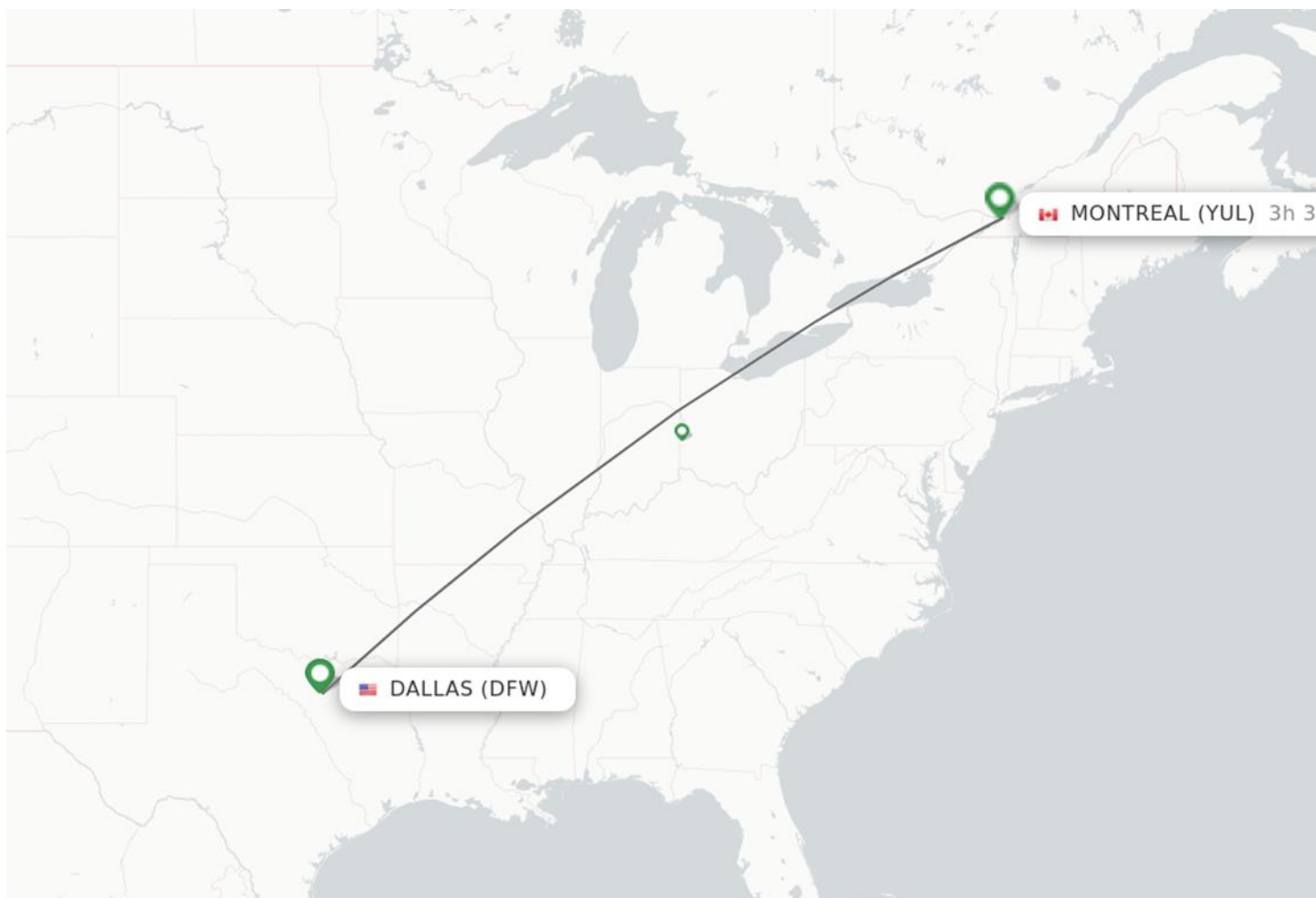
Bus trip from Québec City to Montréal

- Additional Visit to Downtown Montréal, time permitting.

Flight from Montréal, Canada to Dallas, TX: The flight details will be arranged by EF Tours within 90 days of departure date.

Arrival at Dallas: Parents will pick up students at the designated time and terminal (TBA). Mr. Kittle will remain with students until all have been picked up.

Flight Path Dallas DFW – Montréal YUL



Bus Path Montréal to Québec City

Best

2 hr 44

3 hr 15

2 days

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Québec City, Quebec, Canada

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