



## Aztec Municipal School District Field Trip Request

Tiger Paws

The Dance Team respectfully requests permission to travel to Halftime Hoorah-The Pit

### Points to Consider Before Requesting Approval

- ☐ Appropriate for the age level, grade level, and curriculum?
- ☐ All district employees will travel on the bus unless prior approval by the Principal?
- ☐ Request made long enough in advance so that arrangements can be made prior to the trip?
- ☐ Written permission must be obtained from the parents or legal guardians?
- ☐ Have these students attended this trip or a similar trip in the past three years?

Justification for Trip – How does this trip align with your school's current 90 Day Plan, the learning standards in your classroom, and how it will improve the learning of your students?

Type or attach narrative:

Date(s) of Trip: 3/10/26-3/11/26

Time of Departure: 3:30 pm Time you will Arrive Back: 5:30 pm  
3/10/26 3/11/26

Names of Adult Chaperones: Sarah Cruz, Lesha Gilbert and Madison Blair

Estimated Cost of The Trip: \$ 1241.17 Please attach an itemized list of costs.

Will fundraisers be used to secure funds for this trip? ☒ Yes ☐ No

*Please attach a list of approved fundraisers.*

Name of Person Making Request: [Signature] Date Request Submitted: 12/18/2025

Approved by:

Principal/Athletic and Activities Director:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Superintendent:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Board of Education: (If required per Board Policy IJOA)

March 2022

To the members of the Board and Superintendent Laws:

This document will serve as a reference justification for our 3/10-3/11 travel request.

Allowing our Dance team the opportunity to stay overnight for our Halftime Hoorah competition will give our dancers the confidence to compete while providing chances to practice time management, travel etiquette and teamwork. The unpredictable nature of Basketball game timing creates a challenge when traveling the day of our performance. Should any unforeseen situations arise they might jeopardize the chances for our team to perform since the event is not on a typical competition schedule. The NMAA has granted us the opportunity to compete at this competition to help fulfill our State Championship expectations. The NMAA Halftime Hoorah competition allows our dancers to compete on the State performance floor prior to the State Championship which will help our more experienced performers foster a stronger sense of achievement and lead our newest team members with confidence. This competition was an integral part of our success during our incredibly difficult season last year and we would like to make this competition a step towards State for seasons to come.

This competition allows our Dancers the opportunity to gain experience and confidence while maintaining a high standard of accountability. In addition to the concerns above, traveling overnight helps our team develop other relevant skills. Proper travel etiquette is a skill that our dancers will be able to use both now and later in their lives. Problem resolution and communication skills can also be practiced during times of travel, especially while ordering food or in times when hotel accommodations need attention.

The high caliber of competitive teams at this competition will also help prepare our team for their State competition on March 19th. Our team will use this competition to meet the NMAA requirements to compete at the state level. Staying overnight helps combat travel fatigue and reduces the physical stress associated with the high level of routines our dancers compete with. Opportunities to stay overnight also give our dancers the ability to defend our position in the category of Military dance and possibly push us to the next level competitively. Last season we placed 13th out of 20 in combined class 1-5A all genres and 3rd in combined class 1-5A Military.

I am grateful for the support our team has received from the district over my years of service and am hopeful to meet the considerations of the board for this proposed trip.

Thank you,  
Sarah Cruz  
Varsity Dance Coach