

INSTRUCTION

International Travel

The School Board supports international travel by students that aligns with the School Board's mission to empower every student to become a life-long learner who is a responsible, productive and engaged citizen within the global community. As global citizens, students should have the opportunity to experience other cultures, nations and languages when doing so supports the curriculum. The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations and guidelines that address international travel and the conditions set forth in this Policy.

A. Authorized International Travel

International travel by school sponsored groups may be approved if such travel supports the curriculum or is for service/competition opportunities related to the group's purpose. International travel will not be a required part of any curriculum and will be considered additional and voluntary opportunities offered to eligible students. School Division appropriated funds will not be used to fund international travel other than for the Global Studies and World Language Academy or when the Superintendent or designee specifically authorizes an exception to this provision. The principal will have final authority to determine if the proposed travel meets such criteria. The Superintendent or designee is authorized to develop regulations regarding excusing students and staff members from school and/or work to participate in international travel. Proposed international travel must be fully approved by the Superintendent or designee prior to soliciting for trip attendees or beginning fund raising efforts. Planning for

such trips will also include, but not be limited to consideration for: disruption of the educational environment; age appropriateness for students involved; adequate and appropriate chaperone coverage; special needs of students and chaperones including disability and economic circumstances; safety of participants; and other and good just cause as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

B. Global Studies and World Language Academy Special Provisions

The Global Studies and World Language Academies (GSWLA) may be granted exceptions to this Policy and applicable regulations for international travel that is directly related to the goals, coursework, and program expectations of the GSWLA-. International travel approved for GSWLA students must be directly linked to grant funded trips, dual enrollment, or special projects developed and organized through the GSWLA in partnership with organizations such as corporate partners, colleges, or universities. GSWLA may be authorized to host exchange programs with programs from other countries.

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