

**Approval for Travel to a Non-State-Sanctioned Activity, In-State
SMS Orchestra**

January 23, 2007

SUMMARY:

- This item requests approval of a request by the Strickland Middle School Orchestra for travel to the Director's Choice Alamo Showcase in San Antonio, Texas, May 4-6, 2007.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION:

- No previous action has been taken or requested.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- Travel approval is requested for 45 students and 10 sponsors/chaperones.
- Students will travel by scheduled charter bus.
- Students will be provided an opportunity to have instrumental skills evaluated.
- Expenses are to be paid by students and the orchestra organization; no DISD funds will be used.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:

- Students will miss one day of classes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

- The campus will provide 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 Orchestra request for permission to travel in-state to the Director's Choice Alamo Showcase in San Antonio, Texas, May 4-6, 2007.

STAFF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE:

- David McCullar, Director of Fine Arts
- Jamie Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Academic Programs

ATTACHMENT:

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

APPROVAL:

Signature of Staff Member Proposing Recommendation: David McCullar
Comments: _____
Signature of Divisional Leader: J. Wilson
Comments: _____
Signature of Superintendent: _____
Comments: _____

Denton Independent School District Request for Travel Non State-Sanctioned Activities*

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Campus Strickland Middle School Date of Request Dec. 1, 2006
 School Organization Orchestra Activity Sponsor Jessica Capshaw

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TRAVEL

Destination(s)** San Antonio, Texas
 Description of Activities or Events To perform in a prestigious competition.
 Dates of Travel 5/4/07-5/6/07 Mode of Travel Charter Bus (Gotta Go Buses)
 Number of Student Participants 45 Number of Adult Sponsors/Chaperones 10
 Educational Purposes and Value Compete against music groups from all over the state and to receive critiques from knowledgeable judges.

** Attach copy of proposed itinerary

III. SOURCE OF FUNDING

Source	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> District Title 1	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Students (personal)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Activities***	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____

***Description of Fund Raising Activities (if required)

Brochure fundraiser
 Silent Auction
 Pencil Sales

Total Cost of Activity	_____
Estimated Cost/Student	\$225.00

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW / APPROVAL

Principal	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>12/20/06</u>
	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE OF APPROVAL
School Operations	<u>David McCullae</u>	<u>David McCullae</u>	<u>12-20-06</u>
	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE OF APPROVAL
Superintendent	_____	_____	_____
	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE OF APPROVAL
Board President	_____	_____	_____
	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE OF APPROVAL

*Reference Policy FMG (L)

Strickland Middle School Orchestra
Itinerary for San Antonio

5/4/07 (Friday)

- 6:00am – meet in SMS orchestra room for roll call
- 6:30am – depart Strickland Middle School on Charter bus from Gotta Go Buses
- 9:00am – stop at Love's convenience store
- 11:00am – Eat lunch at road side park
- 12:30pm – arrive in San Antonio (check in at the Holiday Inn)
- 3:15pm – depart for performance site (Clark High School)
- 4:15pm – orchestra warm-up
- 4:45pm – orchestra performance
- 5:15pm – depart for River Center Mall
- 9:00pm – Load bus and depart for hotel
- 11:00pm – room check and lights out

5/5/07 (Saturday)

- 8:00am – Breakfast in the hotel
- 9:00am – Depart for Fiesta Texas
(lunch in the park)
- 2:00pm – check in with chaperones @ front of park
- 6:00pm – dinner at the pavilion
- 8:00pm – awards ceremony
- 8:30pm – depart for hotel
- 11:00pm – room check and lights out

5/6/07 (Sunday)

- 7:45am – Breakfast in the hotel
- 8:30am – Depart for Denton
- 11:30am – lunch at Luby's in Temple
- 2:30pm – Arrive at Strickland Middle School