

EXTRA-CURRICULAR  
STUDENT TRAVEL APPROVAL FORM

Student travel must be approved based on the direct benefits for the students. The trip must have approval of Superintendent or designee before any travel arrangements and reservations are made or students and parents become involved with any facet of the trip. Out-of-state travel must have Board approval.

Name of Group: MOAS Campus: New Tech Odessa

Date of trip: Dec 14 Grade levels involved: 9-12 Number of students: 11  
Number of instructional days: 4 Location: Washington DC.  
(Please attach an itinerary)

Funding source:  District Budget  Campus Budget  Department Budget  Activity fund  Personal

Instructional days out of the classroom: The sponsors/coaches/directors have checked the accrued number of days for each participant?  Yes  No

Trip function:  Cocurricular  Extracurricular  Competition (Non-athletic)

Trip profile:  In-state  Out-of-state  Overseas  Tour  Field trip  Invitational  
 Annual  Biennial  Post-district  Competition associated with a tour or attraction

Transportation mode:  School bus  School suburban  Charter bus  plane

How does the trip relate to and benefit the Campus Improvement Plan, District Improvement Plan and/or the TEKS?

Does the trip require fund-raisers?  Yes  No

*see attached form*

Are deadlines established to guide the sponsors/directors if the trip has to be canceled due to lack of funding?  
 Yes  No

How many sponsors will accompany the students? 3

What is the ratio of sponsors to students? Sponsors 3 / Students 4 boys (gender appropriate) 7 girls  
*2 m sponsors to 4 boys 1 sponsor to 7 girls*

Student orientation - Date: 10-1-15 Time: 5:30 Location: N TO  
Parent orientation - Date: 11-19-15 Time: 5:30 Location: N TO  
Sponsor orientation - Date: 11-19-15 Time: 5:30 Location: N TO

Sponsor criminal background check - Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any kind of insurance be required?  Yes  No

Will room and baggage searches be required?  Yes  No

Medical and travel releases will be required.

Coach/Sponsor: [Signature]  
(Signature)

11.4.15  
(Date)

Principal approval: [Signature]  
(Signature)

11-4-15  
(Date)

Superintendent or designee Approval: [Signature]  
(Signature)

11/4/15  
(Date)

(Out-of-state)

Board approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## MOAS' relation to TEKS and District/Campus Improvement Plan

Model Organization of American States is a simulation exercise of the Organization of American States. The Organization of American States is a 34 member state organization, consisting of Countries in North, South and Central America. The goal of the organization is to promote democracy, defend human rights, foster development and prosperity and promote as well as support inter-American legal cooperation. According to their mission statement:

“The MOAS is a simulation exercise where, through role-playing, the students represent the diplomats and political officials of the Member States of the OAS and follow parliamentary proceedings to debate and approve resolutions dealing with current issues on the Inter-American agenda. The Models foster the development of leadership skills in youth such as negotiation, team-work and problem solving.”

Model Organization of American States is a great program that supports several Social Studies standards, and is aligned with many of ECISD's strategic priorities for supporting campus and district plans. Model Organization of American States is an incredibly challenging experience that requires each student to utilize critical thinking, strong interpersonal communication skills, and understand culture from a different perspective. Participating in this event and organization allows students engage in many different high school social studies TEKS through a hands on, challenging simulation. Students will get to participate in meaningful discourse over important governmental topics such as spreading democracy, the effects of changes in governmental policies, and the effects of international trade on U.S. economic and political policies. Additionally, students will be immersing themselves in the culture, government, and economic policies of foreign countries that participate in the actual Organization of American States allowing them to gain a comparative view of governmental and economic policies.

New Tech Odessa was incredibly fortunate to get to participate in this exciting and challenging conference last year. The students who were able to participate last year gained a further appreciation for how professional organizations work as well as how to better communicate with people from other cultures. This opportunity promotes several social studies TEKS while still furthering our District Improvement Plan strategies by creating a challenging and meaningful learning opportunity for the students involved. Thank you very much for your time and considering supporting Model Organization of American States participating on behalf of ECISD.



# New Tech Odessa

Odessa, Texas

October 28th, 2015

To the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS:

This is to confirm the participation of New Tech Odessa in the 34th Model OAS General Assembly for high schools, to be held at OAS Headquarters in Washington DC, from December 2 to 4, 2015. The student delegation representing New Tech Odessa is under the responsibility of Mr. Stamets and Mrs. Osborne.

