



## Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trips (Athletic)

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<b>Type of Trip</b>	<i>IHSA Boys' State Track &amp; Field Championship</i>
<b>Proposed Departure Date</b>	<i>May 28, 2026</i>
<b>Return Date</b>	<i>May 30, 2026</i>
<b>Proposer</b>	<i>Pharaoh Gay</i>
<b>School</b>	<i>RIHS</i>
<b>Position</b>	<i>Head Coach</i>
<b>Date By Which Response Is Needed</b>	<i>May 21, 2026</i>
<b>What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?</b>	<i>IHSA Boys' State Track &amp; Field Championship</i>
<b>How is the trip related to the educational program of the District?</b>	<i>Interscholastic activity</i>
<b>In what ways will the students benefit?</b>	<i>Students will benefit by attending a competition in which they had to qualify. They will represent Rock Island High School as well as the communities of Rock Island and Milan at the State Championship Meet.</i>
<b>In what ways will the District benefit?</b>	<i>The District will benefit by having representation at the state level competition.</i>
<b>How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits were realized?</b>	<i>The students earned the right to represent RIHS and RIMSD at the State competition and now they are pursuing All-State honors, which will bring student, school, and community pride to the district and be positive publicity.</i>
<b>Which students (grade, class, or organization) will be going?</b>	<i>This question cannot be accurately answered until the evening of Wednesday, May 20, 2026. That is the night of the IHSA Sectional at Rock Island High School (the State qualifying meet).</i>
<b>How many students in total?</b>	<i>24. Three relays with 4 alternates each. Some of the students in the relays might also qualify in individual events.</i>
<b>How many students are currently experiencing academic problems?</b>	<i>None</i>

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<b>Which staff members will be in charge?</b>	<i>Pharaoh Gay</i>
<b>What previous experience has the staff member had in conducting overnight or extended field trips?</b>	<i>I have attended the state track meet and supervised students for almost 30 years.</i>
<b>What other staff members will be going?</b>	<i>Allanah McCorkle, Andrea Parer, Charles Pugh</i>
<b>How many chaperones, in addition to staff members, will be going?</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>What are their names and affiliations with the students?</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>How many days of school will be missed?</b>	<i>2</i>
<b>How will teachers be advised in advance that the students will be out of school?</b>	<i>I will submit the names to our attendance office. The students will be made aware (TODAY) that they need to contact their teachers about Thursday's and Friday's absence BEFORE Thursday.</i>
<b>How will missed work be made up?</b>	<i>Seniors will have completed their final exams before the departure date. Non-senior student-athletes will notify teachers in advance of the trip and together, they will determine how missed work will be made up.</i>
<b>What special assistance will be provided to students with academic problems?</b>	<i>Two of the coaches are certified teachers in the district and can provide assistance as necessary.</i>
<b>What is the destination?</b>	<i>Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.</i>
<b>What will be the mode of transportation? What liability insurance does the carrier have?</b>	<i>TBD based upon the number of qualifiers but I will have reserved the high school's activity bus for the number of qualifiers and coaches if less than 14 total people. If we have the number of qualifiers we hope to take, we will rent vehicles from MVP in Milan.</i>
<b>Where will the group be housed and fed?</b>	<i>Either in the EIU Dorms (if available) or at the Quality Inn &amp; Suites in Mattoon, Illinois (nearby). The RIHS Athletic Department provides a daily per diem for each student-athlete and coach.</i>
<b>What enroute or supplementary activities are</b>	<i>We stop for lunch on Thursday in Champaign, Illinois</i>

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<b>planned?</b>	<i>and we have dinner at a restaurant in the Charleston/Mattoon area. Most of the rest of the time is spent at the competition venue.</i>
<b>What arrangements have been made for dealing with emergency situations?</b>	<i>Parents have my contact information and I have theirs</i>
<b>If tour guides are involved, what liability insurance do they carry?</b>	<i>No tour guides involved.</i>
<b>What is the estimated total cost and cost per student?</b>	<i>Hotel room cost (about \$100/night per four student-athletes plus two rooms for the three coaches) and meals, which should be about \$10/student per meal. Total estimated cost per student = \$140-\$150.</i>
<b>What is the source of funds?</b>	<i>RIHS Athletic Department Development/Activity (or Campaign for Excellence) Fund.</i>
<b>How will the funds be collected and safeguarded?</b>	<i>The funds will be provided to me by check and I will provide cash for meals to students and assistant coaches.</i>
<b>How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds used?</b>	<i>Excess funds will be returned to the RIHS Athletic Department.</i>
<b>What provision has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any necessary costs?</b>	<i>There shouldn't be any costs that aren't already covered from the support provided by the HS Athletic Department by I will provide as necessary and be reimbursed from the Boys' T&amp;F Development fund.</i>
<b>How will you communicate to parents prior to, during, and after the trip?</b>	<i>Paper itinerary provided to the parents after the Sectional (State Qualifying) Meet and direct texts to/from me as necessary.</i>
<b>List telephone numbers at destination where group will be housed.</b>	<i>My phone number is 309-781-4823. Other phone numbers will be provided after accommodations have been made and confirmed.</i>
<b>What information will be provided to the media and the community?</b>	<i>I provide updates from my personal social media which is usually shared to the District pages and social media.</i>

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<b>Athletic Director Approval</b> (Athletic trips only)	Approved by <i>Mike Emendorfer</i>
<b>Principal approval</b>	Approved by <i>Patricia Ulrich</i>
<b>Superintendent/Designee approval</b>	Approved by <i>Scott Vance</i> on Apr 19, 2026 20:28
<b>Signature of School Board Representative</b>	