

STUDENT OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

The Board of Education and staff recognize the educational value of arts performance, opportunities to compare one's performance with that of others, opportunities to meet peers from other locations, and simply of travel itself and the information obtained from observation of other localities. They also recognize that enthusiasm is heightened by specific goals and that regional and national recognition contribute to the public relations efforts of the district.

Students participating in school-sponsored activities will be allowed to travel within the continental United States under the following policies:

- A. Basic meals, transportation, lodging, and required admissions and other expenses must be arranged and approved by the school district for all participants, including official chaperons. Transportation will be by public conveyances or by district-owned vehicles and not by private cars or vans.**
- B. Any amount budgeted by the Board shall be allocated annually in the General Fund for this purpose and shall be divided among the three high schools on a pro rata basis, based on enrollment. Any additional funds needed would be provided by donations and fund-raising efforts of Booster Clubs, PTOs, and groups formed for this purpose. It is suggested that groups not confine their fund-raising efforts to one year but that they set annual goals to facilitate this process.**
- C. Students and teachers participating will miss no more than three school days.**
- D. Staff members voluntarily accompanying the student groups will not be paid but will have expenses provided. They will be expected to travel with and be lodged with the students. Each high school will make an annual report to the superintendent on plans and progress in raising funds.**

The Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Administration will review and approve/disapprove all trips and plans.