

**POLICY 610 APPENDIX A**  
**ISD NO. 283, ST. LOUIS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA**  
**PROPOSAL FOR FIELD TRIP**

An extended educational trip requires overnight accommodations for students/participants, whether during or outside the regular school year. Proposals must be fully approved before trip organizers sign any contracts with travel agencies, collect any trip related fees, or begin fundraising activities. Refer to Policy and Procedure 610 – Field Trips for guidance.

Date Submitted:	12/15/2023	School:	St. Louis Park Senior High
District Staff:	Hanna Anderson		
Organization:	Xperitas		
Destination:	Costa Rica		
Departure Date:	June 15, 2025 (approx)	Return Date:	June 29, 2025 (approx)
# of Class Days Missed:	None		
# of Students Traveling:	Approx 25	# of Students <i>not</i> Traveling:	NA
Goal or purpose of trip (value to students' educational program)			
<p>This language and cultural immersion experience in Costa Rica will provide our students with a unique and enriching experience as they explore the rich and diverse natural resources, and unique geographical sites and biodiversity. Students will also have the unique opportunity to live with a host family for six days.</p>			
What will students learn during the trip?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand and respect a culture different from their own; the cultural practices, products and perspectives of Costa Rica.</li> <li>• To use Spanish as the only possible language of communication, to be truly immersed in the language.</li> <li>• To recognize and enjoy the rich natural resources of Costa Rica, particularly agriculture, sustainable practices, the rainforest, geography, and biodiversity.</li> </ul>			
How will student learning be evaluated?			

- Every day of the trip, students will have to speak Spanish to communicate with the people in the community and later with their host families.
- After certain key experiences, we will gather as a group to process what we learned. Students will write in their journals, share their perspectives and personal experiences in small groups, and also have a chance to share with the large group.
- Upon return, students will be asked to make a presentation about their trip to Costa Rica to share in their Spanish classes.

Agency/Organization coordinating travel arrangements? Xperitas

Transportation Plans:

- Flight MSP-San Jose-MSP.
- Ground transportation (motorcoach or van as applicable) from city to city

Description of Trip Plan and Route: Please see [document](#)

How is the trip being financed? (Include data for students, advisors, supervisors, etc.)

- This trip is being paid by each student.  

June 15-October 15 2024	\$500
November 15, 2024	\$1250
January 15, 2024	\$1250
March 15, 2025	Balance
- There will be fundraising opportunities organized by parents and teachers to help offset the cost of extra expenses during the trip (e.g. meals not included in the program and tips)
- The cost of the program includes one teacher traveling for free for every six students traveling.

What is the total cost per student?	\$3814
	Early bird price is \$3614 if students register by June 15 2023.

If fundraising is part of the financing, briefly describe the fundraising plans and attach a copy of the fundraising request.

Fundraising will begin in the late fall of 2024 once students have applied and been accepted to the program.

Supervisors going on the trip: (parents, teachers, list school)

*All extended education trips involving both male and female participants shall require both adult male and female chaperones*

1. Hanna Anderson

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2. Nelly Korman

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3. Daniel Meyen

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4. Depending on how many students enroll in the program Valerie Weaver and/or Erin Mendez.

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Ratio of supervisors to students:

1:6

*(For the purpose of supervision, the ratio of adults to students must be a minimum of 1:15)*

Describe plans to insure quality instruction for members of class or organization **not** going on trip (attach instructional plans, if possible)

NA. This trip will take place in the summer, so no instructional time will be missed.

All extended educational trips require parent/guardian authorization. Describe steps taken to inform and involve parents and secure their approval (attach copies of information and permission documents)

- All families of students in Spanish classes will receive a message about the trip.
- Parents and students will have to complete an application form in order to participate in the program.
- Xperitas will also require a family application to be completed online.
- There will be mandatory parent/guardian meetings before the program in preparation for the trip.
- Permission documents will be provided by Xperitas once students register.

I have reviewed the proposal. The proposal complies with School Board Policy 610 Field Trips.



Signature of Principal Approval Date

12/20/23

Signature or Superintendent or Designee Approval Date