



January 4, 2022

Dear Mrs. Mendoza,

For the past six years, Austin students, staff, and parents have traveled on an educational trip over the summer. We will be departing and returning June 2022 and not interfering with the school year or attendance. The trip is completely paid for by students and fundraisers. The trip has been planned through EF (Education First), the leader in student tours. GISD been utilizing their services since 2011. The focus of our itinerary will be the culture of Panama. This is a STEM-focused trip.

There will be one chaperone for every six students. Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Emily Shotwell
Austin Middle School
Trip Sponsor

Approved




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Dear Dr. Gibson and GISD School Board Trustees,

For the past six years, Austin students, staff, and parents have traveled on an educational international trip over the summer. We would like to continue the tradition this summer as we take a STEM- focused trip to Panama. We will be departing and returning June 2022 and not interfering with the school year or attendance. The trip is completely paid for by students and through fundraisers. The trip has been planned through EF (Education First), the leader in student tours. GISD been utilizing their services since 2011. The focus of our itinerary will be the culture of Panama with once in a lifetime experiences including a visit to the Panama Canal and to meet youth in indigenous villages in Panama. I have been a part of the trips since 2019 and can attest to the growth in our students and rich experiences they receive as a result of these trips.

There will be one chaperone for every six students. Thank you for your consideration!

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