



INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIPS - APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE

(Completed by the **Lead Teacher**. Submitted to the **Superintendent**.

If all conditions are met, the **Superintendent** will present this document to the **Board of Trustees**.

These steps must be completed at least 12 months prior to proposed departure.)

1. Proposed Event Details "For whom are you proposing this trip?"

Event(s) and Destination(s): Spain/Portugal Festival/Performance Band Tour		Date(s): March 29 - April 07, 2024	
Name of Lead Teacher: Teague Bates		School: Medicine Hat High School	
☒ Extracurricular	Group/Team/Class: MHHS BAND		
☐ Curricular			
Estimated Number of Students: 25		Estimated Supervisor to Student Ratio: 7:1	
Names of Other Supervisors: Shade Holmes, Cam Clark, Natasha Clark, Cheri Bates			
Describe student eligibility requirements: Students enrolled in band are eligible if they are in good standing in all classes in terms of behavior, academics and attendance. Must keep up to date in payment of fees for the tour as laid out in the Travel Accounting Template			
Describe plan for informing and meeting with parents: A formal meeting, will run as outlined by Off Sight Activities form 720 AP 001, will take place towards the end of the 2022/23 school year to inform parents of the up coming tour.			
Attach satisfactory destination-specific travel advice and advisory information from the Government of Canada. https://travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories			☐

2. Describe Purpose (Educational goals and or Educational Value) "Why do you want to take this trip?"

Educational goals are specified for the activity by the lead teacher for the activity and are compatible with the Alberta Program of Studies, the Guide to Education and the school's instructional program. The educational value of the activity is described to balance the loss of instructional time in the regular classroom program.

By participating in music festivals in Spain, students will develop positive, realistic self-images through an understanding and acceptance of themselves, with their strengths and their limitations. Furthermore, they will learn to apply maximum effort and attain effectiveness in performance through physical and mental discipline. With Spain as a goal, students have the opportunity to work toward a unique and exciting challenge. We anticipate an increase in student engagement and work ethic.

4. Proposed Transportation Details "How will you move from place to place?"

Describe the transportation plan. Include details for all types that apply. If flying, a flight number is not necessary at this point, but please provide an estimated cost of flight.
The hope is to use the school coach to transfer from YHX to YYC. Flights will be purchased through WestJet and the estimated cost is \$1300.

School Bus or Shuttle	☒
Volunteer driver / vehicle	☐
Commercial Airline	☒
Other	☐

5. Proposed Accommodation Details "Where will students sleep?"

Describe the accommodation plan (dorm, hotel, gym, billets, cost per night) including supervision.
The students will sleep in hotel rooms. The configuration will vary from 2 per room to 4 per room, depending on the hotel. Chaperones will be in hotel rooms in proximity to the students.

6. Estimated Expenses "What will this cost and how will it be paid?"

Describe the plan to finance the trip. Include estimated costs per student, total cost of the trip and any fundraising plans. Consider costs of transportation, accommodation, food, registrations, etc.
The estimated cost of this tour per person is \$4500. Fundraisers planned are bingo and casino events. There may be more fundraising opportunities depending on the needs, preferences and availability of participating families.

Do you plan to use a tour company?

☒ Yes - Attach detailed tour information

☐ No - Attach a detailed itinerary and a satisfactorily completed Off-Site Activity Risk Assessment (720 E 006)

7. Contingency Plan

Describe considerations in case of bad weather, cancellations, delays, etc.
We intend to purchase travel insurance offered by the school division to address cancellations that are beyond our control. In the event of delays that will incur costs, we intend to have savings in our financial reserves to address this contingency.



8. Declarations and Signatures

Lead Teacher:

I have reviewed AP 720 AP 001 and understand my responsibilities as lead teacher for this proposed international trip.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Principal:

I have reviewed this proposal and am supportive of the plan in principle.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Superintendent or Designate:

I have reviewed the proposed international trip plan and the lead teacher's plans comply with division procedures. I am supportive of the plan in principle.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

OHS Officer:

I have reviewed the proposed international trip plan and the lead teacher's plans comply with division procedures.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Recommendation to the Board:

The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees authorize this international trip proposal in principle; thereby allowing the lead teacher to inform students and parents and to continue planning.

Approved in principle:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Date: _____

Board Motion # _____



MEDICINE HAT BAND

Spain & Portugal Tour Itinerary

MARCH 29 – APRIL 7, 2024
(subject to change)

Friday, Mar. 29 – Depart Calgary for London

- ✈ Overnight flight to London

Saturday, March 30 – Arrive London – Valencia, Spain

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- ✈ Arrive at London Airport. Met by MCM ARTS Staff
- ✈ Depart for Valencia
-  Check-in
-  Dinner

Accommodation: Valencia

Sunday, Mar. 31 – Valencia

B/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Visit to the Old Town

- Valencia's Old Town, also known as Ciutat Vella, is a charming and historic neighborhood located in the heart of the city. It is home to many of Valencia's most iconic landmarks, such as the Cathedral of Valencia and the Plaza de la Virgen. The winding streets and narrow alleys of the Old Town are lined with medieval buildings, colorful squares, and bustling cafes, making it a favorite spot for locals and tourists alike. One of the highlights of Valencia's Old Town is the Central Market, a bustling indoor market that has been in operation for over a century. Here, visitors can find an incredible selection of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, and local delicacies, as well as souvenirs and crafts. The market is a true feast for the senses, with vendors calling out their wares and the smells of fresh produce and spices filling the air.

