

Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 7:00 PM

BOE Auditorium and via Zoom Meeting Platform, 129 Church Street, Bristol, CT 06010

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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9.6. Bristol Central High School Roof Replacement
Project - Apply for Grant

9.7. Pupil Personnel Services Report

10. **TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

10.1. AP Psychology Textbook Adoption

10.2. History of American Popular Music
Textbook - Second Reading

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

12. **INFORMATION/LIAISON REPORTS**

13. **VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION for the
purpose of: a. Discussion concerning
the Superintendent's Evaluation - Year End Report
and Goal Setting**

14. **VOTE TO RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION TO TAKE
POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE
SESSION.**

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please click the following link: [June 4, 2025 - Regular Meeting Recording](#).

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Minutes

The Bristol Board of Education regular meeting was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bristol Board of Education Auditorium located at 129 Church Street and via the Zoom Meeting Platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimmons-Bula, Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Maria Simmons and Jennifer Van Gorder

ABSENT: Commissioners: Dante Tagariello and Chair Shelby Pons

ALSO PRESENT: Iris White, Acting Superintendent, Mary Hawk, Acting Deputy Superintendent, and Erick Rosengren, Council Liaison

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ MOMENT OF SILENCE

Vice Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for Frank Anthony Dulce, a teacher at Hubbell, Ivy Drive, Northeast, Edgewood, and South Side from 1968 to 2002, and Robert Zysk, a Social Studies teacher at Bristol Eastern High School from 1969 to 2004.

STAFF AND STUDENT RECOGNITION - The Board recognized the following staff and students:

- 2026 Paraeducator of the Year – Daniel Costa – Community Vocational Program
- 2026 Teacher of the Year – Sarah Lindstrom – World Language Teacher – Bristol Central High School
- Seal of Biliteracy 2025 [Student Recognition](#)
- BoE Senior Student Representative Recognition – Abigail Wasta (BCHS) and Peyton Troth (BEHS)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 7, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board of Education voted to approve the May 7, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

Motion made by Jennifer Van Gorder and seconded by Eric Carlson. Passed Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Operations Committee - Commissioner Carlson reported that there will be one item from the committee to come up under Deliberated Items.

Policy Committee - Commissioner Fitzsimmons-Bula reported that the committee met on May 28th. They received a presentation from the Rotary Club about the International Exchange Program. They discussed and reviewed the current travel and exchange program policy and the Connecticut School Climate Policy, both policies will appear later on the agenda.

Student Achievement – Commissioner Fitzsimmons-Bula reported that the committee met on May 21st, and moved six curriculum revisions to the board for a vote.

Safety Committee – Commissioner Osenkowski reported that the committee met on May 14th, the meeting was held in executive session with the Security Director, Steve Cabelus, Superintendent White, and Deputy Superintendent Hawk. Items discussed were feedback on Mental Health Security Bonds, ALICE Training sessions, and a security plan. The next meeting will be held on August 20th.

School, Family and Community Partnerships – Commissioner Simmons reported that the committee met and looked at our community partnership reports. Southside School PTA was featured, and the President, Christina Gutierrez, spoke about the amazing work that they're doing. She was also present to talk about the impacts that the PTA has had on the Southside School community. Superintendent White and Deputy Superintendent Hawk shared the school community shout-outs they shared at the meeting. Commissioner Simmons encouraged people to share a school community shout-out at the School, Family and Community Partnerships meeting. The committee discussed liaisons again. Jody Goeler from CAFE was present discuss how we could use liaisons and staff celebrations as part of our culture. Nick Caruso from CAFE was also present to talk about his work with student representatives and how to engage student representatives differently, maybe having a seat at the table and conversations about the things that we are doing, especially the things that impact students. Dr. Broderick gave his final School Family and Community Partnership Goal and Action Plan report.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Bristol Central

Bristol Central Junior Representative Amelia Browne presented the monthly Bristol Central Student Representative report. Highlights of Amelia's report included: The Junior prom was held on May 2nd; five (5) Bristol Central students received an award for their outstanding volunteering performance and being youth and prevention leaders. (Lissette Castillo, Samara Alyosfi, Grace Mazzone, Jackson Ray, Madison LaMarre, Kyra Feeney-Wallace and Amelia); clubs and sports are coming to end, band and theater had their New York trip; theater students went to the Halos for their theater nominations, students Amelia Amara and Damon Gagne, were winners; senior prom was held May 31st; sports teams are recruiting for next year; dance team held their last recital on June 3rd and graduation will be held in two weeks.

Bristol Eastern

Bristol Eastern Junior Representative Paige Anash presented the monthly Bristol Eastern Student Representative report. Highlight of Paige's report included: United Way Youth Board volunteered at North Cemetery cleaning tombstones, weeding, or raking leaves during United Way's 33rd Day of Caring; Model UN hosted a mock conference on Friday, May 30th; the Music Department hosted several middle school students on Friday, May 30th, for Music in Our Parks, several music groups performed and were judged before their trip to Lake Compounce; National Honor Society hosted its first meeting Monday, June 2nd, with its new inductees for the 2025-2026 school year; Mr. Baker and Mr. Lauer have started two girls' powder puff football teams. Both teams have a number of student coaches from the boys' football team; For Teacher Appreciation Week, the Student Council had a variety of events such as decorating the cafeteria, getting pizza for teacher meetings on Wednesday, student appreciation, and providing a snack cart full of treats brought in by student council members; Student Council picnic lunch to be held June 6th, Students will be able to go outside to the cafeteria courtyard during lunch waves, they can bring blankets and towels and picnic with their friends, there will be games such as Giant Yahtzee. Cornhole, hopscotch, bubbles, and more; Student Council will hold the last meeting of the year and hold officer elections for the 2025-2026 school year; finals begin on Thursday, June 12th, and will continue until Tuesday, June 17th, with June 18th reserved for makeups; Mr. Fusco, our child, family, and community teacher, will be selling stress balls during lunch days to help students keep calm for their upcoming finals and June 18th is graduation for the beloved seniors.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Pons was not in attendance, and Vice Chair Simmons did not have a report to share.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Ms. White provided the monthly Superintendent Report.

Budget Update - Following the City adoption of its budget, the board will hold a budget workshop on Wednesday, June 11th at 5 o'clock, before the regularly scheduled Finance and Operations Committee Meeting, followed by a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. to include any proposed budget cuts. Any recommended budget cuts will be made available to commissioners on Monday afternoon, so you have time to review and ask any questions.

Legislative Update - During last month's Board of Education meeting, Ms. White indicated that there was a proposal to possibly reduce the number of alliance districts, which would mean that Bristol would no longer be an alliance district, based on the DPI Accountability Index measurement that the legislature was using. She was notified this afternoon by the CSDE Turnaround Office that, as of this afternoon, Bristol is still an Alliance District, and they will wait until tomorrow to confirm Bristol's status as an Alliance Grant. The Connecticut Senate approved the biennial budget, which now goes to the governor for his expected signature. House Bill 5001 passed. This bill focuses on the Quality and Delivery of Special Education Services in Connecticut. Within the bill, there is a provision for what's called a SEED Grant, SEED standing for Special Education and Expansion Development. This would expand districts' on-site special education services or expand Tier 2 interventions with math and reading, academic, or behavioral supports. We're trying to help prevent students from needing additional services. According to what was in the bill, Bristol would receive \$802,474 in FY'26 and FY'27 to help support the SEED grant. As part of this bill, it also requires CSDE to set a rate schedule to be reviewed every two years, limiting how much providers can charge for services. It also prohibits special education institutions from raising rates in the middle of the school year.

Discussion followed regarding rate schedules, budget workshop, voting on position cuts and attendance at the Board of Finance meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Simmons called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes Items 8.1.a – 8.2.b.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

8.1. PERSONNEL

8.1.a. Administrative Resignations - Effective June 30, 2025

Boisvert, Lynn - BoE - Director of Finance and Operations
 Culkin, Dr. Kimberly - BoE - Chief of Talent Management
 Huber, Dr. David - SSS - Principal
 Keane, Alissa - MTV - Interim Principal

The Board of Education voted to accept the Administrative Resignations - Effective June 30, 2025 as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

8.1.b. Teacher Retirements - Effective June 30, 2025

Ciralli, Vicki - CHMS - Math Intervention Specialist
 Johnson, Lynn - CHMS - Literacy Intervention Specialist
 Lewandoski, Walter - SSS - Art Teacher

The Board of Education voted to approve the Teacher Retirements - Effective June 30, 2025, as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

8.1.c. Teacher Resignations

Beauchamp, Nicole - GH/BCHS - Math Coach effective May 30, 2025
 Darcy, Julia - SSS - Math Coach effective June 18, 2025
 Onofrio, Kelsey - WB - Grade 8 Math Teacher effective June 18, 2025
 Yoder, Julianna - WB - Grade 2 Teacher effective June 18, 2025

The Board of Education voted to accept the Teacher Resignations as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

8.2. GRANTS

8.2.a. SDE Primary Mental Health Grant, “BOOST” Grant managed by FRC Application Approval

The Board of Education voted to approve the SDE Primary Mental Health Grant, “BOOST” Grant Application as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

8.2.b. Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation Grant Approval

The Board of Education voted to accept the Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation Grant as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

Questions and discussion followed regarding teachers taking advantage of the separation agreement and the potential savings and the unfortunate resignation of Dr. Huber and Mrs. Keane.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public wished to address the Board.

DELIBERATED ITEMS/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS

Report on Dress Down Days for the 24-25 school year

Ms. White presented the Report on Dress Down Days for the 2024-2025 School Year. The Board of Education agreed to waive the staff dress code for monthly dress down days that would benefit students and/or staff. Attached is this year’s [list of charities](#) and the monthly amount raised. Staff donated a total of \$16,358.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Authorized Signatory Resolution for the Bristol Board of Education

Ms. White presented the Authorized Signatory Resolution for the Bristol Board of Education. With the recent leadership changes, we must update authorized signatories for the Bristol Board of Education. The Board will name Iris White, Superintendent of Schools, Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent of Schools and Jodi Bond, Accounting Supervisor as authorized signatories for the Board of Education.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Authorized Signatory Resolution for the Bristol Board of Education as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Eric Carlson. Passed Unanimously.

Certification of Authorized Signers of the CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education (Form ED-099) Agreement for Child Nutrition Program

Ms. White presented the Certification of Authorized Signers of the CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services, and Adult Education (Form ED-099) Agreement for Child Nutrition Program. With the recent leadership changes, we must update the authorized signers of the CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education (Form ED-099) Agreement for Child Nutrition Program. The Board will name Iris White, Superintendent of Schools, and Jodi Bond, Accounting Supervisor as authorized signatories for the Board of Education.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Certification of Authorized Signers of the CSDE Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education (Form ED-099) Agreement for Child Nutrition Program as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

Revisions to the Parent Conference Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

Carly Fortin presented the Revisions to the Parent Conference Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar. The parent conference dates initially proposed for 2025-2026 were revised due to March 20, 2026, being Eid al Fitr. The BFT contract prohibits teachers from attending after-school meetings on the day before a non-working day. It is recommended that the parent conference dates be changed to the following week.

The Board of Education voted to approve Revisions to the Parent Conference Dates for the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

Energy Efficiency Project

Ms. White presented the Energy Efficiency Project. A couple of months ago Commissioner Carlson, along with a presentation by Mr. Fusco, spoke about the Energy Efficiency project and resource liable energy. We did not vote on the project, so we wanted to revisit it. Energy efficiency upgrades will be performed at all BoE facilities, including LED lighting and lighting controls. The project is estimated to save \$724,003 in annual electricity costs.

Discussion followed regarding The Board of Education voted to approve the Energy Efficiency Project as presented.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

Pupil Personnel Services Report

Amy Martino presented the monthly Pupil Services Report. Mrs. Martino reported that as of May 1, 2025, 1,839 of the 8,094 enrolled Bristol students are identified as requiring Special Education programming. This enrollment reflects 22.72% of the total BPS student population. As of May 1st, 125 students with disabilities required out-of-district placements at private special education school programs. There are 93 students requiring special education programming services at other public out-of-district schools, including magnet schools. During the month of April, 2025, 22% of newly registered students were identified as students with special education programming needs at the time of registration. None of the newly enrolled students were receiving their programming in an out-of-district special education school program. During the month of April, there were 22 - 211 and 8 - 911 calls.

Spring Fine Arts Report

Ken Bagley presented the Spring Fine Arts Reports. Mr. Bagley updated the Board on the activities and accomplishments in the Fine Arts Department for the Spring of 2025.

Winter and Spring Sports Recap

Student Leadership from Bristol Eastern and Bristol Central (Leslie Arthur Adzo - BE Leadership President, Kate Patterson - BE Leadership Vice President and Caitlyn Carbone - BC Leadership President, and Christopher Mika - BC Leadership Vice President) presented the Winter and Spring Sports Recap. The presentation highlighted the individual and team accomplishments from each school.

CURRICULUM REVISION**Algebra I - Academic Curriculum Revision**

Laura Lanza presented the Algebra I - Academic Curriculum Revision. This Algebra 1 course develops students' understanding of algebraic relationships, progressing systematically from linear through exponential and quadratic functions. Beginning with linear equations and systems, students learn to create, graph, and solve equations in both one and two variables. They then extend these concepts to inequalities and systems of inequalities, learning to represent and interpret constraints in context. Throughout these initial units, students also analyze bivariate data and develop linear models, connecting algebraic representations to real-world situations.

Algebra I - Academic Curriculum Revision – cont'd

The middle portion of the course formalizes students' understanding of functions as mathematical relationships. Students learn to use function notation, analyze key features of graphs, and interpret different representations of functions. This foundation enables them to explore exponential functions, where they contrast exponential and linear growth, apply properties of exponents, and model real-world growth and decay scenarios. The course concludes with an introduction to quadratic functions, where students analyze different forms of quadratic expressions, graph parabolas, and interpret key features in context. Throughout the six units, students engage in mathematical practices that develop their ability to problem-solve, model real-world situations, and construct mathematical arguments. The course emphasizes multiple representations of relationships (graphs, equations, tables, and verbal descriptions) and the connections between them.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Algebra I - Academic Curriculum Revision as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

Intro to CWE Curriculum Revision

Laura Lanza presented the Intro to CWE Curriculum Revision. In Introduction to Career Work Experience (CWE) students will gain essential skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in future employment. Topics include career readiness, career acquisition, employability skills, employment laws, and job safety. Students who successfully complete the course with a minimum grade of 75% will meet the prerequisite for CWE 50/100. The CWE 50/100 course provides an opportunity to participate in an internship within the student's chosen career pathway.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Intro to CWE Curriculum Revision as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski. Passed Unanimously.

