

**Approval For Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, Out of State
DENTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**

December 11, 2008

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a request by Denton High School Student Council for travel to attend the 2008 LEAD Conference, "Energize Your Leadership", in New Orleans, LA, February 8-10, 2008.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Travel approval is requested for approximately 8-10 students and 2 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by Air, and Van Shuttle.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Students would miss only one day of school on February 8.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- Expenses are to be paid by students, the organization, and fundraising activities.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow students to train for officer positions and prepare for the state bid for presidency in 2009.

PROCEDURAL AND REPORTING IMPLICATIONS:

- None

PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED:

- None

ALTERNATIVES:

- No alternative actions are proposed.

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Board policy requires board approval of such travel.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend approval of the Denton High School Student Council request for permission to travel out-of-state to attend the 2008 LEAD Conference in New Orleans, LA on February 8-10, 2008.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- Mr. Darrell Muncy, Principal, Denton High School
- Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- Request for Travel, Non-State Sanctioned Activity, Out-of-State
- Tentative Schedule of Events
- Letter to DHS Student Council parents describing the trip

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: Darrell Muncy
Comments: _____
Signature of Divisional Assistant Superintendent: Jamie Wilson
Comments: _____
Signature of Superintendent: _____
Comments: _____

DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUEST FOR OUT OF STATE STUDENT TRAVEL

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Denton High School Date of Request Nov. 12, 2007
 School Organization Student Council Activity Sponsor Beth Hughes & K. Thaggard

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** New Oreleans, LA
 Description of Activities or Events 2008 LEAD Conference "Energize Your Leadership"
NASSP Student Activity; Leadership training from the national organization
 Dates of Travel Feb. 8-10, 2008 Mode of Travel Plane; van shuttle
 Number of Student Participants 8-10 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 2
 Educational Purposes and Value Officer training for Student Council members; Preparation
for state bid for presidency in 2009

**Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount	***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<u>\$135</u>	<u>Candy sales</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	<u>\$350</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organization	<u>\$135</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	<u>\$50</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____	
Total Cost of Activity		
<u>\$5350</u>		
Estimated Cost/Student		
<u>\$535.00</u>		

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW/APPROVAL

Principal Dorrell G. Mundy James Pickens 11.12.07
NAME SIGNATURE DATE OF APPROVAL
 School Operations Jamie Wilson _____
NAME SIGNATURE DATE OF APPROVAL
 Superintendent _____
NAME SIGNATURE DATE OF APPROVAL
 Board President _____
NAME SIGNATURE DATE OF APPROVAL

*Reference Policy FMG (L)

LEAD CONFERENCES
(Leadership Experience And Development Conferences)
New Orleans, LA



Tentative Schedule of Events

Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center, 859 Convention Center Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70130
“Energize Your Leadership”

FRIDAY – February 8, 2008

- 3:30 – 6:45 p.m. **Registration, Herff Jones Display & Conference Orientation- Ongoing**
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Suggested Time for Dinner (**delegates on their own**)
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **Opening General Session**
8:30 – 9:45 p.m. **Student Leadership Session**
8:30 – 9:45 p.m. **Adviser General Session**
9:45 – 10:00 p.m. **Processing of Evening Activities & Announcements**
10:30 p.m. **Student Curfew** (delegates in your own room, observing quiet hours)
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SATURDAY – February 9, 2008

- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast for Students & Advisers**
9:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Student Small Group Workshops I & II**
9:10 – 10:10 a.m. **Adviser Small Group Workshop 1**
10:15 – 11:15 a.m. **Adviser Idea Exchange** - (bring completed Idea Exchange forms)
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch & Leadership Activities**
1:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Student Large Group Sessions I & II**
1:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Adviser Small Group Session 2 & 3**
4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner (**delegates on your own**)
8:30 – 10:00 p.m. **Special Session & Closing**
10:30 p.m. Curfew (delegates in your own room, observing quiet hours)
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SUNDAY – February 10, 2008

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - **delegates on your own**
8:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Closing General Session**
10:30 – Noon Departure/Check-out/Return home

Note: Please understand that this is a tentative schedule of events and you will need to refer to the official schedule of events provided to you at registration for the correct times and sessions.



