



Board Meeting Date: April 8, 2024

Title: Vancouver/Canada 1/2025 - International Travel Request - Edina High School Model U.N.
- Brad Dahlman

Type: Action

Background: In accordance with Policy 538, the following international student travel experience for up to 24 Edina High School Students students for up to one week in January 2025 has received support from the school’s administration. Participating students will miss 2 school days for this travel experience.

This conference experience is coordinated by Model United Nations Vancouver, an organization that provides students with the ability to participate in a Model United Nations conference with students from around the world.

Summary of the Travel Experience: Sample Summary of 2024 Conference

Saturday, January 27	
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Committee Session IV
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Committee Session V
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Committee Session VI
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Break
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Committee Session VII
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Dinner
8:30 pm – 10:30 pm	Delegate Social <i>Delegates must carry their name tags in order to be admitted to the event.</i>
11:30 pm	Curfew <i>Delegates must be in their hotel rooms by this time.</i>

The University of British Columbia (UBC) will be holding an information session from 8:30 pm – 9:30 pm in Regency B on the third floor.

Sunday, January 28

8:00 am – 10:00 am	Morning Crisis <i>All luggage should be brought down to the Georgia Ballroom on the second floor before this committee session.</i>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Committee Session VIII
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Closing Ceremonies

Overview of Standards that will be taught on the Travel Experience: Students work on the four foundational skills of being a delegate: 1) Writing, 2) Research, 3) Public Speaking and 4) Collaboration. Students work to build these skills during Model UN practices and then put them on display during conferences. These skills would be on display while students are representing a country in a simulation to try and write resolutions around global continuous and relevant topics. [Here is a sampling of what the conference offered in 2024.](#) Model UN students exemplify Edina's Portrait of a Well-Rounded Edina Graduate. Students would be exposed to a diverse range of students. Schools from Japan, South Korea, Australia, Latin America, regularly attend this conference.

Cost: These costs are based on the costs of the 2024 conference.

Early Registration: (all values are in Canadian Dollars unless noted)

- \$280 per delegate
 - Includes Conference fee
 - Includes Hotel room (4 students/room)
- \$280 for each Chaperone room
- Airfare: We will get bids from multiple airlines to get the best price that has the best travel arrangements to comply with policy 707.
- Public Transportation to hotel using the [Canada Line](#) from the airport to the Bullard station.
- If time allows with the final conference and flight schedule, sightseeing in Vancouver would be included.
- Expected Total Price: \$1300 USD per student

Transportation: All students and chaperones will travel as a group from Minneapolis to Canada, and return via a major US international airline or partner.

Accommodations: The conference is located at the [Hyatt Regency Vancouver](#). The conference and the hotel have a long partnership. That partnership will work with us to book our hotel rooms. We will either be staying at the Hyatt or at the [Fairmont Hotel](#). The Fairmont Hotel is one block from the Hyatt.

Supervision: The supervising team will be the Model United Nations advisors, Bradley Dahlman, Claude Sigmund and Margaret Trendera with an additional administrator.

Recommendation: Review and approve the international travel recommendations.

Desired Outcomes for the Board: Review the International Travel Request to Vancouver/Canada 1/2025 for approval.

Attachments:

1. [Appendix III Board Policy 538 , Extended Field Trip and Travel Application Preliminary Approval](#)
2. [Detailed write up of plan from Model UN Advisors](#)