

ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL BAND
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Bill Harden, Jimmy Olague and Steven Knight, Directors

September 12, 2005

Dear Superintendent's Leadership Council,

Attached is Spring Trip request for the Odessa High School Band for the 2005-06 school year. We would like to take the Band to Branson, MO from April 21-24, 2006 to perform a festival and enjoy a variety of other activities. Our goal here at Odessa High School is to provide our students with unique opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them. This trip will be both musically and culturally rewarding for the students in our program, and we thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Musically, the band students will be performing at the Ozark Showcase of Music Festival for a panel of distinguished judges who will record and write comments about areas of the performance in need of improvement. In addition, each group will have a small clinic with one of the panelists who will be able to address the issues on the spot. This activity will help the students become better at critiquing their own playing, which in turn will help the group as a whole.

In addition to the performances, the band will be experiencing many other activities including a performance of a Broadway style show (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), the Dixie Stampede Dinner and Western Show and the Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Show, a trip on a historic Paddle Wheeler complete with a meal and live entertainment. We will drive overnight to Branson, spend one night in Branson, and then drive overnight coming home. This schedule helps keep the cost of the trip down for each student, and allows us to make the trip with very limited time away from school. Rather than 2 days, the students will only lose one day of classes.

Attached is a tentative breakdown of the projected number of students who will participate, the number of sponsors involved, the cost of the trip, and the preliminary list of fundraisers that will be used to raise the necessary funds. Also included is a preliminary schedule for the trip. As stated above, our goal is to provide the students in the band opportunities that many of them would not get outside of the organization. I hope that I have provided you the information you will need in making an informed decision. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,



Bill Harden

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES:
TRAVEL

FMG
(EXHIBIT 21)

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: Band Campus: Odessa High

Date of trip: April 21-24, 2006 Grade levels involved: 10-12 Number of students: 140
Number of instructional days: 1 Location: Branson, MO
(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 Non-athletic Competition

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?

See attached

Does the trip require fund-raisers? Yes No

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? 14
What is the ratio of sponsors to students? Sponsors 1 / Students 10 (gender appropriate)

Student orientation - Date: April 13, 2006 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Auditorium

Parent orientation - Date: April 13, 2006 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Auditorium

Sponsor orientation - Date: April 20, 2006 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Band Hall

Sponsor criminal background check - Date: Sept. 2005

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: Bill Harden (Signature) Dec. 10, 2005 (Date)

Principal approval: Ron Leal (Signature) 12-12-05 (Date)
Field Trips/Excursions
UIL Competition

(District Sanctioned Competition)
(K-8 Field Trips/Excursions)

Superintendent or designee
Approval: _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)

Board approval: _____ (Signature) _____ (Date)
(Out-of-state)

DATE ISSUED: 04/21/04
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REVIEWED: 04/20/04

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December 9, 2005

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

The Honor Band, Symphonic Band and Jazz Band will each perform at the Ozark Music Festival for a panel of distinguished judges who will make comments concerning the bands performance and ways to improve. Each group will have the opportunity to hear the other groups perform and will also get to listen to a clinician discuss the problems and solutions with every group. (TEKS)

Students will be expected to achieve a high-level of performance concert. (Goal 4 – ECISD District Improvement Plan)

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Spring Trip Itinerary

Friday, April 21, 2006

- 8:00 AM Students drop off luggage in the Band Hall. All luggage will be checked by Booster Parents/Trip Sponsors.
- 3:00 PM Loading Crew begins loading luggage on buses.
- 4:30 PM Students meet in Band Hall for last minute instructions. Students bring a sack lunch for dinner.
- 4:45 PM Load buses and depart for Branson, MO.

Saturday, April 22, 2006

- 7:00 AM Arrive in Branson area and eat breakfast. Change into uniforms for performances.
- 9:20 AM Performances begin at Ozark High School Auditorium.
- 12:00 PM Lunch at Lambert's Café.
- 2:00 PM *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- 4:30 PM Travel to hotel and check-in to rooms.
- 7:00 PM Dixie Stampede Dinner and Show.
- 10:00 PM Return to hotel.

Sunday, April 23, 2006

- 9:00 AM Eat breakfast at the hotel.
- 10:30 AM Load buses and depart for Silver Dollar City Amusement Park. Lunch ticket provided.
- 6:00 PM Depart Silver Dollar City for Showboat Branson.
- 7:00 PM Check-in for the Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Show and Cruise.
- 10:00 PM Load buses and depart for Odessa.

Monday, April 24, 2006

- 1:00 PM Approximate arrival in Odessa.