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Dear DHS Student Council parents:

Your child has the opportunity to attend a National Leadership Conference, sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, specifically designed for Student Councils and National Honor Societies. Complete Conference details are available at the website below.

2008 LEAD Conference

New Orleans, LA

February 8-10, 2008 (Friday to Sunday; school field trip on Friday)

http://www.nasc.us/s_nasc/bin.asp?CID=1236&DID=55621&DOC=FILE.PDF

The cost breakdown of the trip is as follows:

- Airfare: \$200-\$250 (As of 11/12, a rate of \$180 was available on American, but rates on Southwest and other carries varied up to \$250)
- Hotel shuttle to and from airport: \$25
- Conference registration: \$135 per person
- Hotel fare: \$85 per person (based on quad occupancy...the room is \$170 per night for 2 or more people)
- Meals: Friday lunch and dinner; Saturday dinner; Sunday breakfast and lunch

Approximate total cost per person: \$450, plus meals

Our proposal is to have DHS Student Council pay for the registration (\$135) for each participant, plus breakfast and lunches. Plane fare would need to be paid as the deposit for each participant at the rate of **\$200 by December 5th**. This would leave a balance of approximately **\$110 due** for the hotel and shuttle due by Feb. 8th. We need to book the airfare together and the sooner the better. If the participant is unable to attend for any reason, and a replacement is not sent, the participant would be responsible for reimbursing StuCo the \$135 registration fee.

Our hope is to be able to take 4 male and 4 female students. If less than 4 of one gender attend, the hotel price will be higher.

I've attached information about the convention and the conference service project. Please let me know if you have any questions. Mrs. Thaggard will also be chaperoning this trip.

Beth Hughes
Student Council Advisor

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2008 LEAD Conferences

Leadership Education and Development Conferences

*Experience Leadership
Explore New Ideas*

Exchange Concepts & Resources with Other Leaders from Around the Country

DEAR ADMINISTRATOR:

Planning is underway for the February 8-10, 2008, LEAD Conference to be held at the Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.. The LEAD Conference is designed for National Honor Society (NHS), National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Association of Student Council (NASC) students and advisers. The LEAD Conference is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and your support of these conferences is key to their success. For more information about NASSP visit www.principals.org.

The theme for these conferences is "**Energize Your Leadership!**"

What is LEAD? LEAD Conferences provide the vehicle for students to apply skills, develop character, learn responsible behavior, enhance communication skills, and take part in activities to strengthen their leadership skills. All sites offer exclusive workshops such as leadership, communication, goal setting, fundraising, diversity, and organization. Activity advisers also have a full program providing them with professional development and the tools essential to manage student activities. NASSP is a member of the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). LEAD Conferences are approved to provide 1.1 CEU Credits for 11 hours of continuous educational training. Advisers attending the LEAD Conference may earn CEU Credits.

What is special at the LEAD Conferences? The February 8-10, 2008, New Orleans, LA, program will feature programs and workshops with the needs of student council and honor society students and advisers in mind plus an opportunity for attendees to "give back" to the residents of New Orleans as we conduct a community service project in the city. In addition officers or students aspiring to become officers will be offered an in-depth training program geared towards their unique needs as a student council or honor society officer. This is the perfect opportunity for students and advisers in both student council and honor society to participate in activities that make learning exciting while re-energizing them with new ideas and dynamic keynote speakers.



Street Car in New Orleans

But we wouldn't let attendees go home without seeing some of the famous sites in New Orleans!

Our schedule includes an opportunity to participate in a community service project and a scavenger hunt to find fun and interesting facts about many of the historical venues in New Orleans.

Why do students & advisers need this training? There is no better way to improve leadership skills than to attend LEAD conferences that connect students and advisers with other leaders and offer experiences and information that are relevant to their success. You can be assured that they will return with new ideas that can be used to positively affect their school and community. It's a fun-filled experience they never forget.

