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# MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Date: November 27, 2023  
To: Dr. Andrew Barrett  
From: Mr. Tom Rogers  
Re: Out of Country World Language Trip Proposal – June 2025



French language instructor Stephanie Olson would like to request permission to organize a June 2025 trip to Europe. The purpose of the trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience for our students that will reinforce and enhance their language abilities and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with the unique opportunity to experience and interact with people from Spain and France, and directly apply the skills of languages currently taught in the district. This will also be a cross-curricular event planned jointly with our Arts and Humanities department. Mr. Al Ochsner, Art teacher at Geneva High School will join this trip as well. Students will begin their journey in Paris, France, where they will enjoy a guided tour of the City of Lights and visit many historical landmarks and museums, such as Le Louvre and the Musée d'Orsay. Students will then spend three days in south of France and continue many explorations, such as visiting historical amphitheaters and do a Van Gogh-themed walking tour in Arles. Students will finish this tour in Spain, where they will have the opportunity to take part in many cultural activities, including a walking tour of Barcelona and a visit to the Picasso museum.



1. Trip Dates: June 2025
2. Number of Students: Approximately 15 +
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$4,739 – 11 Days
5. Trip / Tour Operator: EF – Education First (educational travel organization)
6. Adult Chaperones: Stephanie Olson, Al Ochsner & additional chaperones depending on the number of students who enroll in the trip
7. Goals:
  - a. To provide an opportunity for student participation in sightseeing and language immersion experience.
  - b. To reinforce and enhance student language mastery and cultural appreciation through the experience.
  - c. To provide students the opportunity to experience and interact with people from Spain and France through their participation in this activity.
  - d. To experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to explore the finest achievements and masterpieces of France's and Spain's most famous artists such as Cézanne, Monet and Picasso.