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# Board Cover Memorandum

<b>To</b>	Board of Education
<b>From</b>	Denise G. Saddler, Interim Superintendent Viet-Ly Gonzalez, Principal, Elmhurst Middle School
<b>Meeting Date</b>	<u>February 11, 2026</u>
<b>Subject</b>	Approval of Request for Student Travel
<b>Action Requested</b>	Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2526-0039 - Approval of Student Travel - authorizing student travel by school site Elmhurst Middle School for twenty 6th and 8th grade students to participate in the JAMZ Nationals Cheer and Dance Competition, and travel to Las Vegas, NV, for the period of February 18, 2026 through February 21, 2026.
<b>Educational Purpose of Trip</b>	This trip aligns with Elmhurst United's CARE values in a few ways. We will show community and relationship skills with each other by traveling, eating, and bonding with each other. We will show these values with other bay area schools and teams by cheering them on. We will show an academic mindset by carving out homework time and continuing to show the team that grades are important.
<b>Itinerary and Activities</b>	This trip is for the Elmhurst United cheerleading team to compete at the JAMZ National Cheer and Dance Competition. On Wednesday, we leave Oakland and arrive in Las Vegas. The students will have lunch, homework time, and practice after check-in at the hotel. After practice they will have free time before dinner and lights out. Thursday, Friday and Saturday are competition days. Saturday night, students and chaperones will depart and arrive back to Oakland International Airport.
<b>Teachers Attending Trip</b>	Eryn Swarn, Shawn Hawkins, Aaron Pratt, Ryse Tottingham, and Christina Green
<b>Site Administrator Affirms</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parental permission forms will be on file for all students participating and school has emergency communication protocol.</li> <li>There will be sufficient and appropriate chaperones for this field trip (including at least one OUSD certificated employee and non-OUSD chaperones, if any, will meet criminal background check requirements).</li> <li>School will address financial or accessibility issues that might prevent students from participating.</li> </ul>
<b>Recommendation</b>	Approval of Board Resolution authorizing student travel described above.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	No Fiscal Impact

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 2526-0039**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROVAL OF STUDENT TRAVEL**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education believes that field trips and other travel opportunities for students are a valuable tool in supporting classroom instruction and promoting students' awareness of places and events;

**WHEREAS**, Board Policy 6153 requires the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District to approve all trips involving out-of-state and out of country travel; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Board Policy 6153, the Superintendent requests the Board of Education to authorize student travel for the period of February 18, 2026 to February 21, 2026.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District does hereby approve the following request for student travel:

School: Elmhurst United Middle School

Destination: JAMZ Nationals Cheer and Dance Competition at The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV

Departure Date: February 18, 2026      Return Date: February 21, 2026

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSED:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District at a Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2026.