Construction Technology Curriculum Revision

Laura Lanza presented the Construction Technology Curriculum Revision. This course introduces students to the fundamental principles and practices of the construction industry. Through hands-on projects and classroom instruction, students will explore residential, commercial, and civil construction techniques, materials, tools, and safety protocols. Emphasis is placed on blueprint reading, site preparation, framing, electrical, plumbing, and finish work. Students will also learn about construction math, project planning, sustainability, and career pathways in the skilled trades. This course prepares students for further study in construction-related fields and develops essential skills for entry-level employment or technical certification.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Construction Technology Curriculum Revision as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Russell Anderson. Passed Unanimously.

Grades 3 - 5 Math Curriculum Revision

Jillian Romann presented the Grades 3 - 5 Math Curriculum Revision. The grades 3-5 Math curriculum was last updated in 2020. The goals of the revision were to transition to the new Illustrative Math 360 edition, update learning targets and success criteria, increase supports for all students and add family support materials. Some of the supports for all students include: the addition of the Universal Design for Learning teacher actions and supports for Multilingual learners.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Grades 3 - 5 Math Curriculum Revision as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Eric Carlson. Passed Unanimously.

AP Psychology Curriculum Revision

Leszek Ward presented the AP Psychology Curriculum Revision. This revision was Prompted by revisions to the AP exam made by the College Board, the course now aligns with the updated Course Exam Description and,

AP Psychology Curriculum Revision – cont'd

by extension, recommendations made by the American Psychological Association (APA) Introductory Psychology Initiative. The framework is organized into five units ranging from the biological basis of behavior to mental and physical health, and is Equivalent to an introductory college-level psychology course.

The Board of Education voted to approve the AP Psychology Curriculum Revision as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Eric Carlson. Passed Unanimously.

Law and Justice Curriculum Revision

Leszek Ward presented the Law and Justice Curriculum Revision. Students will examine competing definitions of justice, the structure and constitutional principles of the court system, the major categories of offenses against persons and property, as well as the stages of the criminal justice process. The course culminates in a mock trial experience where students apply their knowledge of legal procedures, argumentation, and courtroom roles.

The Board of Education voted to approve the Law and Justice Curriculum Revision as presented.

Motion made by Kristen Giantonio and seconded by Lorianne Osenkowski. Passed Unanimously.

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**Textbook Recommendation for History of American Popular Music - First Presentation**

Ken Bagley presented the Textbook Recommendation for History of American Popular Music. The textbook for our new UCONN ECE course, History of American Popular Music needs to be approved for implementation. Because it is an ECE aligned course, we must use the recommended textbook for the course: American Popular Music: From Minstrelsy to MP3. The second reading will be at the August Board of Education meeting.

POLICY REVISION**Policy 5131.911 - Connecticut School Climate Policy**

Commissioner Fitzsimons-Bula presented Policy 5131.911 - Connecticut School Climate Policy. This policy was developed to provide districts guidance on those provisions and it was developed in collaboration with the guidance from the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, Equity, opportunity, and other members of the statewide social, emotional working and school climate collaborative. It is required to be in effect by July. and it was recommended for us to go with it as is.

The Board of Education voted to approve revisions to Policy 5131.911 - Connecticut School Climate Policy as presented.

Motion made by Jill Fitzsimons-Bula and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder. Passed Unanimously.

Policy 6145.6 - Instruction, Travel and Exchange Programs

Commissioner Simmons presented Policy 6145.6 - Instruction, Travel and Exchange Programs. This revision is to amend language in our current policy for this school year coming up to waive the tuition requirement. So that should Bristol public schools want to have an exchange student, a student from another country come in and experience our amazing, wonderful district that there is the opportunity for them to do that.

Members of the Bristol Rotary Club were present to answer any questions regarding the exchange program.

The Board of Education voted to approve revisions to Policy 6145.6 - Instruction, Travel and Exchange Programs to reflect that for this school year removing the language that requires the tuition.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Kristen Giantonio. Passed Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Board.

INFORMATION/LIAISON REPORTS

Maria Simmons – Provided a liaison report regarding the Bristol Eastern and South Side School

Council Liaison Erick Rosengren – Shared information regarding Family Fun Day and acknowledged the work of the Bristol Early Childhood Alliance and School Readiness Council.

VOTE TO CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education Voted to Convene Into Executive Session for the purpose of: a. Discussion Concerning the Superintendent's Evaluation. They would invite Superintendent White to join Executive Session.

Motion made by Eric Carlson and seconded by Jennifer Van Gorder.

Discussion followed regarding early notification of the Executive Session.

Following a Roll Call vote of (1) one commissioner (Simmons) IN FAVOR of the motion and (6) six commissioners (Anderson, Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, and Van Gorder) OPPOSED, the motion FAILED.

Discussion followed regarding scheduling the Executive Session to conduct the Superintendent's Evaluation, perhaps not on a board meeting night, and with ample notification to commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting should be adjourned. (9:21 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted



Susan P. Everett
Executive Secretary to the Board of Education

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Special Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety, please click the following link: [June 11, 2025 - Budget Workshop Recording.](#)

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
Budget Workshop Minutes

A Bristol Board of Education Budget Workshop was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Auditorium, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (arrived 5:13 p.m.), Kristen Giantonio, Maria Simmons (virtual), Dante Tagariello (virtual), Jennifer Van Gorder, and Chair Shelby Pons

ABSENT: Lorianne Osenkowski

ALSO PRESENT: Iris White and Mary Hawk

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pons called the budget workshop to order at 5:03 p.m. The audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There is no meeting agenda as this is a workshop. Commissioner Carlson will run the meeting.

Chair Pons provided an opening statement to the workshop.

Superintendent White presented the 25-26 budget recommendations. A slide presentation was provided for commissioners to follow along.

Discussion followed regarding the 2025-2026 Board of Education Budget.

Another workshop (date to be determined) will need to be held to continue the discussion.

Adjournment

Due to the late hour, the meeting should be adjourned. (6:04 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Auditorium, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson, Eric Carlson, Jill Fitzsimons-Bula, Kristen Giantonio, Lorianne Osenkowski, Maria Simmons (virtual), Dante Tagariello (virtual), Jennifer Van Gorder, and Chair Shelby Pons

ALSO PRESENT: Iris White, Superintendent, and Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pons called the Special Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of 2025-26 Budget Cuts

On a motion was made by Eric Carlson, seconded by Russell Anderson

The Board of Education voted to approve the 2025-26 Budget Cuts.

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to speak to the motion.

Following a Roll Call Vote of three (3) commissioners (Carlson, Tagariello, and Pons) IN FAVOR of the motion and six (6) commissioners (Anderson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Giantonio, Osenkowski, Simmons, and Van Gorder) OPPOSED. The motion FAILED.

Discussion followed regarding setting up another budget workshop to further discuss the potential cuts.

3. Appointment of Chief of Talent Management

Superintendent White presented the Appointment of Chief of Talent Management. Recommending Joseph Grabowski as the Chief of Talent Management.

On a motion was made by Eric Carlson, seconded by Dante Tagariello.

The Board of Education voted to appoint Joseph Grabowski as Chief of Talent Management.

Each Commissioner was given the opportunity to speak to the motion.

Following a Roll Call Vote of five (5) commissioners (Carlson, Fitzsimons-Bula, Simmons, Tagariello, and Pons) IN FAVOR of the motion and four (4) commissioners (Anderson, Giantonio, Osenkowski, and Van Gorder) OPPOSED. The motion PASSED.

4. Adjournment

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting should be adjourned. (8:03 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

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BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP
JUNE 16, 2025
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

Commissioners Present: R. Anderson - Virtual, E. Carlson, J. Fitzsimons-Bula, K. Giantonio, L. Osenkowski, S. Pons, M. Simmons - Virtual, D. Tagariello - Virtual, J. Van Gorder

Called to Order: 5:30 PM

The budget workshop began with a slideshow presentation by Commissioner Pons.

Superintendent White then spoke and introduced Technology Director Jeff Telke, who discussed the technology cuts outlined in an itemized list. He noted that the cuts would only be effective for one year, and emphasized the need for additional funding to restore his department's budget over time, to compensate for the reductions he was willing to make. Following this, he took questions from the Commissioners.

Deputy Superintendent Hawk then reviewed the BOE budget option worksheet, which was examined line by line and discussed by the Commissioners.

MOTION #1

On a motion by Commissioner Giantonio and seconded by Commissioner Van Gorder to accept the technology cuts as presented by Jeff Telke. Roll call vote: Commissioner Pons - Yes, Commissioner Simmons - Yes, Commissioner Fitzsimons Bula - Yes, Commissioner Anderson - Yes, Commissioner Carlson - Yes, Commissioner Giantonio - Yes, Commissioner Osenkowski - Yes, Commissioner Tagariello - No, Commissioner Van Gorder - Yes. Motion passes 8 - 1.

MOTION #2

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello, seconded by Commissioner Carlson, the board accepted the 4 million dollar cuts from the original spreadsheet presented in May, which include equipment, office supplies, and other cuts. This is separate from the budget option worksheet presented tonight. This motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #3

On a motion by Commissioner Carlson and seconded by Commissioner Tagariello to approve all of the cuts outlined in tonight's presentation, except for the items without a dollar amount, and the furlough day is pending approval from all unions. Roll call vote: Commissioner Pons - Yes, Commissioner Simmons - Yes, Commissioner Fitzsimons Bula - Yes, Commissioner Anderson - Yes, Commissioner Carlson - Yes, Commissioner Giantonio - Yes, Commissioner Osenkowski - No, Commissioner Tagariello - Yes, Commissioner Van Gorder - Yes. Motion passes 8 - 1.

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MOTION #4

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Carlson to approve the budget cuts of 1.697 million dollars, which included the six literacy/math coaches in an additional worksheet that was previously submitted to the board. This motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #5

On a motion by Commissioner Tagariello and seconded by Commissioner Carlson to accept the SY 25-26 budget of \$137,061,815. This motion passes unanimously.

Adjournment: 9:19 PM

The minutes presented within this document summarize the discussion of the Special Board of Education meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports, please click the following link: [July 21, 2025 - Special Meeting Recording.](#)

BRISTOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bristol, Connecticut
Wednesday, July 21, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

A Special Bristol Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 36 of the Board of Education Building, located at 129 Church Street, Bristol, Connecticut, and via the Zoom meeting platform.

PRESENT: Commissioners: Russell Anderson (virtual), Eric Carlson (virtual), Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (virtual), Lorianne Osenkowski, Maria Simmons (virtual), Dante Tagariello (virtual), Jennifer Van Gorder (virtual), and Chair Shelby Pons (virtual)

ABSENT: Commissioner Kristen Giantonio

ALSO PRESENT: Jodi Bond (virtual), Joseph Grabowski (arrived at 5:03 p.m.), Iris White, Superintendent, and Mary Hawk, Deputy Superintendent; candidate Geoffrey Sinatro and Peter Winger

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Pons called the Special Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Meeting attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion and Possible Appointment of the Principal of Mountain View School

Superintendent White recommended Geoffrey Sinatro to the position of Principal of Mountain View School. Ms. White provided an introduction of Mr. Sinatro.

Mr. Sinatro spoke briefly regarding the appointment.

Commissioners were the given the opportunity to speak to the appointment.

On a motion was made by Maria Simmons, seconded by Eric Carlson.


The Board of Education voted to appoint Geoff Sinatro to be the Principal of Mountain View School.

Following a Roll Call Vote of eight (8) commissioners (Van Gorder, Simmons, Anderson, Tagariello, Carlson, Osenkowski, Fitzsimons-Bula, and Pons) IN FAVOR of the motion. The motion PASSED.

3. Adjournment

With no other business to come before the board, the meeting should be adjourned. (5:09 p.m.).

Respectfully Submitted,



Recording Secretary
Bristol Board of Education

Eric Kaufman

JOB EXPERIENCE

East Hartford High School, East Hartford, CT

Science Teacher, Camp Counselor, Esports Coach

Aug 2020 – Present

I created lessons for and taught honors chemistry, L2 chemistry, 9th grade general science, honors biology, and freshman seminar. I also coached esports for 4 seasons, bringing the team to the state championships 3 times and winning twice. I also worked as a counselor for “leadership alliances,” a summer camp and orientation program through the school.

Smith Middle School, Glastonbury, CT

Student Teacher, Paraprofessional

Oct 2019 – May 2021

Lead discussions, plan, teach and grade lessons. 7th grade earth science & 8th grade physics. After working as a student teacher I was hired as a paraprofessional while completing college. I assisted students with disabilities throughout their day.

Empower Leadership Sports, Middletown, CT

Senior Staff

Feb 2017 - Oct 2019

Facilitate team building programs, high ropes and zipline tours.

GoApe Treetop Adventures, New Britain, CT

Course Guide

June 2016 - Dec 2016

Maintain equipment, conduct instructional briefs, assist guests.

Forbearance Light and Power, Deep River, CT

Groundsman

Oct 2015 - June 2016

Drive service vehicles, operate chainsaw and wood chipper, assist foreman.

U.S. Army, Schofield Barracks, HI

Human Intelligence Collector

Feb 2012 - Oct 2015

Conduct interrogation training and operations, basic soldier skills and maintenance of vehicles and equipment.

SKILLS

Classroom management

Content creation

Software proficiency (google classroom, powerschool, microsoft office, outlook, etc.)

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

State Champion Esports Coach

(EHHS 2023 and 2024)

Chemistry and General Science

certifications (interest to cross-cert in physics by 2026)

Combat Lifesaver (Army 2015)

Army Combatives (2015)

Air Assault Graduate (2014)

2nd Place Winner in Honolulu

Half Marathon (HI, 2015)

2 Time New Years Resolution

Ultra Marathon Participant

(Kualoa Ranch, HI 2014, 2015)

High Ropes Rescue Certification

(Empower, 2017, 2018, 2019)

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Bachelors of Science in Education, Masters of Curriculum & Instruction

Aug 2016 - June 2021

35M Certification Training, Fort Huachuca, AZ

Human Intelligence Operations Certification

Apr 2012 - Oct 2012

Middlesex Community College, Middletown, CT

General Education

Sep 2009 - May 2011

Valley Regional High School, Deep River, CT

Class of 2009



Wednesday, February 11, 2026

The day has arrived! The trip you've been waiting for is finally here!! Meet at the airport to register for your flight (transportation to/from the airport is not included).

Take off aboard your flight to France.

