

**Approval for Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State
SMS Choir**
January 10, 2012

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a request by the Strickland Middle School Choir for travel to the Director's Choice Music Festival in San Antonio and State Capitol in Austin, Texas, May 11-13, 2012.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Travel approval is requested for 100 students and 25 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled charter bus.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to have vocal/choral skills evaluated.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the choral organization; no DISD funds will be used.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Students will miss one day of classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The campus will pay for a substitute teacher for one day.

BENEFIT OF ACTION:

- Passage will allow ample time for fundraising activities and completing reservations.

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 two months in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:

- Recommend approval of the SMS Choir request for permission to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Music Festival in San Antonio and State Capitol in Austin, Texas, May 11-13, 2012.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- Jamie Wilson, Deputy Superintendent

ATTACHMENT:

- Request for Travel, Non-State-Sanctioned Activities
- Itinerary

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Divisional Leader: _____

Comments: _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____

Comments: _____