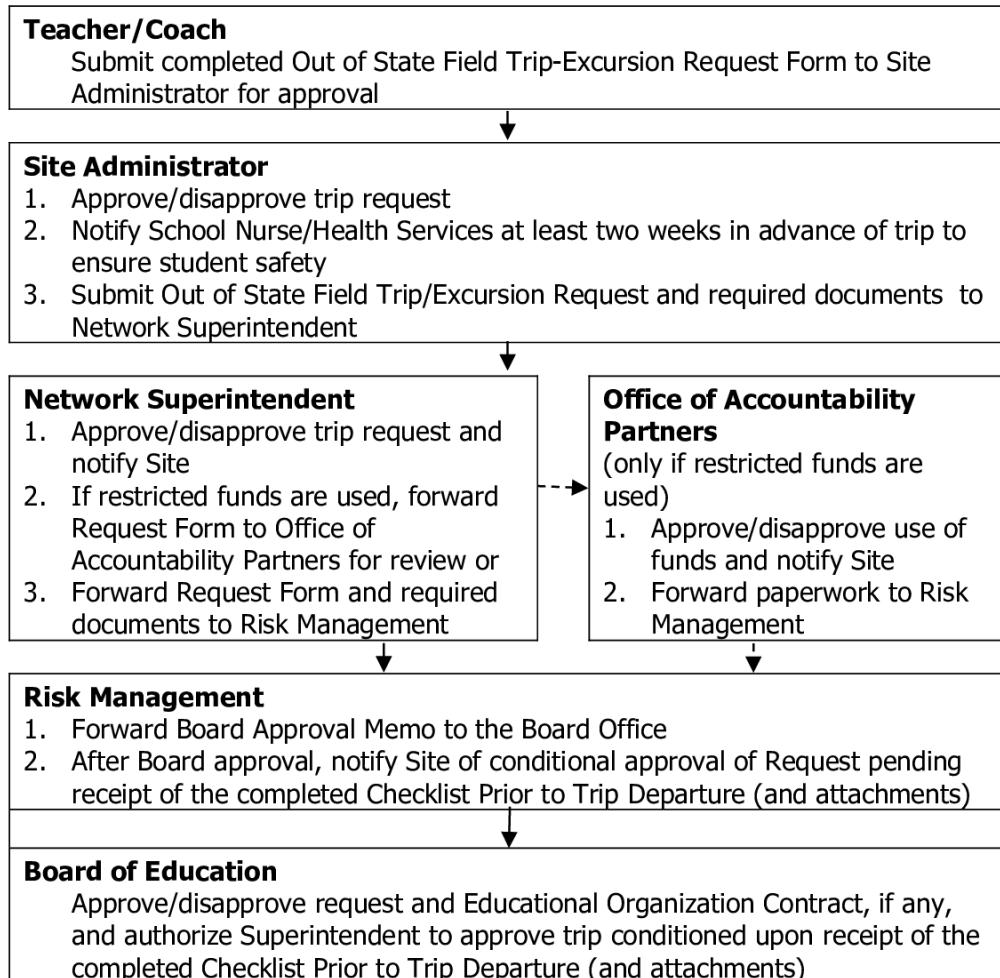
By: \_\_\_\_\_

Denise G. Saddler  
Interim Secretary, Board of Education

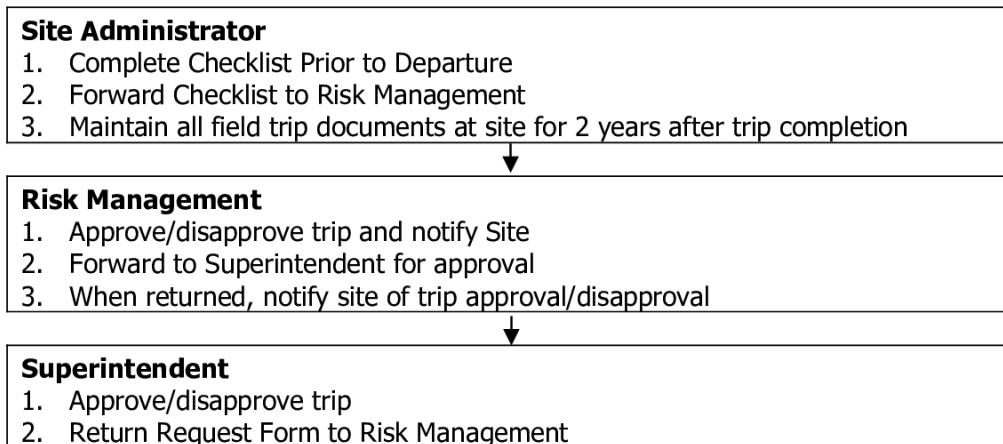


## **OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS APPROVAL PROCESS**

### **REQUEST APPROVAL:**



### **TRIP APPROVAL:**





**OUT-OF-STATE FIELD  
TRIP/EXCURSION REQUEST**

**Basic Directions**

This packet is available on the Intranet (School Operations Library) as a fillable-saveable pdf file. If typed, similar fields will populate throughout the packet making it quicker and easier to complete.