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Hooray! You've arrived at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport. Gather your luggage and belongings before you meet up with your tour leader and hop aboard your locally chartered motorcoach. The fun starts now :)

Hit the road towards the beautiful region of Normandy ! We will make a stop on the road to allow you to grab a snack (at individual expense).

Discover the picturesque city of Honfleur with its timber-framed houses and charming pedestrian streets. Don't miss the unique Sainte-Catherine Church which looks like an overturned boat!

Welcome to Deauville - Trouville! Enjoy a stroll in these twin cities and go back in time to the XIXth century while observing the charming villas and walking on the "Promenade des Planches". Keep an eye open, the city is a refuge for international movie stars, so you may be lucky!

Enjoy a nice dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the city.

Departure for the hotel.

Overnight stay in Caen (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Friday, February 13, 2026

Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.

Everybody ready? Time to head out for your activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun that's in store.

Enter the XXth century's history as you discover the Caen Memorial with a specialized guide. The site, dedicated to peace and reconciliation, deciphers and explains in an interactive way the events that led to the Second World War, and its consequences on the world we know today.

Fill up and re-energize for the afternoon during some free time to explore and have lunch (at individual expense). Your tour leader will give you a meeting place and time. Enjoy!

Stop by the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in Colleville-sur-Mer, where 9, 388 graves of young American soldiers who died during WWII stretch out as far as the eye can see.

Discover Omaha Beach, which also bears the tragic name of 'The Bloody Omaha'. This refers to the large number of U.S. soldiers who perished on D-Day, as the landing almost didn't succeed.

Let's visit Pointe du Hoc, one of the key heritage sites along the D-Day Landing beaches. Part of the Atlantic Wall that was fortified by the Germans, this site reveals the ferocity of the events that happened here in 1944 with its numerous shell holes that have been preserved to this day.

Depart for the hotel to check in and to relax and unwind before dinner.

Enjoy a nice dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the city.

Depart for the hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.

Overnight stay in Caen (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Saturday, February 14, 2026



Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.

Everybody ready? Time to leave the hotel with your luggage for your next activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun we have in store for you.

Hop aboard your motor coach and depart for Mont Saint-Michel.

Meet with a local tour guide and prepare for a fascinating commented tour of Mont Saint-Michel. Perched on a rocky islet, the Gothic abbey that gave its name to the place is surrounded by a charming village that you will discover while walking to the top. From there, you will get an breathtaking panorama on the area, located on the border between Normandy and Brittany.

Have lunch on site (at individual expense).

Return to Paris at the end of the day.

> For a full experience, you will be commuting like true Parisians: via public transport. A 4-day metro pass zone 1-5 is included per participant.

Enjoy a nice dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the city.

Depart for the hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.

Overnight stay at the hotel (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Sunday, February 15, 2026

*** Wear proper footwear, you'll be travelling by foot and public transit today! ***

Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.

Everybody ready? Time to head out for your activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun that's in store.

Welcome to Paris, the City of Lights, the City of Love! Enjoy a 2-hour walking tour accompanied by a local tour guide to see some of Paris' greatest hits, such as the monuments of the historic center, the Palais Royal, the Louvre and other architectural masterpieces, and catch a glimpse of some of the marvels you will be discovering in the next few days!

Fill up and re-energize for the afternoon during some free time to explore and have lunch (at individual expense). Your tour leader will give you a meeting place and time. Enjoy!

Ahoy, mateys! Discover Paris' monuments from a different point of view during your hour-long narrated cruise on a bateau-mouche. Cameras are mandatory!

> Please make sure to arrive 20 minutes prior to departure.

Enjoy a nice dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the city.

There's so much to see and do at the Eiffel Tower! Whether you're interested by the hidden secrets found inside the structure, the stunning sights of Paris, or the romantic hidden sweet spots, you'll definitely enjoy this visit which will have you soaring high up in the sky. Let's check it out!

> Please note that no reservation could be made for this activity, you will have to stand in line to get your tickets. Fee is included in the tour cost.

Depart for the hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.

Overnight stay at the hotel (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Monday, February 16, 2026

*** Wear proper footwear, you'll be travelling by foot and public transit today! ***

Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.



Everybody ready? Time to leave the hotel with your luggage for your next activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun we have in store for you.

Discover one of the greatest museums in the world: the one and only, Musée du Louvre! Let yourself be amazed by the hundreds of thousands of classic and modern masterpieces found in its many galleries during your self-guided visit. From Da Vinci to Michelangelo, Botticelli to Delacroix, we can't wait to find out which were your favorites! (The school will book the tickets for the group.)

Stroll through Ile Saint Louis and Ile de la Cité, Paris' historic center! Discover the Pont Neuf, one of the oldest bridges of Paris, go past the Conciergerie that saw the last hours of Queen Marie Antoinette, or stroll through the alleys of the Square du Vert-Galant to get an amazing view on the Louvre!

Visit at your own pace Paris' Sainte-Chapelle, a Gothic-style chapel and residence to the Kings of France up until the 14th century. Keep your eyes open for the impressive stained glass panes that depict 1,113 scenes from the Old and New Testaments.

> An audioguide will be provided per participant.

Montmartre, is there a place in Paris more iconic than this? Let's take a stroll through this charming neighborhood that overlooks the city from the top of its highest hill. Admire the Basilique du Sacré-Cœur, take a group picture at the foot of the famous steps or in front of the Moulin Rouge, and learn how to say sweet words in 250 languages at the Wall of Love.

Enter the charming restaurant Au Cadet de Gascogne in the heart of Montmartre and enjoy a tasteful French dinner. Bon appétit!

Depart for the hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.

Overnight stay at the hotel (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

*** Wear proper footwear, you'll be travelling by foot and public transit today! ***

Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.

All aboard! Hop on the train to head to Versailles for the day!

Everybody ready? Time to head out for your activities! Your tour leader will fill you in on all the fun that's in store.

There are many masterpieces to be found in France, but one of the country's greatest achievements has to be The Palace of Versailles. Let's visit this World Heritage Site on a self-guided tour where you'll discover the King's Chamber, the Queen's private apartment, the Hall of Mirrors, and so much more!

> An audioguide will be provided per participant to help guide you through the Palace.

You cannot visit Versailles without exploring its gardens. Discover the splendid creations of Le Nôtre, dating from the reign of Louis XIV. Walk along the Grand Canal, stroll through the groves, admire the many statues, fountains and sculptures and lose yourself in its mazes! (Access to special events, "Musical Gardens" and "Grandes Eaux Musicales", is not included.)

Return to Paris at the end of the day.

Enjoy a nice dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the city.

Let us show you that Paris is as mesmerizing by night as it is amazing during daylight. Follow your tour leader during a night stroll that will lead you from the Grands Boulevards and their enlighten theaters to one of the most mythical bridge of the city, the Pont des Arts. Admire along the way the gigantic Place Vendôme and its central column, bordered by luxury boutiques, take a break on the Place de la Concorde, and immortalize the famous Egyptian obelisk and take a picture of the dome of the Institut de France from the bridge that used to be invaded by lovers' padlocks. Are you now convinced of the nocturnal beauty of Paris?

Depart for the hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.



Overnight stay at the hotel (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

*** Wear proper footwear, you'll be travelling by foot and public transit today! ***

Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.

Everybody ready? Time to leave the hotel for a new day full of adventures. Your tour leader will fill you in on all the exciting activities that are in store for you today!

Head out for an orientation walk with your tour leader through the mythical Quartier Latin. See the splendid Jardins de Luxembourg and the Jardin des Plantes, sumptuous monuments such as the Pantheon, the Arènes de Lutèce and the Philippe Auguste enclosure, and walk along typical Parisian streets, rue Mouffetard and Place de la Contrescarpe, for some great photo ops!

Time to live like a local! During your initiation to pétanque, a traditional bowl game, you will learn to play but not only! It will be a perfect time to practice your French!

Fill up and re-energize for the afternoon during some free time to explore and have lunch (at individual expense). Your tour leader will give you a meeting place and time. Enjoy!

You've finally made it to the famous Avenue des Champs Élysées, considered by many as the most beautiful and renowned avenue of the French Capital. Walk along the numerous boutiques and shops and discover why Paris is known as the fashion capital of the world!

Visit another emblem of Paris: the Arc de Triomphe de l'Étoile. Located in the heart of the Étoile roundabout which joins 12 avenues, it houses the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, making it a privileged place for commemorative ceremonies.

Enjoy a nice dinner in a local restaurant in the heart of the city.

Depart for the hotel for a well-deserved night's rest.

Overnight stay at the hotel (hotel will only be confirmed upon receipt of deposit).

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Begin your day with a filling breakfast and orientation session at the hotel with your tour leader.

Head over to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport and check in for your flight.

Take off aboard your flight to the United States.

Scheduled time of arrival at back home, where your friends and family will be eager to hear all about your trip!

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YOUR GLOBAL CLASSROOM AWAITS!



WHERE LEARNING
MEETS ADVENTURE



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EDUCATIONAL TOURS
by WorldStrides®

A letter from our

GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Traveller,

I am often reminded to stop and appreciate the moments that shape our journey. An educational trip is the ultimate opportunity for students to do just that. The adventures that happen on a Jumpstreet by WorldStrides tour enable students to think beyond the classroom, allowing them to see the world—and themselves—in new ways.

We've seen firsthand how immersive travel can enhance student interest in French and Spanish programs, helping them flex their language skills while building excitement around learning. Whether exploring France, Spain, or Costa Rica, students return with a broader perspective and a newfound enthusiasm for language, history, and culture.

We strive to make our trips easy for Program Leaders and fun for all our travellers. With a focus on exceptional support, high-quality products, and peace of mind, your program is designed to bring new opportunities for learning and growth.

With customizable itineraries and hundreds of destinations to choose from, we're committed to helping you build an experience that meets your educational goals. Backed by WorldStrides' 55 years of experience and a global support network, we're with you every step of the way. Our expert Tour Directors help make the magic possible on a journey you and your students will be talking about for years to come.

Reflecting on over 10 million lives transformed motivates us to continue making these life-changing experiences happen with every program. I hope this inspires you to explore educational travel opportunities for your students. Our team is ready to help you start your next adventure.

Best regards,



David Conklin
General Manager, CPA, CA
WorldStrides Canada



CHANGING THE WORLD OF EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

For decades, Jumpstreet by WorldStrides has been creating immersive and engaging class trips for teachers and students worldwide. Our programs go far beyond basic language immersion. We offer everything from hands-on workshops and exclusive activities to seasonal trips and service-learning opportunities. Each tour is designed as an extension of your classroom, enhancing the educational experience and inspiring students toward new discoveries.

In this brochure, you'll find:

- * Details on our industry-leading safety and support infrastructure.
- * Resources and offers to help you get started.
- * Sample programs and activities aligned with your syllabus.
- * Testimonials from Program Leaders such as educators, administrators and school directors.

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WHY JUMPSTREET BY WORLDSTRIDES?

Discover why educators trust us to deliver exceptional, safe, and enriching class trips. Our expertise, dedication to student safety, and commitment to personalized experiences set us apart in the world of educational travel.

* EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

Our seasoned and trained team of educational travel experts provide outstanding support every step of the way.

* SMART INVESTMENT

We offer liability and travel insurance that includes a "Cancel for Any Reason" waiver benefit for total peace of mind.

* TAILOR-MADE TOURS

Our bespoke itineraries are designed to create seamless, one-of-a-kind educational experiences that leave a lasting impact.

* METICULOUS PLANNING

Our expert team handles every detail, from transportation to accommodations—ensuring a smooth, hassle-free process.

* TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

We keep you informed with prompt, bilingual updates—no surprises, just clarity.

* APPROVAL SUPPORT

We provide comprehensive documentation to help you navigate board approvals and parent meetings.

* RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

Our transportation partners are rigorously vetted, ensuring safety and punctuality with every trip.

* SEAMLESS ITINERARIES

Activities and meals are thoughtfully planned to minimize travel time and maximize your experience.



"David was extremely helpful and made sure all the details of our trip were clearly communicated with us. He created the trip I was hoping to give my students, and they loved it! I will definitely keep working with Jumpstreet by WorldStrides."

- Lydia, Program Leader, Arizona

"This was our second Jumpstreet by WorldStrides tour, and once again, we could not have been happier with the experience. The itinerary was well planned and paced, there were no complications, and Tristan, our Tour Director, was the best."

- Claire, Program Leader, Georgia





“The feedback from students and chaperones is wonderful. Students enjoyed the activities throughout the itinerary... it was a great mix of physical activities, artsy activities, and good food. They were exhausted from the packed plan!”

- Leslie, Program Leader, New York

Trip planning **MADE EASY**



Our online registration and payment portal makes planning your class trip a breeze. This tool is available in both English and French and was designed to save time for parents and streamline the process for Program Leaders. Jumpstreet by WorldStrides takes on the heavy lifting so you can focus on your trip.

OUR PORTAL ENHANCES YOUR TRIP-PLANNING EXPERIENCE:

- ✔ **SEAMLESS REGISTRATION**
Parents/guardians can register easily and submit passport information, dietary restrictions, and emergency contacts.
- ✔ **SIMPLIFIED PAYMENTS**
Families can choose to pay in full upon registration or select an installment plan, where they will receive automated payment reminders and may opt to enrol in auto-pay to streamline the payment process.
- ✔ **CENTRALIZED INFORMATION**
Program Leaders can conveniently access participant registration and key tour details all in one location, while also having the ability to post updates through individual and group messaging.
- ✔ **EFFORTLESS MANAGEMENT**
Efficiently manage logistics for single or multi-coach trips with participant lists and waitlists. Plus, upload essential documents and organize accommodations through integrated rooming lists.
- ✔ **INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISING**
Participants can share their unique "Help Me Travel" link with friends and family to raise funds for their trip, and track their their account balance online.
- ✔ **TRANSPARENT INFORMATION**
Access detailed information about our insurance products and cancellation policies.

Our tour-planning PROCESS

Planning your educational trip with us is straightforward and stress-free. Here's how we bring your vision to life, step-by step:

1 REQUEST A QUOTE

Submit your quote request via [jumpstreet.com](https://www.jumpstreet.com) or call us at **1-800-663-4956**. A Tour Consultant who works with your community and specializes in your travel destination will reach out within two business days to create a customized proposal. They'll serve as your dedicated contact throughout the trip-planning process.

2 REVIEW

After receiving your proposal, we'll schedule a follow-up to review and refine your itinerary. The sooner you confirm the trip, the quicker we can secure availability and rates.

3 PROMOTE

Get your trip off the ground using our support documents and help to facilitate school board approvals. We assist with everything from organizing parent presentations and preparing informational posters, to providing tips for recruiting participants with our [social media guide](#).