Name of Students	Grade
Zach Flowers	10
Julia Hernandez-Valls	12
Mia Nevarez	11
Jodecy Ramirez	10
Diego Ortega	9
Caleb Welch	10
Brianna Tutt	12
Michael Melichar	12
Arin Bryant	10
Ana-Lisa Sanchez-Lujan	10
Brytini Haley (PIO)	10

Regards,

Gerardo Ramirez

Dean of Students

New Tech Odessa

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**34<sup>th</sup> Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools**

**Washington D.C. – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 2016**

1 Administrator, 2 Facilitators, and 11 learners fly out December 1<sup>st</sup> and return on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Total estimate cost of flights as of October 21, 2015 \$7,036.08  
(If booked by October 28, 2016)

Per Diem for Washington D.C. @ \$69.00 per day

3 full days @ \$69.00 = \$207.00 x 14 (total travelers) = \$2898

2 partial days @ \$51.75 = 103.50 x 14 (total travelers) = \$1449.00 \$4,347.00

Hotel Accommodations:

3 single rooms at \$209.00 (+ est tax of 14.5%)

6 double rooms at \$209.00 (+ est tax of 14.5%)

Approximate Hotel Total: \$8,614.98

Registration Fee: \$1,100.00

Transportation for all 14 travelers  
(Shuttle/Bus/Metro/Cab)

\$200.00 x 14 travelers: \$2,800.00

**TOTAL: \$23,898.06**



34<sup>th</sup> MODEL ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS (34<sup>th</sup> MOAS/HS)  
Organization of American States (OAS) Headquarters  
Washington, DC - December 2-4, 2015

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Each of the 34 OAS Member States is represented by a delegation of 10 students, accompanied by a faculty advisor.
- The registration package consists of: (1) A letter from a school authority (Principal, Vice-Principal, Director or Department Chair) announcing the participation of a delegation from his/her high school, as well as the faculty advisor in charge of the delegation. A sample letter is attached for your convenience. The letter must be sent in a PDF format to the MOAS email: [moas@oas.org](mailto:moas@oas.org) (**Annex 2**); (2) the registration form (**Annex 3**); (3) the registration fee; and (4) the instructions' sheet signed by the faculty advisor (**Annex 1**).
- As soon as the "registration package" and fee are received, high schools will be informed of their respective country assignments.
- The registration fee is US\$1,100 per delegation, which and includes a MOAS Tutorial CD (Please see Annex 3 - Registration Form with information about payment options).
- The MOAS will begin on Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00 pm, and will end on Friday, December 4, in the evening.
- The Code of Conduct is not part of the Registration Package; however, it must be received by October 30, 2015.

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

- Resolutions will be drafted and debated within Working Groups in each of the Committees.
- The structure of the Committees is as follows: 5 committees; 2 delegates are assigned by the faculty advisors to each committee; 2 topics per committee, so each delegate will work on one of the topics.
- **All "head delegates" will work on topic 1 and "alternate delegates" will work on topic 2 of their committees' agenda.**
- Students will write "**Position Papers**" during their preparation for the MOAS. These papers may be graded by the teachers, and will be the basis for the "**General Statements**" that each delegate (head and alternate) will deliver during the First Session of the committees. The General Statements will include only the position and proposal of the country with regards to the topic, and they should last one (1) minute.
- All the information about the 34<sup>th</sup> MOAS/HS is being published on the MOAS web page: [www.moas.oas.org](http://www.moas.oas.org) → "**MOAS High Schools**" (click on 34<sup>th</sup> MOAS for High Schools). Faculty advisors and participants need to visit this webpage, frequently.
- A list of reading documents will be published on the MOAS web page.





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December 4 -6, 2013

THE MOAS TEAM WELCOMES YOU!

