

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

To: Dr. Mike Riggle

From: Rosanne Williamson

Re: German Trip (Academy)

Date: December 6, 2011

Please find attached the travel request from Ms. Lauren Fraser, the German Academy Teacher, for a field study involving action research in two areas of Germany (eastern and southwest). Academy juniors will travel to Leipzig, Munich and Stuttgart. This trip is very similar to the GBS German Exchange Trip and will also provide our students the opportunity to apply their language skills and to be immersed in German culture.

This is an Educational Tour covered under Board Policy 7050. This Educational Tour is conducted by the district, but not financed by the district and requires approval from the principal, superintendent and board. The parameters of this trip are similar to past trips taken by the World Language Department.

I support this request.

To: Brian K. Wegley
Paul Pryma
Rosanne Williamson

From: Lauren Fraser

cc: Matthew Whipple
Danita Fitch
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Dr. Michael Riggle

Date: Wednesday, December 07, 2011

Subject: Glenbrook Academy German Field Study

Trip/Field Study Proposal: This proposed trip will be a new opportunity for current juniors in the Glenbrook Academy for International Studies. The junior class has been studying the German language and culture for the past three years. The proposed program would give students the opportunity not only to apply their relatively newly acquired language skills in a country where it is the native language, but also to immerse themselves in the culture and lifestyle of two very different parts of Germany. The group would travel together to eastern Germany and stay with host families of students from Rudolf-Hildebrand-Schule in Markkleeberg, a suburb of Leipzig. After a stop in Munich for a few days in a youth hostel, the group will move on to the southwest part of Germany, staying with families of students from Dietrich-Bonhoeffer Gymnasium in Filderstadt, a suburb of Stuttgart. While staying in Germany, the students would be conducting action research on topics of their choosing. They will work in partners and in each of the cities visited conduct interviews, administer surveys and explore museums and institutions that will help them gather information with minimal usage of the internet. By completing this required project, the students will be forced to interact with the German people in an official as well as a casual manner. This trip would take place during the second semester of summer school, tentatively flying to Germany on July 9th and returning on July 30th.

Rationale: This somewhat culminating experience for the current juniors in the Glenbrook Academy for International Studies aligns with the essential questions behind the guiding instructional purpose of the Academy. The students will gain momentum and confidence, seeing themselves as citizens of the world and capable speakers of a foreign language. This experience, leading into their senior year of the Academy, will prepare them for their Advanced Placement German Language and Culture exam. The program as outlined is not something they would be able to do by themselves or with their own families, as they will not be touring the country but staying with families, interacting in schools, and actively conducting action research on the streets and pedestrian zones of Germany. The field study would be an invaluable experience for the students involved, providing them with a palpable application of their studies in the Academy thus far.

The logistics of travel would impact current juniors in the Glenbrook Academy for International Studies in the following ways:

Germany, 2012

- The trip to Germany will take place during the second semester of summer school. Our tentative departure date is Monday, July 9th, 2012.
- Students will stay with German host families in two different cities, each for 8 nights. During that time the students will visit the schools as well as many cultural and historical sites. They will conduct research in the form of surveys and interviews with the German people. The group will also go to Munich for a three- day cultural visit and stay in a youth hostel. The final evening will be spent in a hostel located within an old castle outside of Frankfurt, where the students will present their initial findings.
- The approximate cost will be \$2,500 per student; this covers airfare, train tickets, museum and site entrance fees, and hostel costs while in Munich.
- In order to be eligible to participate in the exchange, students must have completed three years of Academy German and be enrolled in Academy German for the 2012-2013 school year.
- As per Board Policy 7050, all students who participate will have accident and health insurance coverage.
- Lauren Fraser (GBS and Academy German teacher) will be working together with other Academy teachers to plan the details of the trip as well as the cultural/historical experiences. She will also be working with a travel agent to plan travel to and from Germany but will be working alone to coordinate all travel within Germany.

History: Ms. Fraser lived in Germany for two years – one year in the east and one in the southwest - and has traveled extensively within Germany and Europe throughout the past decade. The connection to the Rudolf-Hildebrand-Schule comes through her year working there as a Fulbright Language Assistant. The connection to the Dietrich-Bonhoeffer Gymnasium is through the already established German Academic Partnership Program (GAPP) exchange program with Glenbrook South. There are cooperating teachers in each city that are helping to arrange the hosting families.

The Itinerary: Please reference the attached calendar and itinerary to see the tentative daily plans.

Board Approval: We are seeking board approval for a variety of reasons. This is an educational opportunity conducted, but not financed by the district. This exchange has direct relevancy to the German curriculum of the Glenbrook Academy, in that its main objective is the integration of students into the everyday life of exchange host families and into the classroom activities of host schools. It will provide them with a coherent international experience to inspire intercultural understanding and a lifelong desire to be world citizens in our ever-shrinking global community. Moreover the research conducted will provide an even more unique experience for the students who were specifically chosen to be students of the Glenbrook Academy of International Studies.

GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS
Travel Requests Requiring Board of Education Approval

I. School GBN X GBS X GBE GBOC District

II. Initiator Lauren Fraser Phone 847-486-4515

Position German Teacher/Academy Teacher Date of Submission 11/16/11

III. Dates and Times of Leave/Return

Total Number of School Days Missed per Person 0

Departure Date/Time 7/9/12 Return Date/Time 7/30/12

IV. Name of Individuals Participating in Tour: (Attach list if necessary.)

Teachers and Staff Lauren Fraser, Matthew Whipde and German Academy juniors (list attached)

Students

V. Description, Destination, and Reason for Trip

 A field study involving action research in two areas of Germany. Academy Juniors will travel together to Leipzig, Munich & Stuttgart.

