

Midway Independent School District

Action: Consent Agenda: X
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Subject: **MHS Meistersingers Out of State Trip to New York City**

MISD Board of Trustees: September 16, 2025

Agenda Item – 9A9

Background Information

The members of the Midway High School Meistersingers are requesting permission to travel to New York City in the spring of 2026 to perform, observe world class musicians in performance, and visit historical and educational sites.

The Midway Meistersingers is a very active group regarding school and community service as is seen by their many diverse performances throughout the year. It is our desire to provide these students with a tangible and motivating reward for their year(s) long service, as well as a unique learning experience in fine arts education. We have found that offering travel opportunities is a tremendous way of motivating students to continue in their participation in the fine arts programs at both the middle school and the high school level of instruction and performance. In addition, the travel experience offers an opportunity to learn from experts regarding enhancing entertainment-based school and public performances. We believe this opportunity for a hands-on learning experience in both the academic and public performance areas of our young student musicians is well deserved.

As educators, Mr. Overstreet and Ms. Torp have sponsored and participated in many educational trips with performing ensembles. They are working with a highly respected company for travel assistance and are working closely with Mr. Umhoefer on group travel details.

Students from this outstanding organization will be fundraising for these trips throughout the school year. The students will be responsible for all housing, travel, meals, recreation and other costs not included in the trip package. Parents will be able to obtain optional trip insurance should they feel the need to cancel for any reason.

The students will be attending Broadway performances as well as visiting several NYC landmarks. The choir members will have the opportunity to see diverse people and cultures as they travel throughout the different areas of New York. There will be several opportunities for students to view historical sites, classic art works and varied professional performances.

Fiscal implications

N/A

Administration Recommendation

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