

Terrell Independent School District

Executive Summary Report

Date	District Guiding Pillar	
March 30, 2026	Goal One: Student Achievement: Accelerate student learning to dramatically increase the number of students who perform at or above grade level.	

Agenda Item: Consider Approval of the UIL Academics Out of State Travel

Summary:

It is a privilege to report that our students' dedication to academic, technical, and vocational excellence has resulted in three major national and world-level qualifications. These opportunities showcase the competitive spirit and "Portrait of a Graduate" competencies being fostered within Terrell ISD on a global and national stage.

1. VEX Robotics World Championship (St. Louis, MO)

For the first time in six years, a Terrell ISD Robotics team has been invited to the **VEX World Championship** based on their exceptional technical skills and season-long performance.

- **Team:** One (1) qualifying team consisting of three (3) students.
- **Competition Dates:** April 21 – April 24, 2026.
- **Travel Schedule:** Departure on April 20; Return on April 25.
- **Significance:** This global event brings together the top robotics programs in the world, placing our CTE and STEM initiatives on an international stage.

2. NSDA National Speech & Debate Tournament (Richmond, VA)

Two Terrell High School students have achieved the prestigious honor of qualifying for the **National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) National Tournament**.

- **Participants:** Two (2) qualifying students and their sponsor(s).
- **Competition Dates:** June 14 – June 19, 2026.
- **Travel Logistics:** Students and staff will travel via flight to Richmond, Virginia.
- **Funding:** Travel, meals, and registration will be covered by the **General Operating Budget**.

3. TAFE National Competition (Portland, OR)

Our **Texas Association of Future Educators (TAFE)** program continues to excel, with four students qualifying to compete at the National level.

- **Participants:** Four (4) qualifying students and their sponsor(s).
- **Competition Dates:** June 19 – June 24, 2026.
- **Location:** Portland, Oregon.
- **Significance:** This competition highlights our commitment to developing the next generation of educators and reflects the high caliber of our Education & Training CTE pathway.

Whether in the arena of robotics, the halls of debate, or the future of education, these students represent the highest level of achievement in their respective fields. Participation in these events validates their critical thinking, communication, and professional problem-solving abilities.

Attachments:

[NSDA Nationals Agenda](#)
[Overnight Approval Form](#)

 Robotics World Championship TISD Overnight Trip Approval - signed.pdf

 TAFE - Educator Rising National Competition Overnight Trip Policy & Approval.pdf

Administrative Recommendation:

It is our recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the out-of-state travel for our qualifying Robotics, Speech & Debate, and TAFE students and their respective sponsors.

Budget/Funding

General Operating Budget, UIL Academics