

Southwest Independent School District

MEMO

Date: September 17, 2025

To: Dr. Jeanette Ball

From: Amanda Wagner/ Richard Flores

RE: Overnight Trip



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

Southwest High School Thespian Troupe #6664

ORGANIZATION

Texas Thespians State Festival

EVENT

November 14- 17, 2025

DATE(S) OF EVENT

American Bank Center, 1901 N. Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

LOCATION OF EVENT

November 14, 2025 at 12:00 PM

DEPARTURE TIME

Charter Bus

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

Graciela Reyna

SPONSOR

Jillian Campos

ADDITIONAL SPONSOR

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OF STUDENTS MALE FEMALE

Best Western- Corpus Christi

NAME OF HOTEL/MOTEL

November 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm

RETURN TIME

ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT

EXPLANATION OF ACTIVITIES:

The Southwest High School Thespian Troupe #6664 will participate in a 4 day intensive theatrical workshop festival and contest. Students will be taught/led by professionals from all over the world in the areas of acting, directing, writing, singing, dancing, technical design, and other artistic areas of theatre. The workshop is sponsored by the International Thespian Society, an internationally recognized theatrical honor society that has included many professional artists such as Tom Hanks, Julia Louise Dryfus, Stephen Schwartz, and Jim Parsons. Students will have the opportunity to compete in state and national qualifying events and will build connections and relationships that will serve them far beyond high school in their academic and career pursuits.

Signature of Requestor

Administrator Signature

9/17/2025

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Consider approval of an overnight trip for
Southwest High School Thespian Troupe #6664 to the International Thespian Society
Texas Thespians State Festival in Corpus Christi, Texas

1. Background:

The Southwest High School International Thespian Society Troupe #6664 students are requesting permission to travel to Corpus Christi, TX on November 14-17, 2025. They will be participating in the Texas Thespians State Festival and will be attending training workshops for acting, directing, singing, dancing, playwriting, and theatrical design. They will also have the opportunity to audition for college scholarships and compete for state and national qualifying individual and team theatrical events.

2. Process:

A parent permission slip, media consent form, and registration form will be required for participation and registration for the festival. Registration and competition opportunities are only open to current, inducted Thespians (inducted in Spring 2025 or earlier) that are in good standing (maintaining a G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher, active in campus Thespian events) and meeting school attendance requirements (No more than 18 absences in any one class).

3. Fiscal Impact:

The estimated cost of \$8,463.00 will be paid from the Thespian Troupe #6664 Student Activity Fund account and the Southwest High School Theatre operating budget.

4. Recommendation:

That the board approve an overnight trip for Southwest High School Thespian Troupe #6664 to the International Thespian Society Texas Thespians State Festival in Corpus Christi, Texas.

5. Required:

Board action.