

Consider approval of Overnight Trip for TMEA All-State Mariachi Clinic and Concert

1. Background:

This item addresses approval for an overnight trip for one student selected to participate in the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Mariachi Clinic and Concert in San Antonio, Texas. Selection to the All-State Mariachi ensemble represents the highest honor for a mariachi student in the state of Texas. Participation requires attendance at multiple mandatory rehearsals, clinics, and a culminating concert held at the Henry B. González Convention Center.

Although the event is held locally, TMEA strongly recommends that All-State students stay in downtown San Antonio due to early morning rehearsals, extended rehearsal schedules, and late evening activities. The overnight stay ensures student safety, punctuality, and full participation in all required educational activities.

2. Process:

The student earned placement in the TMEA All-State Mariachi ensemble through a competitive audition process governed by TMEA. Event schedules, participation requirements, and lodging recommendations are established by TMEA. District travel procedures for overnight trips are being followed, and required documentation for student travel, supervision, and lodging will be completed in accordance with district policy.

3. Fiscal Impact:

Costs associated with this overnight trip include hotel lodging for one student and one chaperone. The approval is for an overnight stay corresponding with the dates of the TMEA All-State Mariachi Clinic and Concert. Funding will be covered through approved fine arts funds.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approve the overnight trip for one student to attend the TMEA All-State Mariachi Clinic and Concert in San Antonio, Texas, including the associated overnight lodging.

5. Required:

Board action.