1. Requests must be submitted to Network Superintendent no later than **120 days** prior to departure
2. Board approval is required for all out of state trips.
3. Return Health Services Notification Form to the School Nurse or Health Services at the time you are requesting approval for a field trip
4. Use of Restricted Funds requires additional approval by Office of Accountability Partners
5. Obtain fingerprint clearance and complete TB risk assessment (requirements per OUSD AR 1240) for all non-District employee chaperones. (Arrange through [ousd.org/volunteers](http://ousd.org/volunteers) or email [volunteers@ousd.org](mailto:volunteers@ousd.org). Continuing volunteer chaperones must be fingerprint cleared at least once every 3 years.)
6. Generally 1:10 Adult to Student ratio is required as provided in OUSD Board Policy 6153
7. Check the Pre-Approved Vendor List for contract and insurance requirements
8. Out-of-state trips have a bifurcated approval system (1) to approve the request and (2) to approve the trip since not all information for the trip approval may available by the deadline for the request. When possible, submit the required documents for the trip approval along with the initial trip request to make the full approval process faster.

Required Documents for Request Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of program/vendor information describing vendor and scheduled activities <input type="checkbox"/> All facility, program or vendor agreements/contracts, including OUSD Educational Organization Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of insurance from all private vendors: Program (attach copy unless publicly owned and operated) Facility (attach copy unless publicly owned and operated or commercial lodging e.g. Holiday Inn) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Approval Memo and Board Resolution
Required Documents for Trip Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> "Checklist Prior to Trip Departure" <input type="checkbox"/> List of students and adults attending trip <input type="checkbox"/> "Declaration of Driver" and required attachments, completed by <b>each</b> driver of private or rental vehicle

**TRIP INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY TEACHER:**

School or Center: Elmhurst United Site Number: 229

Destination: JAMZ Nationals Cheer and Dance Competition [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone or Contact Info: [REDACTED]

Departure - Date: 02/18/2026 Time: 6:00 AM Place of Departure: Oakland International Airport

Return - Date: 02/21/2026 Time: 9:15 PM Place of Return: Oakland International Airport

Class(es)/Group Attending: Cheerleading Team

Grade(s): 6-8 # of Students: 20 # of Adults: 7

Teacher Supervising Trip: Eryn Swarn

Emergency Contact # During Trip: [REDACTED]

Supervising Teacher's Email Address: eryn.swarn@ousd.org



Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Supervising Trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe itinerary and activities:  ( <input type="checkbox"/> Trip will include swim or water activities) No	This trip is for the Elmhurst United cheerleading team to compete at the JAMMZ national cheer and dance competition. On Wednesday we leave Oakland and arrive in Las Vegas. The students will have lunch, homework time, and practice after check in at the hotel. After practice they will have free time before dinner and lights out. Thursday, Friday and Saturday are competition days. Saturday night Students and chaperones will depart and arrive back to oakland international airport.
Names of teachers and staff attending trip:	Teachers: Eryn Swarn, Shawn Hawkins, Aaron Pratt, Ryse Tottingham, Christina Green Staff: Non-OUSD Chaperones: Bonita Macadoo, Shareen Boykains
Describe mode of transportation for each leg of the trip:	Students must get to OAK on their own. We will fly to and from Las Vegas. The hotel we will stay in will be the hotel the competition is no additional travel will be required. We will have Uber service to take us to the hotel and the Uber will bring us to the airport.  [REDACTED]
Describe educational purpose of trip, including how it aligns with grade level standards, supports the teaching and learning and/or parent ed/training component of site plan, including related activities prior to trip and student follow-up activities that will occur after the field trip/excursion:	This trip aligns with Elmhurst United's CARE values in a few ways. We will show community and relationship skills with each other by traveling, eating, and bonding with each other. We will show these values with other bay area schools and teams by cheering them on. We will show an academic mindset by carving out homework time and continuing to show the team that grades are important.

### TRIP COSTS

District funds may be used to pay transportation costs for out of state trips or direct educational program costs. Transportation costs include airfare, bus fare, car fare, etc. related to transportation to/from the out-of-state destination and the transportation costs for the school sponsored activities during the trip. Direct educational program costs include admission fees for visits which are part of the program (e.g. museum).