LOOKING TO RECRUIT TRAVELLERS?
Check out [our blog](#) for strategies that work!

4 PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT

Once you've recruited your participants, it's time for travellers to register and make deposits using our online portal. This is also the time to gather all travel documents, passports, and consent forms. Please note that additional deposits may be needed for special events.





5

PARTICIPANT LIST

Before departure, we will provide resources to help you collect and organize your passenger list, rooming arrangements, and any special needs information. Once you've gathered these details, you'll submit them through the portal.

6

FINALIZE PAYMENTS AND ITINERARY

We will ensure all final payments are settled and finish finalizing your activities to prepare for departure. Automated reminders will keep everything on track. Your Tour Consultant will review your itinerary and provide essential resources like packing lists and travel guidelines. This is your opportunity to review and ensure everything looks good on your end!

7

HOME STRETCH

In the days before departure, we'll confirm final details, including your Tour Director, transportation, and weather updates. We'll also collect any last-minute emergency contacts and address any remaining questions.

8

THE TRIP

Enjoy your adventure as your Tour Director brings the itinerary to life. We'll handle the logistics so you can focus on creating unforgettable memories with your students. If you need assistance, our 24/7 on-tour support line is just a call away.

9

FOLLOW-UP

After your trip, you'll receive our online post-tour survey. Your Tour Consultant will also check in to see how it went and gather feedback for future improvements. We're committed to making each trip better than the last!



ADVENTURE AGAIN

Gear up for another incredible journey and start planning for next year!

CUSTOM PROGRAMS

We believe every class trip should be as unique as the students attending it. That's why our programs are fully customizable, ensuring your experience is precisely what you want it to be—authentic, immersive, and unforgettable. We're here to put the fun in learning and to tailor specific activities and site visits to fit your student's needs and curriculum.

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES—PERSONALIZED



QUALITY ACCOMMODATIONS

Stay in top-quality hotels located near your activities, so you can spend less time commuting and more time exploring. Our choice accommodations are clean, safe, and comfortable.

- * **Customize:** Add extra days to your trip to explore at your own pace. You can also pay a supplement for double or single room upgrades.



AUTHENTIC MEALS

Fuel your adventures with hearty breakfasts and enjoy regional cuisine with authentic dinners. Your Tour Director will guide you to the best local spots for lunch and snacks, making every meal a cultural experience.

- * **Customize:** Choose a special dining experience, remove meals for more flexibility, or add a hands-on cooking workshop to partake in the fun!



EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION

Travel between cities and activities in comfort with clean, well-maintained coaches, all adhering to the strictest safety standards. Whenever possible, we opt for high-speed trains, minimizing transit time and maximizing your exploration of each destination.

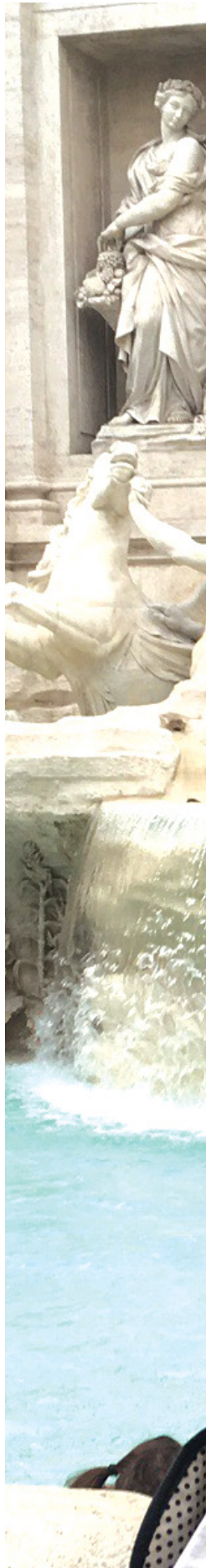
- * **Customize:** Transform your city bus tour into a biking or walking tour or opt for public transportation for environmentally friendly options.



IMMERSIVE EXCURSIONS AND SIGHTSEEING

Experience your destination like an insider, with excursions led by professional, local guides who know the area inside and out. They'll share hidden gems, intriguing stories, and little-known facts that bring the culture and history of the place to life.

- * **Customize:** Adjust your itinerary by adding, removing, or swapping out activities to create the perfect tour for your group. Extend your trip with optional activities, hands-on workshops, or extra sightseeing for a truly personal itinerary.







Our commitment to **HEALTH & SAFETY**



With us, your safety is always our top priority, allowing you to focus on what matters most: making memories that last a lifetime. We're dedicated to delivering experiences that are as safe as they are educational. With a track record of exceptional safety, our team works tirelessly to ensure your students can fully immerse themselves in the learning and excitement of their trip.

Our experience speaks for itself. For more than half a century, we've been refining our safety procedures and consistently prioritizing the well-being of our travellers. From comprehensive safety briefings to meticulously planned itineraries and carefully selected Tour Directors, we've thought of everything. Backed by a global network of support, we guarantee that your trip will be both enriching and secure, no matter where your adventure takes you.



TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR ADDED PEACE OF MIND

To further safeguard your experience, we offer comprehensive travel protection plans. These plans cover a range of unexpected circumstances, allowing parents to stay worry-free back home while students enjoy their trip.

LIABILITY COVERAGE YOU CAN TRUST

While our safety record is stellar, we understand the importance of being prepared for the unexpected. Jumpstreet is backed by WorldStrides' industry-leading liability insurance that protects third parties, including schools and school boards. If you need more information or proof of coverage, your Tour Consultant is available to assist you.

COMPREHENSIVE PROTECTION FOR EVERY ADVENTURE

We understand the importance of peace of mind when it comes to student travel. That's why we include the following protective measures with every tour:

* 24/7 ON-TOUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT

Our dedicated WorldAssist Team is on standby around the clock to address any situations that may arise during your trip.

* DOCTORS ON CALL PROGRAM

Through our exclusive relationship with the George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates (GWMFA), we provide 24/7 access to medical support, ensuring professional care is just a phone call away.

* GLOBAL PRESENCE

With over 70 offices worldwide, we're always nearby and ready to assist whenever and wherever you need.

* EXLOG GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

An international risk management organization offering premium travel security and crisis response services, ensuring your safety is never compromised.

Our Tour Directors—

THE HEART OF YOUR JOURNEY



The key to an unforgettable travel experience are our Tour Directors. They're more than just guides—they're the heartbeat of our tours, bringing each trip to life with expertise, enthusiasm, and local knowledge and language. With a team that's as passionate about travel as they are about education, our Tour Directors ensure that every moment of your trip is memorable, educational, and fun. Additionally, they have direct access to our senior management staff, giving them the ability to ensure your trip goes smoothly and safely.

TURNING INFORMATION INTO INSPIRATION

Our Tour Directors are experts at transforming information into captivating stories and memorable experiences. They meticulously manage every detail of your trip, from coordinating logistics to guiding you through immersive cultural activities. As skilled leaders, they wear many hats—tour guide, entertainer, and role model. With enthusiasm and energy, they set the pace for each day, leading you off the beaten path and offering insights that deepen your connection to each destination. As proud locals with insider knowledge, they provide an authentic experience that only someone who lives and breathes the locale can offer.





HEAR ABOUT OUR DEDICATED TOUR DIRECTORS

"I have taken three trips in the past and this one was far superior to any of the trips I have taken before. Jason our tour guide was amazing, constantly checking to make sure all my students were there and even willing to take groups with him during free time or lunch to help lighten my load."

- Alexa, Program Leader, Missouri

"Tristan's rapport with the students was WAY beyond exceptional. These students respected him and cried when they had to say goodbye because of the way he related to each kid. He asked questions, had personal conversations, made sure students who had a difficult moment felt "seen", and personalized the trip to every child in any way possible."

- Elizabeth, Program Leader, Massachusetts

"Thibaut made the trip. He was professional, patient, friendly, charismatic, and well informed. He is gifted in working with this age group. He was always looking out for the safety of the students, especially given that there were strikes and protests going on in Paris. The students just loved him!"

- Amy, Program Leader, Arizona



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

OUR DEDICATION TO CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

At Jumpstreet by WorldStrides, we believe that corporate social responsibility (CSR) isn't just a duty—it's an integral part of who we are. Our mission extends beyond providing exceptional educational experiences; we are dedicated to being socially, environmentally, and ethically responsible in everything we do. This commitment is driven by our passionate team members and partners who share our vision of making experiential learning accessible while contributing positively to society and the planet. We live our values through every aspect of our work, contributing to a more inclusive, sustainable, and equitable world.





DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

We recognize the transformative power of diverse perspectives and are committed to fostering an environment where all individuals feel supported, celebrated, and valued. We strive to create inclusive spaces within our workplace and program locations, encouraging contributions from people of all races, ethnicities, creeds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities. By embracing diversity, we enrich our experiences and ensure that every participant and employee can contribute their best.

SUSTAINABILITY & CHOOSE EARTH



Sustainability is at the core of our values. Through our Choose Earth initiative, we incorporate environmental and social responsibility into our business practices and educational programs. We are committed to minimizing our carbon footprint, both on tour and in our offices, while educating participants on the importance of sustainable thinking.

In partnership with Carbonzero, we are proud to offer carbon-neutral travel experiences. Our Choose Earth matching program enables participants to offset the greenhouse gas emissions generated by their travel. This unique program underscores our commitment to environmental stewardship. We are the only Canadian educational travel provider sharing responsibility for our trips' greenhouse gas emissions with matching contributions—our travellers pay half of their carbon offset, and we pay the other. Learn more about Carbonzero's mission and our current and completed projects by visiting jumpstreet.com/carbon-offset.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

We invest in the well-being of our participants and employees, understanding that a healthy, supported community is essential to our success. Our focus on health and wellness is reflected in our policies and practices, ensuring that everyone involved in our programs feels safe, cared for, and empowered.

PHILANTHROPY

Our commitment to social responsibility extends to our philanthropic efforts. We strategically partner with community organizations to increase our impact, supporting initiatives that align with our values and contribute to the betterment of society.



REFERRAL PROGRAM & FUNDRAISING

Behind every successful school trip is an equally ambitious fundraising effort. At Jumpstreet by WorldStrides, we understand the dedication it takes to bring these experiences to life, and we're here to make the process smoother and even more rewarding.

JUMPSTART YOUR FUNDRAISING

Our "Walk Across the Hall" (WATH) Referral Program offers a unique and simple way to raise money towards your trip. By referring Jumpstreet by WorldStrides to another travelling group, you can earn significant funding with minimal effort:

1

REFER A GROUP

Complete our quick referral form with the details of a fellow Program Leader.

2

EARN \$1,500

If they book with us, you'll receive \$1,500 towards your own class trip.

It's as straightforward as it sounds, giving you the freedom to focus on other aspects of your trip planning. Learn more about WATH and the terms and conditions at jumpstreet.com/promotions/referral-program.

PERSONALIZED FUNDRAISING TOOLS

In addition to our referral program, we offer customized fundraising resources designed to maximize your efforts. Our [Fundraising Guide](#) is packed with tips and strategies to help you reach your goals. We also provide individual "Help Me Travel" fundraising links, allowing participants to share their journey with friends and family, making it easier for them to contribute directly to the trip fund.

"This is the third tour I've led to Canada and I also did a Jumpstreet by WorldStrides tour when I was in high school. All of them have been fantastic and I can't imagine using a different company. There is usually a good balance between independent time and group time as well as a great variety of activities. Students learn so much on your trips, both in the history and culture of a community and in life skills."

- Kathy, Program Leader, New Hampshire



TRAVEL PROGRAMS

8 TO 10 DAYS

NORMANDY, BRITTANY & PARIS

Experience Northern France with a tour of Normandy's stunning countryside and historic site visits, complemented by the vibrant culture of Brittany. Top it off with a stop in Paris for an unforgettable journey through European history.

NORMANDY & BRITTANY

CAEN MEMORIAL VISIT

Dive into World War II history with a guided tour of the Caen Memorial, focusing on the Battle for Caen.

OMAHA BEACH

Pay your respects at Omaha Beach, known for its pivotal role in the Normandy Invasion and its somber nickname, "The Bloody Omaha."

NORMANDY AMERICAN CEMETERY

Honour the fallen at the memorial site in Colleville-sur-Mer.

LONGUES-SUR-MER BATTERY

Explore the German Coastal Defense Battery at Longues-sur-Mer, a key strategic point on the Atlantic Wall.

HIKE TO THE GATE OF AVAL

Trek scenic trails leading to the impressive Porte d'Aval—one of the best-known symbols of the cliffs of Étretat.

DEAUVILLE PROMENADE

Step back into the 19th century as you stroll along the charming promenade des Planches. Admire the elegant villas of Deauville, known for the Deauville American Film Festival that takes place every September.

MONT SAINT-MICHEL TOUR

Discover the breathtaking Mont Saint-Michel on the Normandy-Brittany border. Visit the Benedictine Abbey and marvel at the unique Romanesque architecture that made it a UNESCO World Heritage site.

SAINT-MALO EXPLORATION

Wander through the Corsair City of Saint-Malo, exploring ramparts and maritime history.

PARIS

ICONIC ATTRACTIONS

Experience the magic of Paris with visits to the Eiffel Tower, l'Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, and Notre-Dame Cathedral.

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*** FUN FACT ***

Saint-Malo is the birthplace of Jacques Cartier, the famed explorer who claimed Canada for France. This historic city proudly celebrates its role in his legendary voyages.

8 TO 10 DAYS

LOIRE VALLEY & PARIS

Combine the enchanting landscapes of the Loire Valley with the timeless beauty of Paris. This tour offers a blend of historic grandeur and cultural exploration, filled with castles upon castles. It's the perfect unforgettable trip to France.

LOIRE VALLEY

CASTLE TOURS

Step into the past as you visit the majestic castles of Chambord, Chenonceau, and Amboise, each with its own unique history and renaissance-style architecture.

CLOS LUCÉ

Visit the former residence of Leonardo da Vinci in Amboise, where the genius spent his final years.

ORLÉANS EXPLORATION

Discover the city that Joan of Arc famously freed in the 15th century, with its rich historical significance.

CHARTRES CATHEDRAL TOUR

Marvel at this gothic masterpiece, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its stained glass windows and towering spires.

TROGLODYTE VILLAGES

Experience the unique architecture of the Maisons Troglodytes de Forges, de Rochemenier, and des Goupillières—homes carved directly into rock formations.

LOCAL FLAVOURS

Delight in the authentic tastes of the Loire Valley like tarte tatin, rillettes, pralines and delicious cheeses.

