

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

Consent Agenda • Date: September 8, 2025

Out-of-State/Overnight Field Trip Model UN to Notre Dame

Category:

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Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Facts of this Matter:

1. Destination & Dates: The University of Notre Dame, from November 13 – 16, 2025. We plan to leave at the beginning of 4th period at 11:24 am on the 13th of November and would be home by 5 pm on the 16th of November.
2. Who is Attending: 30 students and two chaperones will attend this event. The students are in grades 10 – 12.
3. Trip Synopsis: The event has students participate in a high-level debate with students from around the area on current world issues. This competition highlights several important skills such as public speaking, research, and conflict resolution.
4. Administrator who reviewed: Matt Walter

Transportation	We are requesting the use of ZCS school bus transportation.
Parent Permission Obtained	Parents will fill out the overnight permission slip. Steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students interested in going to the conference will pick up a permission slip from Mr. Magoni in September.- Parents will complete the overnight permission form and review the itinerary for the conference.- Students will return the information and payment to Mr. Magoni and will then be registered for the conference.

Cost to Students/Families	The estimated cost of delegate, school fees and hotel will be around \$350 per student. Students and families cover these costs.
About Supervision	Mr. Magoni and Mrs. Boutilier (the club sponsors and teachers) will attend the conference. In case a sponsor would be unable to go, another certified staff member will attend the event. A background checked parent volunteer could be utilized as well.
Trip Insurance Plan and Refund Procedure (if there is one)	There is none for this event. Once the student commits to attending, the registration fees are not refundable.
Any Additional Information	None

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

As a teaching method, the model UN has been proven-effective. Students role-play various countries in the world. They learn about the history, politics, and foreign policies of several countries and begin to understand the importance of the United Nations in the world today. Students become familiar with several international problems or issues and experience the give and take of diplomacy as they attempt to pass resolutions in their councils. The model provides an opportunity for them to improve their public speaking and debate skills and to learn some parliamentary procedure. They will begin to learn the skills of how to work constructively in a group when members of the group disagree on how to achieve a particular goal. The experience is a win-win situation for students

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Students will miss a day and a half of school, and trip is somewhat costly.

Financial Implications, if any:

ZCS will incur the costs related to guest teachers for the 2 sponsors and for the use of a school bus and driver.

Opinion/Recommendation:

This trip is recommended for approval.