District funds may NOT be used to pay for non-travel pupil expenses for out of state trips. Non-travel pupil expenses include meals, sundries, lodging, etc.

If you want to use District funds to pay for non-travel pupil expenses on an out of state trip, you must first obtain approval for a waiver of Education Code 35330 from the OUSD Board of Education and the State Board of Education.

Amount of District funds to be used for trip costs will be \$ 0

Funding source for the trip will be:  General Funds  Restricted funds  No District funds will be used

Resource #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fund 0	Resource 0	Year 0	Goal 0	Function 0	Object 0	Site 0	Manager 0	Program 0	LCAP 0	Optional 0



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Supervising Trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROGRAM/ADMISSION COSTS

Total Cost of Program/Admission: \$ 0 Source:  General Funds  Restricted  No District Funds

Cost per student: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per adult: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fund 0	Resource 0	Year 0	Goal 0	Function 0	Object 0	Site 0	Manager 0	Program 0	LCAP 0	Optional 0

## TRANSPORTATION/CHARTER BUSES

[Click here for approved bus company list](#)

Note: If buses will be used, the approved bus company list is located on the Intranet with the Field Trip information.

Bus Company: \_\_\_\_\_

# of buses ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Size of bus ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair accessible needed? No

Cost of transportation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source:  General Funds  Restricted Funds  No District Funds

Resource #

Fund 0	Resource 0	Year 0	Goal 0	Function 0	Object 0	Site 0	Manager 0	Program 0	LCAP 0	Optional 0

## HEALTH CONDITIONS/MEDICATION

Will there be any students participating in the field trip with the following conditions? No

<input type="checkbox"/> Severe Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Student has an Epi-pen at school
<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/> Student has an inhaler at school
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Student has medication at school
<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures	<input type="checkbox"/> Student has medication at school
<input type="checkbox"/> Sickle Cell Anemia	<input type="checkbox"/> Student has medication at school
<input type="checkbox"/> Other condition(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Student has medication at school

Will any students need medications during the trip? No

If the answer is yes, please fax the attached Health Services Notification Form to 879-4605.

## CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE

Facility/Program Insurance: Attach copies of Proof of Insurance **from** all private vendors (except publicly owned and operated).

District Insurance: Has vendor requested that OUSD provide a certificate of the District's insurance? No  
**If yes, attach the written requirements provided by the Facility.** (Once the Certificate of Insurance is prepared, it will be faxed to the contact person at the facility and the school site contact. The original certificate will then be sent to the school site contact and will be given to the facility if required.)

## OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS

If restricted funds are used for this field trip/excursion, Office of Accountability Partners approval is required to ensure compliant use of resources and alignment with the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). List the relevant SPSA Tracking Numbers to indicate alignment.

SPSA Tracking #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Attach a copy of the site plan, if modified. Modified SPSA Date: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Documentation of the follow up activities is to be maintained at the site for State and Federal compliance review.



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Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Supervising Trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>APPROVAL OF REQUEST</b>	Signature	Check One		Date
		Approved	Denied	
<b>Site Administrator</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Trip aligns with grade level standards <input type="checkbox"/> Trip purpose, supervision plan, transportation, safety parameters and funding are appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed agreements/contracts with any facility, program or vendor (attach copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Organization(s) involved in the trip have expertise in operating student trips	<i>Viet-Ly Gonzalez</i>	Approved		01/05/2026
<b>Network Superintendent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Trip purpose, transportation, and funding are appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> Organization(s) involved in the trip have expertise in operating student trips	<i>Clifford Hong</i>	Approved		01/05/2026
<b>Office of Accountability Partners</b> (if restricted funds) <input type="checkbox"/> Compliant use of resources and in alignment with school site plan (SPSA)				
<b>Risk Management</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Business contracts, insurance, safety and policy compliance are sufficient <input type="checkbox"/> Notify Site of <b>conditional approval</b> of Request <b>pending</b> receipt of the completed Checklist Prior to Trip Departure (and attachments)	<i>Rebecca Littlejohn</i>	Approved		01/08/2026