Who sponsors this conference? The LEAD Conference is a program of the National Association of Secondary School Principals designed for students and advisers in the National Honor Society, the National Junior Honor Society & the National Association of Student Councils.

A complete overview of the LEAD Conference programs including rules, regulations, and registration details can be found at: www.nhs.us/LEAD or www.nasc.us/LEAD.

2008 LEAD Conferences Hotel Information & Tentative Schedule

All sites offer exclusive workshops teaching leadership and sessions on communication, conflict resolution, drug and alcohol prevention, goal setting, fundraising, diversity and organizational skills. The February 1-3, 2008, Washington, D.C., program will offer an extensive National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society Strand and the February 8-10, 2008 New Orleans, LA, and the February 22-24, 2008, Chicago, IL conferences will offer special officer training sessions for current officers or for those aspiring to hold officer positions.



The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the NASSP National Advisory List of Student Contests and Activities for 2007-2008.

Preliminary Conference Schedule Outline

Note: Times and activities vary at each conference. Detailed information will be provided during registration. You may use the start time on Friday and end time on Sunday to make your travel plans once you receive your confirmation.

Friday	3:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Registration
	5:30 - 6:45 p.m.	Suggested Dinner Time (on your own)
	7:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Opening General Session, breakout sessions and activities
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	All delegate breakfast & lunch, workshops & leadership seminars
	5:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)
	8:00 - 10:30 p.m.	Second General Session
Sunday	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast (on your own)
	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Closing General Session



The official financial sponsor for LEAD 2008 is Herff Jones, Inc.

CEU Certificates

Advisers may earn CEU Credits. NASSP is a member of the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET). LEAD Conferences are approved to provide 1.1 CEU Credits for 11 hours of continuous educational training.

HOTEL INFORMATION (NOTE: The national office cannot make and is not responsible for hotel reservations.)

Hotel reservations at the headquarter hotels are the responsibility of the adviser. **The hotel rates below are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis to the hotel room block capacity or the deadline date, whichever occurs first.**

Reserve your hotel rooms **early**--deposits can be fully refunded if room reservations are canceled at least four days prior to arrival date.

Call the conference site hotel for details on required deposits and to confirm how many rooms you require plus the type of room(s) needed, i.e., a one-bed room for one or two people, or a two-bed room for two-four people, etc. Please advise reservations that you are attending the 2008 LEAD Conference sponsored by NASSP for the National Association of Student Councils and the National Honor Societies. Check in time at most hotels is 4:00 p.m. and check out time is 11:00 a.m.

Washington, D.C. LEAD - February 1-3, 2008 **Reservation deadline: January 4, 2008**

Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202

703-920-3230 or 800-228-9290

Room Rates: (per room, per night): \$139 Single-Quad, plus taxes (currently 10.25%).

Hotel parking per day is \$18 self parking & \$24 valet parking.

For hotel information visit: <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasgw-crystal-gateway-marriott/>

For tourist information visit: <http://www.washington.org>

New Orleans LEAD - February 8-10, 2008 **Reservation deadline: January 7, 2008**

New Orleans Marriott at the Convention Center, 859 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70130

504-613-2888 or 800-228-9290

Room Rates: (per room, per night): \$139 Single; \$149 Double, Triple, or Quad; plus applicable taxes (currently 13.0%) and \$2 per room, per night for city occupancy fee.

Parking per day is \$28 valet parking. For off-site self parking contact hotel for details.

For hotel information visit: <http://www.neworleansmarriottconventioncenter.com>

For tourist information visit: <http://www.neworleanscvb.com/>

Chicago LEAD - February 22-24, 2008 **Reservation deadline: January 23, 2008**

Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 West Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL 60005

847-394-2000 or 888-627-8093

Room rates (per room, per night): \$119 Single-Quad, plus taxes (currently 11%).

Hotel has complimentary self parking for guests.

For hotel information visit: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=2015>

For tourist information visit: <http://www.chicagonorthwest.com/>

For information on the Coco Key Water Resort - adjacent to the Sheraton Hotel go to <http://www.cocokeyresort.com/index.php?ArlingtonHeights/index/>