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* FUN FACTS *

- The Loire Valley is home to **300 castles**.
- The **Château de Chenonceau** was a military hospital during World War I. After Versailles, it's the most visited castle in France!
- The region's underground **troglodyte caves**, carved into cliff faces, offer an extraordinary glimpse into hidden historical dwellings.



9 TO 12 DAYS

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CÔTE D'AZUR, PROVENCE & PARIS

Journey through the French Riviera, Provence, and Paris, where each stop offers unique adventures, historical insights, and old-world charm.

CÔTE D'AZUR

The Côte d'Azur has countless of picturesque villages that are all worth discovering, from Menton to Cannes, Bormes-les-Mimosas, Saint-Tropez and more. Don't hesitate to ask us to include one of these stops to your itinerary!

WALKING TOUR OF NICE

Discover vibrant markets and baroque churches as you stroll through the narrow streets and along the large beaches of Nice.

MONACO EXPLORATION

Spot the glamorous Monte Carlo Casino, stroll the streets where the Formula 1 Grand Prix is hosted, wander through Monaco-Ville, and see the historic Prince's Palace.

JARDIN EXOTIQUE D'EZE

Enjoy the panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea from this beautiful botanical garden.

VERDON REGIONAL PARK ADVENTURE

Canoe from the Gorges du Verdon to Beaudinard Canyon with a local guide to discover the limestone cliffs, intriguing caves, and diverse wildlife.

PARIS

ICONIC ATTRACTIONS

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PROVENCE

AIX-EN-PROVENCE TOUR

Wander through the picturesque old town to see Cours Mirabeau, Saint-Sauveur Cathedral, and the charming Place des Prêcheurs on a guided walking tour.

MUSEUM OF CALISSONS

Indulge in traditional French sweets during a guided visit to the Museum of Calissons.

PONT DU GARD VISIT

Learn about the ancient Roman aqueduct that spans the Gardon River on a guided tour.

AVIGNON WALKING TOUR

Explore the historical centre of Avignon, home to the majestic Palace of the Popes and the Saint-Bézet Bridge, made famous by the song "Sur le Pont d'Avignon."

ARENA OF NÎMES

Step back in time as you explore this well-preserved Roman amphitheatre, which dates back to the 1st century.

MANADE FERNAY EXPERIENCE

Discover the Camargue region's rice fields and experience herding horses and bulls with a local herdsman.

6 TO 10 DAYS

PARIS



Take a memorable journey through the iconic “City of Lights,” where history, culture, and unforgettable experiences come to life. You’ll get the chance to brush up on your French with the locals as you order “un croissant, s’il-vous-plait!”



Paris is a city of endless possibilities, offering a full standalone experience or the perfect start to a broader French adventure. **Watch our video** for a sneak peek at the magic that awaits on a Jumpstreet by WorldStrides Tour in Paris.



PARIS LANDMARKS

Admire the iconic Eiffel Tower, discover the historical Quartier Latin, and wander along les Champs-Élysées.

HISTORIC WALKS

Explore Île Saint-Louis and Île de la Cité, witnessing landmarks like the Pont Neuf and the Conciergerie.

MONTMARTRE LANDMARKS

Admire the Basilique du Sacré-Coeur, Moulin Rouge, and more.

MACARON WORKSHOP

Learn to craft these authentic French delicacies.

UNDERGROUND CATACOMBS TOUR

Explore the eerie, historical depths of Paris.

THEMED WALKING TOURS

Uncover secrets of Paris' historic neighbourhoods with murder mystery tours of Père Lachaise Cemetery and Montmartre's artistic behind-the-scenes.

LE MARAIS DISTRICT

Dive into the historic charm of Le Marais, home to the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral and vibrant cultural landmarks.

VERSAILLES BIKE TOUR

Cycle through the lush gardens of the majestic Versailles Palace.

SEINE RIVER CRUISE

See Paris from a new perspective on a narrated bateau mouche cruise.

MUSEUM VISITS

Immerse yourself in art and history at world-famous museums like the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay.

PALAIS GARNIER TOUR

Discover the grand opera house that inspired the legend of the Phantom of the Opera.

FINE DINING

Indulge in authentic French cuisine at renowned Parisian restaurants.

PÉTANQUE GAME

Participate in a friendly match of this traditional French game known to locals as "les boules"!

CHARMING GARDENS

Enjoy serene Parisian oases on a stroll through Jardin des Tuileries, nestled beside the Louvre, or the 17th century Jardin du Luxembourg, on the other side of the Seine.

9 TO 12 DAYS

GREECE MAINLAND

Explore the wonders of Greece's mainland and islands, where ancient history meets stunning landscapes and vibrant culture. Discover Athens, Delphi, Olympia, and the Peloponnese region, each with fascinating traditions and vibrant sites.



* FUN FACTS *

- The **Corinth Canal** is an ancient engineering marvel that dramatically shortens the sea route between the Aegean and Ionian Seas.
- Greece is known for many delicacies like olives and olive oil (of course)! But don't forget to try their **baklava, moussaka and tzatziki sauce, too.**



ATHENS

PANORAMIC TOUR

Discover Athens' top attractions, including the Acropolis, Monastikari Market, Panathenaic Stadium, Parliament, National Library, Temple of Olympian Zeus, and the historic district of Plaka.

AEGINA, POROS & HYDRA

Enjoy a full-day cruise to these picturesque islands, exploring charming villages, turquoise waters, and ancient sites.

DELPHI

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE VISIT

Walk through the ancient ruins of Delphi, where you can marvel at the Temple of Apollo, explore the Oracle's sanctuary, and take in the breathtaking views from the theatre.

DISCOVER CHEESE-MAKING

Visit a cheese factory and sample some local varieties like feta—a Greek favourite.

EXPLORE ARACHOVA

See the charming village near Mount Parnassos with its picturesque streets and stunning views.

OLYMPIA

OLYMPIA TOUR

Roam the ancient ruins where the first Olympic Games were held, admire the grand Temple of Zeus, and walk through the historic stadium.

PELOPONNESE REGION

MYCENAE VISIT

Journey through the legendary ruins of this ancient civilization featured in *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*.

EPIDAUROS EXPLORATION

Admire the Sanctuary of Asclepius and the remarkably preserved Ancient Epidaurus theatre known for its exceptional acoustics.

DISCOVER NAFPLIO

Stroll through charming streets, visit the impressive Palamidi Fortress, explore Bourtzi Castle, and enjoy Syntagma Square's vibrant atmosphere.

OLIVE OIL TOUR

Learn about olive oil production at a local plantation.

CORINTH CANAL

View this impressive artificial waterway with origins dating back to ancient Greece.

8 TO 10 DAYS

ATHENS, PELOPONNESE & SANTORINI



Experience the best of Greece with a journey from Athens' historic landmarks and ancient ruins to the delicacies from the Peloponnese region and Santorini's stunning scenery.

PELOPONNESE

EXPLORE MYCENAE

Wander through ancient ruins, take a photo at the Lion Gate, and admire the Treasury of Atreus as you immerse yourself in the history of this legendary site.

VISIT EPIDAUROS

Marvel at the remarkably preserved ancient theatre, explore the Sanctuary of Asclepius, and experience the rich history of this renowned healing centre and cultural site.

OLIVE OIL TOUR

Get a glimpse of how olive oil is made at a local plantation.



ATHENS

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

Discover the wonders of history as you explore the iconic Acropolis, marvel at the ancient grandeur of the Parthenon, and stroll the charming streets of the district of Plaka.

SANTORINI

CALDERA VIEWS

Take in stunning vistas from Santorini's caldera—a large, water-filled volcanic crater created by a massive explosion in ancient times. Admire views of the Aegean Sea and neighbouring islands like Nea Kameni—a small, uninhabited island within the flooded Santorini caldera.

VILLAGES OF OIA & PYRGOS

Wander through Oia—famous for its whitewashed buildings and blue-domed churches, and explore the medieval village of Pyrgos with its maze-like streets.

DISCOVER AKROTIRI

Explore the well-preserved Minoan ruins of this ancient city, buried by volcanic ash. Admire vibrant frescoes and delve into the fascinating history of this archaeological site.

BEACH TIME

Relax on one of the many beaches of Santorini like Perissa Beach—renowned for its striking black sand and crystal-clear waters.



DID YOU KNOW?

Greece is home to about **6,000 islands**, but only around 227 of them are inhabited.

8 TO 12 DAYS

ROME, FLORENCE & VENICE

Explore Northern Italy's ancient Roman ruins, Renaissance art, Venetian canals, and more for the perfect blend of iconic landmarks and hands-on experiences.



ROME

HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

Tour the Spanish Steps, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain.

ANCIENT ROME

Visit the Colosseum and imperial palaces, and enjoy a gladiator show at the Museum of Roman Legions.

TRASTEVERE DISTRICT

Wander through charming streets, visit Santa Maria de Trastevere, and explore the Janiculum terrace and flea market.

GELATO-MAKING WORKSHOP

Learn to make this Italian delicacy from scratch.

EXPLORE VATICAN CITY

Marvel at St. Peter's Basilica, admire the Sistine Chapel's frescoes, and stroll through the Vatican Museums—home to priceless art and historic treasures.



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FLORENCE & TUSCANY REGION

SAN GIMIGNANO

Discover the medieval town known for its distinctive towers.

SIENA

Explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Siena as you wander through its medieval streets, admire the stunning Piazza del Campo, see the Gothic Siena Cathedral, and enjoy the city's rich history and vibrant culture.

FLORENCE

Tour landmarks such as Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery, Ponte Vecchio, and see David at the Galleria dell'Accademia.

CINQUE TERRE

Take a day trip from Florence or Montecatini to visit the picturesque "Five Lands": Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Corniglia, Manarola, and Riomaggiore.

VENICE

VENICE HIGHLIGHTS

See the Bridge of Sighs, San Marco Basilica, Doge's Palace, Clock Tower, Piazza San Marco, and enjoy the city's picturesque canals.

VERONA

Visit the city famous for Romeo and Juliet from the charming Piazza delle Erbe to the Roman Arena.

ISLAND EXCURSION

Take a boat trip to Murano, the island of glassmakers, followed by Burano to discover its colourful houses and tradition of lacemaking.

8 TO 12 DAYS

ROME, NAPLES & AMALFI COAST

An unforgettable adventure awaits in Southern Italy, from historical exploration and stunning coastal views to local culinary delights.



ROME

GUIDED TOUR OF ROME

Explore iconic landmarks such as the Spanish Steps, Pantheon, and Trevi Fountain.

COLOSSEUM AND IMPERIAL PALACES

Step back in time with tours of Ancient Rome's grandest structures.

GELATO-MAKING WORKSHOP

Learn to craft Italy's beloved frozen treat.

CATACOMBS

Delve into some of Rome's most significant underground sites—the St. Callixtus and Saint Sebastian Catacombs.

VATICAN CITY TOUR

Admire world-renowned art and history in the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica.

COOKING WORKSHOP

Master the art of creating authentic Italian pizza or pasta.

TRASTEVERE EXPLORATION

Wander through cobblestone streets, visit the Santa Maria de Trastevere Basilica, and enjoy views from the Janiculum terrace.



NAPLES & POMPEII

GUIDED TOURS OF NAPLES

Discover the birthplace of Neapolitan pizza as you walk the vibrant streets of Spaccanapoli and uncover the city's secrets in a fascinating underground tour.

POMPEII EXCAVATIONS

Explore the ruins of Pompeii, preserved by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD.

HIKE MOUNT VESUVIUS

Enjoy breathtaking views from the crater and experience the awe-inspiring power of this active volcano.

OPLONTIS SITE

Wander through ancient ruins and vibrant frescoes near Pompeii.

AMALFI COAST

VILLAGE EXPLORATION

Discover the unique beauty and personality of Amalfi's seaside villages, from Positano's colourful cliffs to Ravello's stunning views.

VISIT CAPRI

Explore the dramatic Blue Grotto, roam the charming streets, and enjoy breathtaking views from the island's rugged cliffs.

PAESTUM

Explore ancient temples dedicated to Hera, Neptune, and Athena, and tour a local buffalo farm to see the process of mozzarella production.



SPAIN



8 TO 10 DAYS

MADRID & ANDALUSIA

Immerse yourself in Spain's vibrant culture, history, and artistic flare with a journey from Madrid's dynamic city to the landscapes and Moorish architecture of Andalusia.

ANDALUSIA

CÓRDOBA

Marvel at the Mosque-Cathedral, a stunning example of the Moors' influence on the region's rich past.

BULLFIGHTING HERITAGE

Learn about Andalusia's iconic bullfighting culture with a guided tour of a bull stable in Gerena and visit Seville's iconic bullring—the Plaza de Toros.

SEVILLE SIGHTS

Explore Seville's key attractions, including the Giralda, Torre del Oro, Santa Cruz, Maria Luisa Park, and Plaza de España.

FLAMENCO EXPERIENCE

Participate in a Flamenco class or attend a mesmerizing live performance.

GRANADA TOUR

Discover the city as you roam through the neighbourhood of Sacromonte, the Cathedral district, Alhambra Palace, and Carrera del Darro.

OLIVE OIL TOUR

Discover the production process, taste exquisite oils, learn about traditional methods, and experience local culinary heritage.

MADRID

MADRID HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the Spanish capital with visits to Plaza Mayor, Cibeles Square, Plaza de España, Gran Vía, Puerta del Sol, and more.

CULINARY DELIGHTS

Master the art of paella in a cooking workshop and savour local flavours during delicious dining experiences.

ART AND CULTURE

Discover world-class European art at the Prado Museum and the Reina Sofia Museum, and enjoy El Parque del Buen Retiro, the city's green oasis, with options for a bike tour.

HISTORIC TOLEDO

Uncover the history of Toledo with guided tours of its High Gothic cathedral, Iglesia de San Tomé, and the Alcázar fortress.



8 TO 10 DAYS

BARCELONA & MADRID

Experience Spain's vibrant cities with a dynamic mix of historic landmarks, cultural experiences, and scenic beauty, from Barcelona's architectural marvels to Madrid's lively streets.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can plan a trip around special events, performances, or pilgrimages! Your Tour Consultant will help you build a customized itinerary.



BARCELONA

GUIDED CITY TOURS

Discover Barcelona's top sites, including Park Güell, the Sagrada Familia, and stroll through Las Ramblas and the Barri Gòtic.

VISIT CAMP NOU

Immerse yourself in the rich history of the FC Barcelona as you tour the impressive facilities of the iconic European football stadium.