<b>APPROVAL OF TRIP</b>	Signature	Check One		Date
		Approved	Denied	
<b>Site Administrator</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Forward the <b>completed</b> : (1) Checklist Prior to Trip Departure; (2) list of students and adults attending trip; (3) "Declaration of Driver" and required attachments, completed by <b>each</b> driver of private or rental vehicle	<i>Viet-Ly Gonzalez</i>	Approved		01/05/2026
<b>Risk Management</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm receipt of completed Checklist, list of students/adults, and Declarations of Driver <input type="checkbox"/> Notify Site of Trip Approval once approved by Superintendent	<i>Rebecca Littlejohn</i>	Approved		01/08/2026
<b>Superintendent</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/disapprove trip <input type="checkbox"/> Returns Request Form to Risk Management	<i>Sondra Aguilera</i>	Approved		01/08/2026



Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher Supervising Trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Departure: \_\_\_\_\_

## **CHECKLIST TO BE COMPLETED BY SITE ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO TRIP DEPARTURE**

(initial each item certifying completion)

CG \_\_\_\_\_ "OUSD Student Out of State Field Trip/Excursion Permission Slip" has been signed by parent(s)/guardian(s) of all student participants.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ "Adult Participant Field Trip/Excursion Chaperone Agreement" signed by all non-District employee chaperones.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ OUSD Fingerprint and TB risk assessment per OUSD AR 1240 have been obtained for all non-District employee chaperones.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ No student has been prevented from making a trip due to lack of sufficient funds.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ No District funds will be used to pay for "pupil expenses" on out of state trips unless waiver of Education Code 35330(b)(3) is granted by OUSD Board of Education and the State Board of Education. Pupil expenses include meals, sundries, lodging, etc. (District funds may be used to pay transportation costs or direct educational program costs.)

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting held for staff, noncertificated adults, parent(s)/guardian(s) and students in advance of trip to discuss trip and safety related procedures, itinerary and questions as required by OUSD AR 6153.  
Meeting date: 02/12/2026

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Health Conditions/Medication: School nurse or Health Services has been consulted at least two weeks prior to any field trip. Trip participant health information has been gathered and reviewed and any needed revisions to supervision plan made, including making sure that chaperones understand relevant information (e.g., food allergies). A plan has been developed by a school nurse to collect, secure, and dispense prescription medications from their original containers and consistent with physician's instructions. (See OUSD AR 5141.21)

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Supervision is by certificated personnel and assisted by other school employees, parent(s)/guardian(s), or other authorized chaperones who are at least 21 years old. Site Administrator and Teacher/lead trip staff are satisfied all chaperones are willing and able to perform required duties, including understanding and implementing instructions, understanding health information for students in their group and responding effectively in the event of an emergency.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Adult to Student Ratio is at least 1:10 as required by OUSD BP 6153 (or higher if high risk activities).

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping arrangements and night supervision are safe and appropriate.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Safety requirements have been met (e.g., first aid kits, emergency contact and health info, instructions for chaperones, cell phones). At least one adult has current First Aid/CPR training.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Confirm that: (1) arrangements have been made for use of a vehicle in event of illness or emergency and (2) students received instruction in safe conduct on bus or other transport.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ OUSD Declaration of Driver form completed and signed by driver and registered owners of any private vehicles used on trip and copy of proof of insurance and California driver's license are on file and secured at school site. The same forms may be used for multiple trips or for entire school year as long as insurance proof on file is updated. This requirement does not apply to licensed bus companies on the District's approved bus list or for public transportation entities, airlines or AMTRAK.

CG \_\_\_\_\_  Swim/Water Activities: OUSD "Procedures for Fields Trips including Swim or Water Activities" have been met.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Site and trip leader has a list of students and adults attending trip.

CG \_\_\_\_\_ Staff and students will wear masks while indoors (including transportation) during the trip.  
\*\*IF MANDATED\*\*

**TRIP APPROVAL IS CONDITIONED ON COMPLETION OF THIS CHECKLIST**