Foreign Travel

In the Harry Stone IB MYP program

The Purpose of Foreign Travel in the MYP

Here's the IB program stated purpose for students. Foreign travel compliments these goals.

- be encouraged to think independently and drive their own learning
- take part in programmes of education that can lead them to some of the highest ranking universities around the world
- become more culturally aware, through the development of a second language
- be able to engage with people in an increasingly globalized, rapidly changing world.

Our Goal

The more we know about the rest of the world, the less threatening the world and its people seem to us. We see this as a continuation of Maria Montessori's Peace Education.

How the PTA fits in to these plans.

District field trip policies and procedures have increasingly become more difficult with a lot of red tape.

Harry Stone PTA will be the organizer of the school's foreign travel plans. PTA is not beholden to the same red tape as staff. A committee will be created for this purpose.

Logistics

Things to consider for travel

- International travel always requires a PASSPORT.
- Think about clothing needed for the destination:
 - Quebec is snowy in March. Costa Rica is tropical.
- What kind of access to money do you want to send with your student? Card? Some cash?
- Students should have a particular place to carry passports, cards, cash and other important items like a pouch that they can put around their necks to avoid losing these items.



Costs can range from \$1,200 to \$3,000 and higher, depending on location and duration

Where do we want to go?

Possible Future Destinations

The goal is to support our foreign language programs for now. We can possibly expand this approach in the future.

Spain

Costa Rica

Panama

Puerto Rico

France

Canada

Student Travel Companies

All of these companies are vetted, insured, and have a strong reputation. Many have been doing these tours since the 1960s and 1970s. This list is just a few of the many organizations to choose from.

EF Tours

Explorica

<u>Worldstrides</u>

Holbrook Travel

Immersion Tours

Some cost estimates by location

London + Paris, 8 days < \$3,000 Costa Rica or Panama, 8 days < \$2,400 Spain, 9 days - \$3,800 Quebec, 4 days - \$1,700

Destinations thus far

Quebec City, Quebec, Canada (Immersion Tours)





Questions?