(Click to watch the VIDEO)



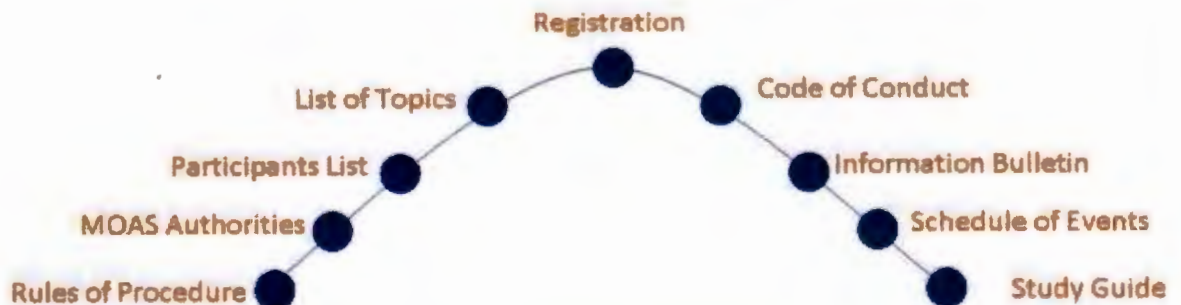
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### MOAS Description

The [Model OAS General Assembly \(MOAS\)](#) is a simulation exercise of the proceedings of the [OAS Permanent Council](#) and of the annual regular sessions of the [General Assembly of the OAS](#). During the MOAS students engage in general debate, lobbying, caucusing and negotiation, and participate in working groups.

Each participating high school or university (according to the type of MOAS) represents one of the [OAS Member States](#). Countries are assigned by the MOAS Program Coordination. Each delegation consists of ten (10) delegates and one faculty advisor. Students discuss current Hemispheric issues during committee meetings, and throughout the Model, they advocate their assigned countries' policies and interests. All meetings are held in strict accordance to the [MOAS Rules of Procedure](#). Delegates must have a working knowledge of the OAS functions and its basic documents, as well as a thorough knowledge of the MOAS rules, which must be observed throughout the sessions. Students draft resolution proposals following the Instructions for Drafting Resolutions, lobby for their support from other participating delegations, and once they have obtained that support, defend those proposals during debate in their Committees.

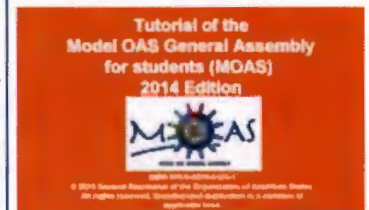
Many universities from the United States that participate in the Washington MOAS ([WMOAS](#)) have programs and/or courses about the Model OAS. A few of the study plans (syllabi) from these universities can be found on the [WMOAS webpage](#) under "Sample Class Syllabi for MOAS". The faculty advisors of the delegations that plan to participate in future MOAS may use these plans as a guide to prepare their students, provided that they take into consideration intellectual property rights.

### MEMBER STATE DELEGATIONS

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- [Brazil](#)
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### MOAS Tutorial 2014 Edition



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The [MOAS Tutorial](#) is a complete course prepared in order to help faculty and students alike in their preparation for participation in the [Model OAS General Assembly](#).

[Order a copy of the MOAS Tutorial](#) »

### Related Links

- [MOAS Presentation](#)
- [The OAS General Assembly](#)
- [The Permanent Council of the OAS](#)

### MODEL OAS GENERAL SECRETARIAT STAFF

### MODEL OAS COMMUNICATION CENTER

## OBSERVERS

Delegations representing a Permanent Observer to the OAS may have up to three delegates (one of them must be a faculty member). Participation as a MOAS Observer generally benefits those institutions that attend the MOAS for the first time or plan to attend in the future. A reduced participation fee will be applied.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

The participation fee is non-refundable. All delegations must pay the participation fee.

## MOAS LOCATION

- **FOR HIGH SCHOOLS:** The Model OAS General Assembly for high schools is held at the OAS headquarters on 17th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. Any OAS Member State may request to host National MOAS for high school.
- **FOR UNIVERSITIES:** Model OAS General Assemblies for universities are held in any OAS Member State that offers to host it, and they can be organized at national, regional or international levels. The Washington MOAS (WMOAS) is held annually in Washington, D.C., in early April.

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<sup>1</sup>On June 3, 2009, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Americas adopted [resolution AG/RES. 2438 \(XXXIX-O/09\)](#), which resolves that the 1962 Resolution that excluded the Government of Cuba from its participation in the inter-American system, ceases to have effect in the Organization of American States (OAS). The 2009 resolution states that the participation of the Republic of Cuba in the OAS will be the result of a process of dialogue initiated at the request of the Government of Cuba, and in accordance with the practices, purposes, and principles of the OAS.