 Watch Easter Parade

 Lunch (on your own)

 Depart for City of the Arts and Sciences

- The City of Arts and Sciences is a cultural and architectural complex in the city of Valencia, Spain. It is the most important modern tourist destination in the city of Valencia and one of the 12 Treasures of Spain.

 Dinner

Accommodation: Valencia

Monday, April 1 – Valencia – Alicante

B/L/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Depart for Coves de Sant Josep

 Tour the Coves de Sant Josep

- Coves de Sant Josep offers its visitors a quiet boat ride along one of the most spectacular navigable underground rivers. The visit includes a 800-meter boat ride and a 250-meter walking tour.

 For lunch (included) today we will travel to Albufera National Park to see where the famous rice dish - Paella was created. Our experience will include a short boat trip on the lake followed by a traditional prepared Paella lunch.

- Paella is a rice dish originally from Valencia. While it is commonly viewed by non-Spaniards as Spain's national dish, Spaniards almost unanimously consider it to be a dish from the Valencian region. Valencians, in turn, regard paella as one of their identifying symbols.

 Depart for Alicante

 Visit Santa Barbara Castle

- Santa Bárbara Castle is a fortification in the center of Alicante, Spain. It stands on Mount Benacantil. Bronze Age, Iberian, and Roman artifacts have been found on the slopes of the mountain, but the origins of the castle date to the 9th century at the time of Muslim control of the Iberian Peninsula, from 711 till 1296.

 Depart for Villa Universitaria

 Check in

 Dinner

Accommodation: Villa Universitaria, Alicante

Tuesday, April 2 - Alicante – Granada

B/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Performance

 Depart for Granada

 Arrive Granada. Lunch (on your own)

 Check in

 Visit to Alhambra

- *The Alhambra is a UNESCO palace and fortress complex that was begun in 1238 in Granada, Andalusia, Spain. It is one of the most famous monuments of Islamic architecture and one of the best-preserved palaces of the historic Islamic world, in addition to containing notable examples of Spanish Renaissance architecture.*

 Dinner

 Shopping in La Alcaicería Market

Accommodation: Granada

Wednesday, April 3 – Seville – Albuferia

B/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Depart for Seville

 River Cruise Seville

- *For one hour you will cruise along the city's main river and enjoy the wonderful views of Seville's most beautiful panoramas, including the historical center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site for some years now. Observe the picturesque 19th century popular houses of Triana, and the enchanting bridges. You will also sail around the Parque de Maria Luisa to get a view of the 1929 Ibero-American Exhibition.*

 Lunch in Seville (on your own)

 Depart for Albuferia

 Check in

 Dinner

- *Albufeira is a coastal city in the southern Algarve region of Portugal. It's a former fishing village that has become a major holiday destination, with sandy beaches.. Local fishermen now use the modern marina, also a base for diving, dolphin-watching and boat trips. It's surrounded by candy-colored apartments, with a waterfront promenade.*

Accommodation: Albuferia

Thursday, April 4 – Albuferia

B/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Activities will start in Algarve area, the southernmost region of Portugal. The Band will visit Fargo, Ria Formosa Natural Park, learn about Cork and explore the beautiful coastline and beaches of Albufeira.

- *Cork is one of the most characteristic natural products of Portugal and is part of everyday life without even realizing it. In fact, Portugal is the biggest cork producer in the world and produces more than 50% of the world's cork supply. The vast majority of this is made into wine bottle stoppers but, increasingly, more and more cork is being sold to the construction and fashion industries and even to the space industry.*

 Lunch (on your own)

 Afternoon Performance

 Dinner

Accommodation: Albuferia

Friday, April 5 -- Albuferia – Lisbon

B/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Depart for Lisbon

 Performance on route

 Lunch (on your own)

 Continue to Sintra where we will visit the National Palace of Pena

- *The National Palace of Pena stands out as the renowned jewel in the crown of the Sintra Hills. The surrounding park, in close harmony with the magical character of the palace, triggers emotions of mystery and discovery. In its nooks and corners, our gaze gets lost amongst its charms. The coloured tones of the palace, the pinnacle of Romanticism in Portugal and the eternal legacy of Ferdinand II, the King-Artist, opens the doors to the imagination of all those who cross its threshold, with the infinite shades of green painting the surrounding park establishing an idyllic scenario, frequently hidden under the veil of the mists that characterise the Sintra Hills. As if having stepped out of a fairy tale, this has been the place of dreams for all the generation who have passed here and gazed upon its magnificence.*

 Continue on into Lisbon

 Check-in

 Dinner

Accommodation: Lisbon

Saturday, April 6 -- Lisbon

B/D

 Breakfast at Hotel

 Here the Band will explore this amazing city including historic Alfama area, Belém Tower a 16th-century fortification, and Mosteiro dos Jeronimos built by King Manuel I in 1502. A big part of Culture is food and Lisbon is a city with a sweet tooth, and its most iconic pastry is the palm-size pastel de nata, or egg tart, a creamy custard tart. During their visit the Band will have the opportunity to taste this wonderful treat at the cafe where it all started.

 Farewell Dinner!

Accommodation: Lisbon

Sunday, April 7 – Lisbon – Depart for Home

 Depart for home



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Portugal travel advice



Take normal security precautions

Latest updates: The Health section was updated - travel health information (Public Health Agency of Canada)

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Spain travel advice



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