GIRONA DAY TRIP

Explore the medieval Old Town, visit the stunning Girona Cathedral, walk along ancient city walls, and admire the colourful houses by the Onyar River.

COSTA BRAVA EXCURSION

Head to Tossa de Mar to relax on the beautiful Costa Brava coastline.

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

Take a paella cooking workshop or participate in a Flamenco class.

SALVADOR DALÍ THEATRE-MUSEUM

Head to Figueras to immerse yourself in surreal art, marvel at inventive exhibits, and experience the unique world of this iconic artist.

MONTSERRAT DAY TRIP

Visit the scenic Montserrat Monastery, explore the caves in Collbató, and enjoy the stunning views of the Montserrat mountain.

MADRID

BIKE TOUR

Explore Madrid's key locations, such as Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Plaza de Cibeles, and the Palacio Real. Visit the San Anton Food Market for local delicacies.

MUSEUMS

View masterpieces by Velázquez, Goya, and El Greco at Prado Museum before heading to Reina Sofia to see Picasso's "Guernica," and other notable Spanish 20th-century works.

EL PARQUE DEL BUEN RETIRO

Enjoy Madrid's main park, perfect for relaxing or biking.

MERCADO DE SAN MIGUEL

Wander through this vibrant market and sample a range of local delicacies.

8 TO 12 DAYS



ANDALUSIA SPANISH IMMERSION

Immerse yourself in Andalusia's language and culture in Seville, where daily Spanish classes are paired with exciting cultural activities, offering a perfect blend of learning and unforgettable experiences in the heart of southern Spain.

SEVILLE

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

Begin each day with engaging Spanish language and culture classes, providing a strong foundation to practice your linguistic skills.

HOMESTAYS

Fully immerse yourself in local language and lifestyle as you reside with host families in Seville.

SEVILLE EXPLORATION

Spend your afternoons discovering Seville's iconic landmarks, including The Giralda, Seville Cathedral, Torre del Oro, Santa Cruz, Maria Luisa Park, Alcazar Palace, and Plaza de España.

GASTRONOMIC WORKSHOP

Learn the art of preparing traditional paella in a hands-on cooking workshop, experiencing the rich flavours of Andalusian cuisine.

KAYAK EXCURSIONS

Enjoy kayaking on the Guadalquivir River, taking in the scenic beauty of Seville from a unique perspective.

FLAMENCO EXPERIENCE

Participate in a Flamenco class or attend a mesmerizing live performance.

DAY TRIPS

CÁDIZ

Take a day trip to the historic city of Cádiz, where you'll visit the Torre Tavida and experience its stunning beaches.

CÓRDOBA

Explore the ancient city of Córdoba, home to the Mosque-Cathedral and over a millennium of rich history.

GRANADA

Experience Granada, featuring the Cathedral district, Alhambra Palace, and Carrera del Darro.





9 TO 12 DAYS

LISBON, ALGARVE & PORTO

Journey through Portugal, where you'll explore Lisbon's historic sites, Porto's charming streets, and the Algarve's breathtaking beaches. From a river cruise on the Douro to the stunning palaces of Sintra, this trip offers both cultural discovery, scenic views, and local flavour.

PORTUGAL



LISBON

SINTRA ADVENTURE

Discover palaces, mansions, and the National Palace of Pena's lush forests.

EXPLORE LISBON

Dive into the Alfama District, Belem Tower, Jerónimos Monastery, Baixa's squares, and Bairro Alto.

CASCAIS

Experience a city that's part traditional fishing village, part modern seaside resort.

ALGARVE

ALGARVE COASTLINE TOUR

Explore the Algarve coast while visiting whitewashed villages and the fortified capital Faro.

ALBUFEIRA ADVENTURE

Explore the vibrant town of Albufeira, known for its pristine beaches and picturesque coastline, and enjoy a sunset boat cruise or kayak tour to Benagil Cave.

PORTO

PORTO EXPLORATION

Explore Porto's historic streets, including the Church of Carmelitas, Palacio da Bolsa, Church of St. Francis, and Mercado do Bulhao.

DOURO RIVER CRUISE

Enjoy a scenic cruise on the Douro River for a unique perspective of the city.

PORT WINERY VISIT

Discover the secrets of how port wine is made at a local winery.

HISTORIC TOLEDO

Uncover the history of Toledo with guided tours of its High Gothic cathedral, Iglesia de San Tomé, and the Alcázar fortress.

CENTRAL REGION

COIMBRA TOUR

Visit Coimbra, known as the "City of Students," and explore its ancient university—one of Europe's oldest.

NAZARÉ EXCURSION

Experience the coastal beauty and record-breaking waves of Nazaré.

MONASTERY VISITS

Admire the Gothic architecture of UNESCO World Heritage sites Batalha Monastery, and the Monastery of Alcobaça.

TOMAR

Explore this charming old town, from the Convent of Christ to the Templar Castle and the serene Nabão River.



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U.K. & IRELAND



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8 TO 10 DAYS

LONDON

Tour classic London landmarks like Tower Bridge, the historic West End, captivating museums, and vibrant neighbourhoods that showcase the city's dynamic spirit.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Explore this historic institution and burial place of notable figures like Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin, and numerous British monarchs.

TOWER OF LONDON

Discover the Crown Jewels and the intriguing history of this iconic fortress.

FAMOUS LONDON MARKETS

Experience the lively atmosphere and unique shops at Borough Market and Camden Market.

MUSEUMS

Visit the Tate Modern, a leading contemporary art museum, and The British Museum, renowned for its extensive collection of world history.

LONDON EYE

Enjoy panoramic views of the city from this iconic observation wheel.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

Explore Greenwich's Royal Observatory, set in one of London's most charming neighbourhoods.

THAMES RIVER CRUISE

Admire London's landmarks from the water on a scenic cruise along the Thames.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Tour the royal residence of the British monarchy to learn more about its historical significance.

HYDE PARK

Relax in London's largest park, stroll around the Serpentine Lake, visit the Diana Memorial Fountain, and enjoy the Rose Garden and various monuments.

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE

Gain insights into Shakespeare's life and works at a recreation of his famous theatre.

JACK THE RIPPER TOUR

Explore the Whitechapel neighbourhood on a guided tour delving into the infamous crimes of Jack the Ripper.

DAY TRIP TO OXFORD

Discover the historic University of Oxford, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious institutions. Explore the town's charming streets lined with picturesque architecture and vibrant shops that reflect its rich academic heritage.

10 TO 14 DAYS

SCOTLAND & LONDON

Explore the majestic castles and vibrant cities of the UK. From the Highlands to London's historical streets, get a taste of Britain's past and present.

SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH CASTLE & HOLYROOD PALACE

Tour the famous Edinburgh Castle and the pristine Holyrood Palace—the King's official Edinburgh residence.

FALKIRK WHEEL

Experience the innovative Falkirk Wheel, a boat lift that elevates vessels 35 metres high to join the Union Canal.

STIRLING CASTLE

Explore Stirling Castle, a symbol of Scotland's Renaissance royalty, renowned for its colourful history.

WALLACE MONUMENT

Learn about Scotland's struggle for independence at the Wallace Monument, commemorating the 13th-century hero William Wallace.

EDINBURGH EXPLORATION

Wander through Edinburgh's Royal Mile, St Giles Cathedral, the Royal Botanic Garden, and Princes Street.

LOCH NESS CRUISE

Sail on Scotland's most famous lake and visit the impressive ruins of Urquhart Castle, with a chance to spot the legendary Loch Ness Monster.

HIGHLANDS HIKE

Experience the Scottish Highlands, known for their ancient castles and stunning sunsets.

GLENCOE VALLEY

Visit the Glencoe Valley, known for its dramatic landscapes and historical significance.

LOCH LOMOND & TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK

Travel through this scenic park, enjoying the natural beauty of the Highlands.





LEARN MORE!



LONDON

FAMOUS LANDMARKS

Visit Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Downing Street, Parliament Square, St. James's Park, and Buckingham Palace, among many iconic stops.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Explore this pillar of British history, known for the Queen Mother's wedding, Princess Diana's funeral, and the burial place of Isaac Newton and Charles Darwin.

TOWER OF LONDON

Discover the fortress that holds the Crown Jewels and its intriguing history, followed by a stroll across the famous Tower Bridge.

9 TO 12 DAYS

IRELAND



Discover the Emerald Isle from Dublin's historic landmarks and Cork's pivotal sites to Galway's charm and Northern Ireland's natural wonders.



DUBLIN

RENOWNED LANDMARKS

Tour the famous Guinness Storehouse, Temple Bar, and Dublin Castle, renowned for its Georgian architecture.

EXPLORE TRINITY COLLEGE

See the historic Long Room Library and the famous Book of Kells.

GAELIC GAMES

Immerse yourself in the very essence of Irish life and culture as you learn local sports; Gaelic football, hurling and handball.

CORK

CORK CITY GAOL

Walk through Ireland's past with the well-preserved architecture and exhibits of the fascinating historic prison.

WALKING TOUR

Learn about Cork's role in Ireland's independence as you stroll through the walled city past famous landmarks like St. Finn Barre's Cathedral.

GALWAY

NATURE WALKS

Experience Ireland's rolling hills, green valleys, and the unique landscape of Burren National Park.

EXPLORE LANDMARKS

Discover Galway's Latin Quarter, the old fishing village of Claddagh, the Galway Cathedral, and many vibrant street performers along the way.

KAYAK ADVENTURE

Enjoy a sea kayak excursion in Killary Fjord's scenic waters.

KYLEMORE ABBEY

Explore this historic abbey, home to Benedictine nuns since 1920, and learn about its rich history.

NORTHERN IRELAND

GLENVEAGH CASTLE

Tour this impressive castle in Donegal County, surrounded by stunning mountains.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Marvel at this natural wonder, shaped by local legends of a battle between Irish and Scottish giants.

BELFAST TOUR

Gain insight into Belfast's complex history and its hopeful transformation with a local guide.

TITANIC EXPERIENCE

Uncover the mysteries of the legendary Titanic. Explore the shipyard, walk the decks and travel to the depths of the ocean through 9 interactive galleries.



8 TO 12 DAYS

BUDAPEST, PRAGUE, VIENNA & KRAKOW

Explore the wonders of Central Europe, from Budapest's significance in history and Bratislava's charm, to Vienna's classical music heritage. Discover Prague's beauty and Krakow's unique Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture.

BUDAPEST

BUDA CASTLE DISTRICT

Discover this UNESCO World Heritage Site, visit St. Matthias Church, and enjoy panoramic views from Fisherman's Bastion.

CHAIN BRIDGE

Cross the famous bridge to Pest for a visit to St. Stephen's Basilica, known for its impressive dome.

SZÉCHENYI THERMAL BATHS

Relax in a variety of indoor and outdoor thermal pools, surrounded by impressive neo-baroque architecture.

HOUSE OF TERROR MUSEUM

Explore exhibits on Hungary's fascist and communist regimes, providing powerful insights into the country's history.

BRATISLAVA

CITY HIGHLIGHTS

Tour Bratislava Castle, St. Martin's Cathedral, Old Town Hall, and Primate's Palace. Don't miss a photo with Cumil—the famous local statue.

VIENNA

HISTORIC SITES

Visit the Danube River, Hofburg Palace, St. Michael's Square, and St. Stephen's Cathedral.

WURSTELPARK

Enjoy Prater Park's giant Ferris Wheel and fair attractions.

CHOCOLATE MUSEUM

Vienna is known for its indulgent desserts. Embrace it as you learn to be a chocolatier for a day.

SCHÖNBRUNN CASTLE

Explore the former imperial residence, often called "Viennese Versailles."



CENTRAL EUROPE



CULTURE & EXPLORATION!

Customize your Central European adventure by choosing one or more cities or school subjects to craft your ideal experience.

Try a local delicacy called Trdelník, also known as **chimney cakes**! These sweet treats made with rolled dough are the perfect pick-me-up between sights and adventures.

KRAKÓW

CITY TOUR

Explore the Old Jewish Quarter, Corpus Christi Basilica, Cloth Hall, Remuh Synagogue, and Collegium Maius.

FOOD TOUR

Sample Krakow's culinary delights and hear stories from local foodie legends.

GEOLOGICAL EXCURSIONS

Tour the Wieliczka Salt Mines and discover the development of mining techniques in Europe from the 13th to the 20th centuries.

AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU

Visit the Holocaust memorial site to understand its historical significance while reflecting on the past.

PRAGUE

HISTORIC PANORAMA

Take in views from Strahov Hill, visit Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, the Golden Lane, the Prague Jewish Quarter, and Old Town Prague with its famous Astronomical Clock.

IRON CURTAIN TOUR

Discover Cold War history and espionage on this one-of-a-kind tour.

8 TO 12 DAYS

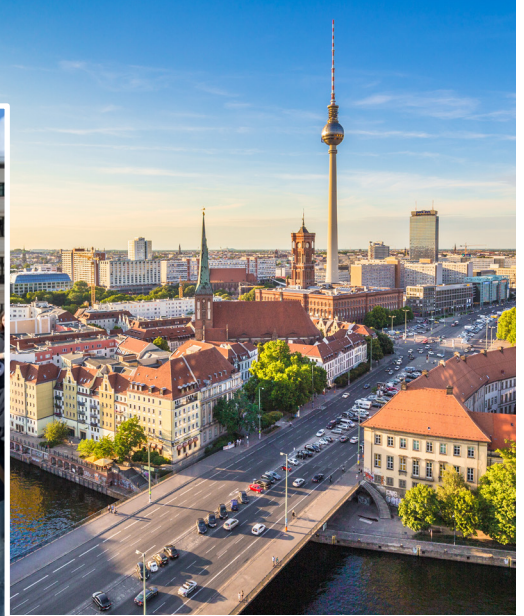
GERMANY

Explore Germany's vibrant cities and dive into its unique, impactful history. Discover charming medieval towns, indulge in local cuisine, and immerse yourself in a culture that celebrates both tradition and innovation.



EXPLORE MORE!

Discover Germany on its own or pair it with any destination found in our Budapest, Prague, Vienna & Krakow itinerary to create your perfect trip.



BERLIN

NOTABLE LANDMARKS

Discover Berlin's highlights, including the Reichstag, Unter den Linden Boulevard, Humboldt University, Berlin Cathedral, and the Olympic Stadium.

MEMORIAL TOURS

Reflect on World War II history with visits to the Holocaust Memorial and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and Bunkers.

CENTRAL EUROPE'S COMMUNIST CHAPTER

Explore the Berlin Wall Memorial, Soviet Memorial, Stasi Prison, and the Kulturbrauerei Museum to understand the era of communism.