VI. Cost of Trip

Was this trip included in your Dept. Bldg. District Budget?

	Total Amount	Per Person	Account #
Registration	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	
Lodging	<u> 5000 </u>	<u> 200 </u>	
Meals (Advance)	<u> 5000 </u>	<u> 200 </u>	
Judging	<u> 0 </u>	N/A	
Substitute Teacher	<u> 0 </u>	N/A	
Transportation			
Air	<u> \$32500 </u>	<u> 1300 </u>	
entrance fees / Bus/Car	<u> \$22500 </u>	<u> 900 </u>	
District Total	<u> 0 </u>	N/A	N/A
Cost to Student	<u> \$65000 </u>	<u> 2600 </u>	N/A

VII. Approval [Signature] [Signature]

 12/1/2011 12/6/2011 _____
 Supervisor Principal Superintendent
 Date Date Date

Reminder: No purchases or expenses prior to Board of Education approval.

Academy Trip Itinerary – July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Group takes off from O'Hare <airplane>	10 Group lands in Frankfurt, <Train> to Leipzig <i>families #1</i>	11 School Day evening tour of Leipzig <i>families #1</i>	12 Day in Leipzig (research and museums) <i>families #1</i>	13 Colditz Fieldtrip <i>families #1</i>	14 Family Time <i>families #1</i>
15 Family Time <i>families #1</i>	16 Buchenwald and Weimar <i>families #1</i>	17 Berlin Day <i>families #1</i>	18 <Train> to Munich - day Munich <i>hostel Munich</i>	19 Neuschwanstein + hiking Bavarian Alps <i>hostel Munich</i>	20 morning Dachau evening Munich <i>hostel Munich</i>	21 <Train> to Stuttgart Family Time <i>families #2</i>
22 Family Time <i>families #2</i>	23 School Day Afternoon Stuttgart <i>families #2</i>	24 Black Forest <i>families #2</i>	25 Stuttgart research day <i>families #2</i>	26 Tübingen <i>families #2</i>	27 Mercedes Museum & Stuttgart <i>families #2</i>	28 Family Time <i>families #2</i>
29 <Train> to Frankfurt <i>hostel – initial presentations of findings and share pictures</i>	30 <airplane> to O'Hare	31				

Mon 9. July – Students will meet the teacher chaperones at O’Hare airport to fly to Frankfurt Germany. Ms. Fraser will not be flying with the group, as she will already be in Germany finishing the GAPP exchange program, but two adult chaperones will be flying with the group.

Tues 10. July – Ms. Fraser will meet the group at the Frankfurt airport. The group will get on a train to Leipzig (ca. 4 hours)

- The host families will meet the students at the train station and take them home to settle in, eat and sleep!

Wed 11. July – The students will accompany their host students to school at the Rudolf Hildebrand Schule in Markkleeberg (suburb of Leipzig).

- After school the group will head into Leipzig for a tour and then dinner.
- Students will return to the meeting point to go home with host families.

Thu 12. July – The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will head to Leipzig downtown together to start their research.
- The chaperones will take turns at a specified meeting point so the students know where/how to contact them.
- Students will conduct interviews, pass out surveys, and visit museums or other points of interest related to their research.
- Students will return to the meeting point to go home with host families.

Fri 13. July – The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel together by bus or train to Colditz, a suburb of Leipzig.
 - There we visit a castle and POW camp from WWII.
- The evening will be time spent with their host families.

Sat 14. July – The students will have free time with their host families.

Sun 15. July – The students will have free time with their host families.

Mon 16. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel together by bus or train to Weimar.
 - The group will take a tour of Buchenwald, a concentration camp from WWII.
- When we return to school, the students will meet their host families for the evening.

Tue 17. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel by train to Berlin for a tour and visiting museums
- When we return to school, the students will meet their host families for their last evening together.

Wed 18. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel together to Munich by train in the morning (~5 hours).
- The group will check into the hostel and get situated.
- The day will be spent giving a tour of Munich with students having some free time for research.
- The group will be staying in the youth hostel in Munich.

Thu 19. July - The group will travel by train to visit Neuschwanstein and do a little hiking in the Bavarian Alps.

- The group will stay in the youth hostel in Munich.

Fri 20. July - The group will go to the concentration camp Dachau in the morning.

- The afternoon will be time to do research and explore Munich some more
- The group will stay in the youth hostel in Munich.

Sat 21. July - After checking out, the group will travel by train to Stuttgart (~2.5 hours).

- The students will be met by their host families and have family time.

Sun 22. July - The students will have family time in Stuttgart.

Mon 23. July - The students will accompany their host student to school.

- After school the group will go into Stuttgart for a little group tour.
- Students will return to the meeting point to go home with host families.

Tues 24. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel by bus for a day in the black forest.
- Students will return to the meeting point to go home with host families.

Wed 25. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel to Stuttgart to conduct research in the city.

Thu 26. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will travel by bus/train to Tübingen for tour/research.
- Students will return to the meeting point to go home with host families.

Fri 27. July - The students will accompany their host students to school to meet the group.

- The group will visit the Mercedes-Benz museum in Stuttgart.
- The group will return to the meeting point to connect with host families.
- Students will have family time in the evening.

Sat 28. July - Students will spend the last day/evening with the host families.

Sun 29. July - The group will leave early Sunday morning to travel to Bacharach (~3 hours).

- The group will walk through town and up the hill to get to the hostel, located in the historic castle overlooking the Rhein.
- The group will check in and take time to explore the small town and grab some food.
- In the evening the group will do their initial presenting/sharing of their research.

Mon 30. July - The group will check out and travel by train to the airport (~1.5 hours).

- The group will fly home to Chicago.