

Southwest Independent School District

MEMO



Date: 2/28/2025
 To: Dr. Jeanette Ball
 From: Amanda Wagner-Southwest High
 Reuben Madrigal - Director of Advanced Academics
 RE: Overnight Trip

Request SWISD Board or Trustees approval for an overnight trip for:

<u>Texas Destination Imagination</u> ORGANIZATION	<u>Raeven Batt-SWHS</u> SPONSOR
<u>2026 Destination Imagination Texas Lone Star Finals</u> EVENT	<u>Marylu Rodriguez-SWHS</u> ADDITIONAL SPONSOR
<u>April 10-12, 2026</u> DATE(S) OF EVENT	<u>ADDITIONAL SPONSOR</u>
<u>University of Texas at Arlington</u> LOCATION OF EVENT	<u>9 3 6</u> # OF STUDENT: MALE FEMALE
<u>April 10, 2025-10:00 am</u> DEPARTURE TIME	<u>Aloft Arlington South</u> NAME OF HOTEL/MOTEL
<u>Charter Bus</u> MODE OF TRANSPORTATION	<u>April 12, 2026</u> RETURN TIME
	<u>\$6,495.00</u> ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT

EXPLANATION OF ACTIVITIES:

The Destination Imagination Texas Lone Star Finals is the state-level tournament for Texas teams that advanced from each region. During the event, student teams present their long-term Challenge solutions—projects they have developed over several months in areas such as engineering, science, fine arts, improvisation, and service learning. Teams showcase their creativity through performances, technical builds, research displays, and innovative designs, which are evaluated by trained volunteer appraisers.

In addition to their prepared presentations, teams complete an Instant Challenge, where they must think critically and collaborate to solve a problem on the spot. The event also includes opening and closing ceremonies, team celebrations, and an awards program recognizing outstanding creativity, teamwork, and innovation.

<u>Reuben Madrigal</u> Signature of Requestor	<u>3/2/26</u> Date
<u>Amanda Wagner</u> Administrator Signature	<u>3/2/26</u> Date