MONUMENTS OF BERLIN

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Berlin featuring Alexanderplatz, Unter den Linden Street, Checkpoint Charlie, the Reichstag Dome, Brandenburg Gate, and the Victory Column.

DDR MUSEUM

Experience life behind the Berlin Wall and the Soviet occupation of Eastern Germany.

JEWISH MUSEUM VISIT

Delve into German-Jewish history, Nazi institutions, and more as you explore the Topography of Terror and the Jewish Museum with a guide.

NUREMBERG

TOUR NUREMBERG

Visit key landmarks with a guide such as Reichsparteitagsgelände, St. Johannis Cemetery, Municipal Palace, Kaiserburg, and the Imperial Castle of Nuremberg.

EXPLORE THE CITY

Venture to Frauenkirche's Market Square, St. Lorenz Church and Square, Albrecht Dürer's House, San Sebaldus Church, and stop for a photo at Brunnen Fountain.

MUNICH

MUNICH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Marienplatz, Nymphenburg Palace and gardens, BMW Museum, and the Residenz Museum.

CASTLE VISITS

Take a day trip to discover medieval castles like Neuschwanstein Castle.

MEMORIAL TOUR

See the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site.



"I really enjoy working with Jorge and David; they answer all of my questions and adapt well to our requests for the type of trip we wanted to create."

- Mathieu, Program Leader, Québec

ADVENTURE + SERVICE-LEARNING TOURS

LaTIN AMERICA



7 TO 10 DAYS

PANAMA ADVENTURE

Explore Panama, the gateway to South America, on an adventure tour that reveals its famous canal, vibrant landscapes, and pristine Caribbean beaches.

PANAMA CITY

CASCO ANTIGUO

Wander the streets of Panama's colonial quarter, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, to find historic churches, panoramic views from the Plaza de Francia, and the vibrant Plaza Bolivar.

BIOMUSEO

Dive into Panama's biodiversity at this museum, known for its unique architecture and colourful exhibits.

MIRAFLORES VISITORS CENTRE

See cargo ships pass through the Miraflores locks of the Panama Canal and learn about its history, operations and more in their interactive museum.

PORTOBELO

EXPLORE THE CITY

Learn about its vibrant history, stunning colonial forts, bustling markets, and Afro-Caribbean culture.

PORTOBELO BEACHES

Swim and explore in the Caribbean's clear blue waters.

"The trip was fantastic! We loved Panama. The itinerary, the local agency, everything was great. The guide was perfect for a group of young students!"

- Melina, Program Leader, Québec





EMBERA

LOCAL CUSTOMS

Engage with Panama's Embera Indigenous community through traditional dance presentations, body art using "jagua" fruit, craft demonstrations, and insights into medicinal plant use from the village shaman.

SAN BLAS

GUNA COMMUNITY

Experience the pristine beauty of the islands of San Blas with its crystal-clear waters and learn about the rich culture of the indigenous Guna people.

GAMBOA

DISCOVER GAMBOA

Explore this tropical paradise, where lush nature and outdoor adventures await.

7 TO 10 DAYS

COLOMBIA ADVENTURE

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Colombia, where bold culture, beautiful sites, and warm hospitality await adventurous learners.

BOYACÁ

EL INFIERNITO ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK

Explore Monquirá's stone monoliths, learn how these stones were used as a calendar, and uncover ancient Muisca mythology.

RAQUIRA

Visit Colombia's pottery capital, where you'll tour a ceramic workshop and discover the craft that dates back to pre-Columbian times.

VILLA DE LEYVA

Stroll through this charming city, known for its well-preserved colonial architecture or hike through the mountainous landscapes surrounding Villa de Leyva.

CUNDINAMARCA

GUATAVITA LAGOON

Discover this enchanting sacred site steeped in the legend of El Dorado.

NEMOCÓN SALT MINE

Tour the impressive underground salt mine that hides 80-metre-deep galleries, highlighting both natural and man-made sculptures.

BOGOTÁ

LA CANDELARIA

Explore the colonial past of Bogotá's historic district as you roam through its brightly coloured houses and narrow streets. Plus, visit the iconic Plaza Bolívar—home to the Capitol, cathedral, and presidential residence.

GOLD MUSEUM

Discover Latin America's largest collection of pre-Columbian gold coins and metalwork, offering a deep dive into Colombia's pre-conquest history.

BOGOTÁ GRAFFITI TOUR

Experience Bogotá's street art scene with a guided tour of its famous murals, followed by a hands-on graffiti art workshop.

TRADITIONAL COOKING WORKSHOP

Learn to prepare traditional empanadas in a fun and interactive cooking class.





ADD A SERVICE-LEARNING DAY!

Spend a day supporting one of Bogotá's most disadvantaged neighbourhoods when you add a service-learning day to your itinerary. You'll practice your Spanish while engaging in discussions, workshops, and games with locals. You'll also be contributing to projects focused on education and culture through robotics, gardening, and social connection activities.



7 TO 10 DAYS

PUERTO RICO ADVENTURE

Experience the vibrant heart of Puerto Rico, where history, culture, and beautiful sites converge. Journey through the island's historical landmarks, lush landscapes, and vibrant local traditions.

SAN JUAN

SAN JUAN HISTORICAL TOUR

Explore San Juan, one of the oldest cities in the Americas with its 16th and 17th-century buildings, Spanish forts, and cobblestone streets. Key sights include Cathedral de San Juan, El Castillo San Cristobal, and Castillo San Felipe del Morro.

EL JARDIN BOTANICO

Enjoy a guided tour of the Botanical Garden at the University of San Juan.

CALLE CERRA

Get a taste of local art and culture as you visit the street murals and farmers' market of Calle Cerra in the vibrant neighbourhood of Santurce.





DAY TRIPS

AFRO-PUERTO RICAN BOMBA DANCE

Participate in a dance workshop in Loíza to experience traditional Afro-Puerto Rican rhythms and dance.

EL YUNQUE NATIONAL FOREST

Hike through the El Yunque rainforest to its famous river waterslide, or paddle through a bioluminescent bay at sunset.

ISLAND CHARTER AND SNORKELLING

Sail to a secluded beach, relax and enjoy the views before embarking on a guided snorkelling trip at a nearby reef.

EXPERIENCE AGRITOURISM

Visit a fruit farm in Santa Isabel to learn about sustainable tropical fruit harvests and enjoy an optional hayride through the plantain, papaya, and pineapple fields.

MOFONGO COOKING CLASS

Learn to prepare Mofongo, a traditional Puerto Rican dish made from plantains.

CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE

Explore the origins of these local treats with a tour of a cocoa and coffee farm.

7 TO 10 DAYS

COSTA RICA ADVENTURE



Venture into the heart of Costa Rica and see stunning landscapes while immersing yourself in its famous “pura vida” culture. From navigating tropical forests to swimming with fish in clear blue waters, this trip offers a unique blend of adventure and education.



ARENAL & SARAPIQUI

RAFT THE SARAPIQUI RIVER

Navigate the rapids of the Sarapiquí River, surrounded by toucans and other rare bird species.

ARENAL HOT SPRINGS

Warm up in the Baldi or Tabacon Thermal Baths, naturally heated by the Arenal Volcano.

KAYAK LAKE ARENAL

Paddle through serene waters and enjoy breathtaking volcanic views.

LA FORTUNA WATERFALL

Discover this captivating cascade amidst lush jungle, perfect for taking a refreshing swim.

FOLKLORE EVENING

Enjoy a traditional Costa Rican meal and cultural performance.

PUNTARENAS

CROCODILE ADVENTURES

Take a thrilling boat ride through Rio Tarcoles, where you'll encounter magnificent crocodiles (from afar)!

MANUEL ANTONIO NATIONAL PARK

Have up-close encounters with monkeys and sloths and enjoy the amazing views of its mesmerizing beaches.

MONTEVERDE

COFFEE PLANTATION TOUR

Dive into the world of Costa Rican coffee, from production methods to its cultural significance.

ZIP-LINING IN MONTEVERDE

Soar above the treetops of the Monteverde Cloud Forest on a zip-line adventure.



LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Elevate your adventure with a language immersion experience in the Guanacaste region. Spend your mornings in Spanish classes and your afternoons exploring Costa Rica's stunning beaches, natural parks, and cultural sites. Engage in activities like snorkelling, yoga, and more, all while improving your language skills. Reach out to our expert Tour Consultants for more details!

7 TO 10 DAYS

COSTA RICA SERVICE-LEARNING

Discover Costa Rica and make meaningful connections in Spanish while creating a positive impact through service-learning. Whether you're zipping through the treetops or working hand-in-hand with local communities, this adventure promises unforgettable experiences.

RURAL MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY

Live with a local family in a small agricultural community near Chirripó mountain, where you'll practice your language skills with cultural exchanges in Spanish.



SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Contribute to essential community needs, like building infrastructure or working on agricultural projects. Mornings are dedicated to your service-learning mission, while afternoons are for exploring the region.

CARIBBEAN COAST COMMUNITY

Stay with an indigenous Bribri community in the tropical forest, where you'll learn about Bribri culture, language, and traditions through storytelling and studying medicinal plants.



SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Work alongside community members to contribute to the preservation of the Bribri's natural and cultural heritage with projects like maintaining the community nursery, soil preparation, and village path development.

TROPICAL FOREST COMMUNITY

Discover the district of San Carlos in the province of Alajuela, where you'll work with farming communities focused on pineapple and yuca agriculture.



SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Engage in projects that support the community, like developing vegetable gardens or building infrastructure. Participate in cultural and sporting activities with the locals.





ITINERARY ADD-ONS

NATIONAL PARKS

Visit Cahuíta, Manuel Antonio, and Marino Ballena National Parks, where you can appreciate the diverse flora and fauna and relax on beautiful beaches.

PUERTO VIEJO

Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of this charming coastal town, where you can explore its lively markets, savour delicious Caribbean cuisine, and admire the black sand beaches.

DOMINICAL

Enjoy a scenic hike to the Nauyaca Waterfalls and head to the laid-back town known for its vibrant shops and famous surf.

ORGANIC FARM VISIT

Explore a family-run organic farm while learning about sustainable practices and enjoying local produce.

LA FORTUNA

Discover this charming town known for its spectacular views of the Arenal Volcano and as a hub for outdoor adventures.

7 TO 10 DAYS

PERU SERVICE-LEARNING

Explore while giving back to the community on a service-learning adventure in the heart of the Peruvian Andes. Discover Cuzco, the ancient Inca capital, and its nearby wonders while contributing to sustainable community projects in the Sacred Valley.





PERUVIAN ANDES COMMUNITY

Located near Ollantaytambo, Wiloq is a living Inca town with a population that preserves traditional Peruvian customs and practices. This vibrant community, known for its experiential tourism, offers visitors a chance to engage with their unique lifestyle, including ancient farming techniques and intricate weaving.

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Students will work on a "Minga" community project with the Willoq association, focusing on improving local infrastructure such as health centres, sewage systems, and water supply.



ITINERARY ADD-ONS

COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE

Engage in local sustainable practices like tomato picking and quinoa planting.

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Participate in traditional weaving and music workshops.

RELIGIOUS AND RITUAL VISITS

Explore religious sites and join in the community ceremonies.

ANDEAN NATURE

Hike the mountains or relax in thermal waters to observe the impressive Andes, which are among the world's longest mountain ranges.

OLLANTAYTAMBO

Discover the historic village that was once a centre of Inca resistance against the Conquistadors.

MACHU PICCHU

Uncover the mysteries of this iconic Inca site from the 15th century, perched 2,430 metres above sea level.

MORAY SITE

Visit the ancient agricultural research centre with its unique circular terraces.

PISAC MARKET

Explore the vibrant market for fresh produce and local crafts, including alpaca wool items.

TREASURES OF LIMA

Enjoy a sightseeing tour to discover Plaza Mayor's historic charm, experience Miraflores' stunning coastal views and vibrant culinary scene, and admire the ancient ruins at Huaca Pucllana.

EXPLORE CUZCO

Marvel at Plaza de Armas, take a photo at Qorikancha's Incan walls, visit the San Pedro Market, and walk among the historic Sacsayhuamán ruins.

7 TO 10 DAYS

ECUADOR SERVICE-LEARNING

Immerse yourself in the richness of South American culture and create lasting memories in the heart of Ecuador, where service meets adventure. Contribute to impactful service-learning projects from the gateway to the Amazon Jungle to the stunning Pacific coast



ECUADORIAN AMAZON COMMUNITY

Located near the Ecuadorian Amazon, this small indigenous village is home to approximately 120 people who rely primarily on agriculture. They have been deeply involved in conservation efforts for over 15 years, protecting their land and culture through sustainable development projects.



SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Collaborate with the local community on sustainable farming projects, learning about their culture and environmental challenges caused by climate change.

PACIFIC COAST COMMUNITY

This indigenous village of 300 people in Machalilla National Park on Ecuador's Pacific Coast thrives on agriculture, craftsmanship, and ecotourism. The community is dedicated to sustainable practices, ensuring that their way of life and the surrounding environment is preserved for future generations.



SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Students will support local conservation and environmental management projects while improving the community's basic infrastructure. This will also enhance local ecotourism initiatives, primarily organized by the women of the community.



ITINERARY ADD-ONS

EXPLORE QUITO

Visit Ecuador's capital, visiting the Intiñan Solar Museum and ascending the Pichincha volcano via the Quito Teleferico.

COTOPAXI NATIONAL PARK

Hike through this national park to discover the towering Cotopaxi volcano and the serene Laguna de Limpiopungo.

MINDO CLOUDFOREST

Walk the Waterfall Trail and visit the Mariposa Butterfly Sanctuary, surrounded by lush greenery.

COCOA WORKSHOP

Participate in a hands-on cocoa workshop, learning the process of turning cocoa into delicious chocolate.

BAÑOS DAY TRIP

Visit Baños, the gateway to the Amazon, known for its waterfalls and activities that will get your adrenaline pumping.

PAILON DEL DIABLO WATERFALL

Experience the power of this magnificent waterfall and cross its suspended bridge for an unforgettable view.

LAGUNA DE AZUFRE

Swim in this thermal pool, known for its natural detoxifying properties.

LOS FRAILES BEACH

Relax on one of Ecuador's most pristine white sand beaches on the Pacific Coast.

PUERTO LOPEZ

Explore this coastal village, rich in wildlife and natural beauty, also known as "The Poor Man's Galapagos".

ISLA DE LA PLATA

Take a guided tour of this biodiversity hotspot, home to countless species of exotic animals.

LEARN MORE!



LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Begin your service-learning adventure with 20 hours of in-depth private Spanish lessons in Antigua—a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning post-colonial architecture. Speak with your Tour Consultant to add this to your program!

7 TO 10 DAYS

GUATEMALA

SERVICE-LEARNING

Take a transformative journey from Antigua to Lake Atitlán, where you'll feel the warm welcome from the local community, experience cultural immersion, and make lasting memories in the heart of Central America.

LAKE ATITLÁN COMMUNITY

San Juan La Laguna is a picturesque village located on the west side of Lake Atitlán, with a population of about 6,000 Tz'utujil and K'iche people. They thrive on rich artisanal traditions and fair trade cooperatives, which support local crafts and coffee production.

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT

Participate in a service-learning project to clean up Lake Atitlán for a hands-on opportunity to contribute to the environmental health of this stunning region while engaging with the local community.



ITINERARY ADD-ONS

ANTIGUA EXPLORATION

Take a guided tour of Antigua Guatemala to explore historic ruins, vibrant markets, and stunning churches like La Merced.

CULTURAL WORKSHOPS

Participate in authentic dance workshops and cooking classes to connect with Guatemala's indigenous roots.

LAKE ATITLÁN ADVENTURES

Kayak and swim in Lake Atitlán, hike to the Kiaq' Aiswaan lookout, and visit Panajachel.

CHICHICASTENANGO MARKET

Visit Central America's largest and oldest market, held every Sunday in Chichicastenango.

URBAN ART TOUR

Explore the colourful murals and urban art in San Juan La Laguna.

INDIGENOUS CEREMONIES

Participate in Mayan and Nahual ceremonies, rituals, and meditations, to honour spiritual traditions.

WEAVING AND CRAFTS

Learn traditional weaving techniques at a local cooperative run by women.

CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE

Discover the origins of these local delicacies on a tour of a cocoa farm.

IXIMCHE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Visit the lost city of Iximche—a significant archaeological treasure attracting scholars and visitors worldwide.

TESTIMONIALS

from our travellers

"We had a wonderful time. Jumpstreet by WorldStrides did an amazing job. We were fully taken care of and the students had a great time. It was a pleasure to work with Alex and Marcel. It was all excellent."

- Carlos, Program Leader, Delaware





"Everything was so smooth. Even when there was a slight hiccup, Tristan (the best Tour Director ever) was able to pivot and make subtle changes that the group didn't even notice. Fantastic, all around!"

- Mallorie, Program Leader, Georgia



"Claudia's responsiveness and eagerness to customize the trip to meet our needs and preferences makes all the difference. It is obviously less pre-trip work for us and accounts in very large part for the success we have experienced every year. The itinerary balanced cultural activities and fun, which was a plus. The accommodations were exceptional and added great value to our experience. Thank you!"

- Jean-Marc, Program Leader, New York



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**SCHOOL TIME SCHEDULE
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Regular School Day
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

Grade Level	Start/End	Duration
AM PreK	9:05 – 11:35	2 hrs. 30 mins
PM PreK	1:00 – 3:30	2 hrs. 30 mins
Full Day PreK	9:05 – 3:30	6 hrs. 25 mins
K-5 Schools	9:10 – 3:30	6 hrs. 20 mins
Middle & K-8 Schools	8:10 – 2:45	6 hrs. 35 mins
BAIMS	8:15 – 2:50	6 hrs. 35 mins
High School	7:35 – 2:00	6 hrs. 25 mins

**Regular School Day
Wednesday**

Grade Level	Start/End	Duration
AM PreK	9:05 – 11:20	2 hrs. 15 mins
PM PreK	12:50 – 3:05	2 hrs. 15 mins
Full Day PreK	9:05 – 3:05	6 hrs. 0 mins
K-5 Schools	9:10 – 3:05	5 hrs. 55 mins
Middle & K-8 Schools	8:10 – 2:20	6 hrs. 10 mins
BAIMS	8:15 – 2:25	6 hrs. 10 mins
High School	7:35 – 1:35	6 hrs. 0 mins

**Late Opening – 2-hour Delay
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday**

Grade Level	Start/End	Duration
AM PreK	No AM PreK	
PM PreK	1:00 – 3:30	2 hrs. 30 mins
Full Day PreK	11:05 – 3:30	4 hrs. 25 mins
K-5 Schools	11:10 – 3:30	4 hrs. 20 mins
Middle & K-8 Schools	10:10 – 2:45	4 hrs. 35 mins
BAIMS	10:15 – 2:50	4 hrs. 35 mins
High School	9:35 – 2:00	4 hrs. 25 mins

**Late Opening – 2-hour Delay
Wednesday**

Grade Level	Start/End	Duration
AM PreK	No AM PreK	
PM PreK	12:50 – 3:05	2 hrs. 15 mins
Full Day PreK	11:05 – 3:05	4 hr. 0 mins
K-5 Schools	11:10 – 3:05	3 hrs. 55 mins
Middle & K-8 Schools	10:10 – 2:20	4 hrs. 10 mins
BAIMS	10:15 – 2:25	4 hrs. 10 mins
High School	9:35 – 1:35	4 hrs. 0 mins

**Shortened Day
Lunches Served at All Schools
(INCLUDING PARENT CONFERENCE DAYS)**

Grade Level	Start/End	Duration
AM PreK	9:05 – 10:55	1 hr. 50 mins
PM PreK	11:25 – 1:15	1 hr. 50 mins
Full Day PreK	9:05 – 1:15	4 hrs. 10 mins
K-5 Schools	9:10 – 1:15	4 hrs. 5 mins
Middle & K-8 Schools	8:10 – 12:41	4 hrs. 31 mins
BAIMS	8:15 – 12:46	4 hrs. 31 mins
High School	7:35 – 12:06	4 hrs. 31 mins

**Early Release – Inclement Weather
Including Wednesdays
Lunches Served at All Schools**

Grade Level	Start/End	Duration
AM PreK	9:05 – 11:20	2 hrs. 15 mins
PM PreK	No PM PreK	
Full Day PreK	9:05-11:20	2 hrs. 15 mins
K-5 Schools	9:10 – 1:35	4 hrs. 25 mins
Middle & K-8 Schools	8:10 – 12:55	4 hrs. 45 mins
BAIMS	8:15 – 1:00	4 hrs. 45 mins
High School	7:35 – 12:05	4 hrs. 30 mins

K-5 Schools
Hubbell School
Ivy Drive School

K-8 Schools
Greene-Hills School
West Bristol School

Middle Schools
Chippens Hill Middle School
Northeast Middle School

High Schools
Bristol Central High School
Bristol Eastern High School

Mountain View School
South Side School
Stafford School

Bristol Central High School

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**Re: Bristol Central High School Roof Replacement
Education Specification****1. RATIONALE:**

Bristol Central High School last replaced its roof in 1993. Over the last several years there have been many leaks and patches to the roof that have proven to become a significant expense to maintain.

The Bristol Board of Education is seeking to replace the 99,800 sq. ft. ballasted roof at Bristol Central High School located at 480 Wolcott Street in Bristol.

2. LONG-RANGE PLAN

As part of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, the aged roofs on the City of Bristol public buildings are being replaced. Due to the age of this roof, and the many patches and repairs in the past, the roof is at the end of its life cycle. The roof replacement shall be based on a complete roof system as provided primarily by a single manufacturer, with a minimum 30-year warranty for said roof. Additionally, the roof replacement shall include upgrades to or replacement of roof drain assemblies, skylights, roof hatches, railings, repair of masonry on the roof, and other mechanical upgrades as necessary.

3. THE PROJECT

- Removal of existing ballasted membrane roof system down to the roof deck
- Deck repairs and or replacement of 1000 +/- s.f. of roof area
- Installation of tapered insulation @ ¼"/ft. with a min. of 2" at low points
- Replacing all existing roof drains with new and installation of additional primary roof drains and associated plumbing
- Installation of all new secondary roof drains and associated plumbing
- Installation of new flashing and roof edge metal

- Installation of new and/or replacement of existing roof hatches and ladders with new
- Installation fall protection railing where required
- Disconnecting all existing roof mounted MEP equipment, raising equipment curbs as required for new ¼"/ft. tapered insulation and remounting/re-connecting all existing MEP equipment
- Mechanical roof fans and some HVAC equipment may be replaced as required.
- Extending all plumbing vent stacks as required to meet code
- Re-pointing of masonry at chimneys
- Replacing chimney caps where needed
- The current school includes grades 9-12 and houses various classrooms, a primary and secondary gym, cafeteria, art rooms, music rooms, administration offices, supply spaces and storage, and boiler room.
- No FF&E will be affected

4. BUILDING SYSTEMS

- Security: N/A
- Public Address: N/A
- Technology: N/A
- Phone Systems: N/A
- Clocks: N/A

5. INTERIOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENT

- Acoustics: Ceilings – If ceiling tiles are damaged due to water leaking through the roof, they shall be replaced as part of the project. If water marks are on the walls, they shall be repainted.
- Lighting: N/A
- HVAC: Some rooftop units may be replaced to allow coordination of curbing and flashing. Others will be raised to accommodate new curbing
- Plumbing: Roof drains and piping will be added to accommodate the code

- Windows and Doors: N/A

6. SITE DEVELOPMENT

- Site Acquisitions: N/A
- Parking: N/A
- Drives: N/A
- Walkways: N/A
- Landscaping: N/A
- Site Improvements: N/A

7. COMMUNITY USES

Bristol Central High School is used by our community during, before and after school hours, and on some weekends year-round. The uses include but are not limited to the following:

- After School Activities
- Athletics and Sporting Events
- Summer Programs

Various and sometimes multiple areas are used for these functions.



Textbook Recommendation to the Board of Education

Subject/Course: AP Psychology

Grade Level: 10th

First Presentation BOE Meeting Date: TBD

Second Presentation BOE Meeting Date: TBD

Describe need for the textbook/materials: Current AP Psychology textbooks were published in 2010. The College Board revised the AP Psychology course in 2024, and Bristol approved curricular updates in the Spring of 2025. The College Board requires that teachers and students have access to college-level resources including a recently published (within the last 10 years) college-level textbook in print or electronic format. The age of the existing textbooks and updated curriculum necessitate the purchase of updated textbooks.

Listed below are textbooks/materials evaluated by the Textbook Selection Committee:

Subject/Course	Title of Book	Author(s)	Edition	Copyright Date	Publisher	Rubric Score Total	Readability
AP Psych	Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course	David G. Myers; C. Nathan DeWall; Elizabeth Yost Hammer	4	2024	bedford, freeman & worth	74	
AP Psych	Advanced Placement Psychology	Laura Brandt; Michael Hamilton	3	2024	Perfection Learning	56	

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AP Psych	Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course	David G. Myers; C. Nathan DeWall; Elizabeth Yost Hammer	4	2024	bedford, freeman & worth	AP Psych	New York, NY	http://bfwpub.com/apmyers4e

Reasons for recommendation (include information on match to curriculum concepts and skills):

The textbook committee has found the Myers Psychology for the AP Course to be a valuable and widely used resource in the past. Adopting the most recent version of their existing textbook will provide a smooth transition, while also directly aligning to the organization of units/topics in the revised AP course/exam.

Textbook Recommendation to the Board of Education

Student Materials Needed				
Quantity	Item Name	Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Distribution: #Texts per School
100	Achieve for Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course (Six-Use Online)	178.98	17,898.00	60 @ BC 40 @ BE

Teacher Materials Needed				
Quantity	Item Name	Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Distribution: # per School
2	Teacher's Edition with Online Teacher Resources for Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course	0	0	1 @ BC 1 @ BE
2	Test Bank for Myers' Psychology for the AP® Course	0	0	1 @ BC 1 @ BE

TOTAL COST	
Total Cost for Student Texts/Materials	\$17,898.00
Total Cost for Teacher Materials	\$0
Total Cost for Shipping	\$0
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$17,898.00</u>

Textbook Selection Committee		
Staff member	School	Grade/Course Taught
Gina Brower	Bristol Eastern	AP Psychology
Kenneth Gardiner	Bristol Central	AP Psychology



Textbook Recommendation to the Board of Education

Subject/Course: History of American Popular Music - UCONN ECE
First Presentation BOE Meeting Date: 6/4/25

Grade Level: 9-12
Second Presentation BOE Meeting Date: 7/2/25

Describe need for the textbook/materials:

Using grant funding from the State of Connecticut to expand dual enrollment opportunities for high school students, teachers developed a curriculum for History of American Popular Music, a course offered as a dual enrollment opportunity by the University of Connecticut. This course is an introduction to popular music and diversity in America: jazz, blues, Top-40 pop, rock, hip-hop, and other genres. Musicians and their music studied in the context of twentieth-century and contemporary American society, emphasizing issues of race, gender, class, and resistance, providing students the opportunity to earn 3 credits from UCONN. The university requires all dual enrollment offerings of their History of American Popular Music course to use this textbook as a core resource. As a result, teachers built the curriculum, and their UCONN syllabi, around chapters from this text.

Listed below are textbooks/materials evaluated by the Textbook Selection Committee:

Subject/ Course	Title of Book	Author(s)	Edi- tion	Copyright Date	Publisher	Rubric Score Total	Readability
History of American Popular Music	American Popular Music: From Minstrelsy to MP3	Larry Starr	6th	2021	Oxford University Press		

The following textbook(s)/materials are recommended by the Textbook Selection Committee

Subject/ Course	Title of Book	Author(s)	ISBN #	Edition	Copyright Date	Publisher	City, State Of Publisher	Publisher Website
History of American Popular Music	American Popular Music: From Minstrelsy to MP3	Larry Starr	0197543316	6th	2021	Oxford University Press	New York	https://global.oup.com/ushe/product/american-popular-music-9780197543313?cc=us&lang=en&

Reasons for recommendation (include information on match to curriculum concepts and skills):

This is the associated text book that goes along with our UCONN ECE course History of American Popular Music. It is the required text for this UCONN ECE Course.

Textbook Recommendation to the Board of Education

Student Materials Needed				
Quantity	Item Name	Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Distribution: #Texts per School
40	American Popular Music: From Minstrelsy to MP3	\$116	\$4,640	20 - BE 20 - BC

Teacher Materials Needed				
Quantity	Item Name	Cost Per Item	Total Cost	Distribution: # per School
N/A				

TOTAL COST	
Total Cost for Student Texts/Materials	\$4,640
Total Cost for Teacher Materials	
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,640

Textbook Selection Committee		
Staff member	School	Grade/Course Taught
Kyle Camerato	Bristol Eastern High School	Instrumental Music
Dave Nelson	Greene-Hills and West Bristol Schools	MS Vocal and General Music