

MEMORANDUM

TO: Salt Lake City Board of Education  
Dr. Elizabeth Grant, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Leeson Taylor, Ed. D., Executive Director  
School Leadership and Support

DATE: April 8, 2025

RE: Spring Submission for 2025-26 Overnight/Extended Trips or  
Activities Part II

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**Summary:**

In accordance with Board Policy I-19, we are submitting additional requests that outline the intent of schools to conduct overnight/extended trips or activities for the 2025-26 school year. The original forms with appropriate signatures from the principal, SIC Chair and SCC Chair are on file in the School Leadership and Performance office.

Please note that sponsors do not always have detailed information this far in advance but have attempted to be as complete as possible. Not all trips requested will occur, so they have made their best predictions. Fundraisers and/or grants will support all school-sponsored trip expenses and schools must adhere to Policy I-19 (overnight and extended trips) and Policy G-8 (transportation of students).

In addition, students that qualify for fee waivers cannot and will not be discouraged or not allowed to participate, and schools must be able to absorb the costs for fee waivers.

**Requested Board Action:**

Attached are the schools that have requested additional overnight/extended trips or activities for 2025-26 and have been approved through School Leadership & Support. We are asking that the board approve the attached trips.

CC: File

2024-25 Student Overnight Trips

School	Student Group	No. Of Students	Sponsor	Destination	Mode of Transportation	Approx. Dates	Type of Events	Est. Total Travel Cost/ Student	No. of School days Absent	Fund Raiser	Educational Objective
West High School	HOSA	35-36	Garth Macfarland	Indianapolis	Air	June 16-21	HOSA International	\$1,200.00	0	Yes	Leadership training, networkin: compete in events qualified for at the competition
West High School	Choir	15	Andrea Hernandez	Carnegie Hall NYC	Plane and Ground Transit	March 25-30, 2026	Choral Showcase	\$1,200.00	3		This is an opportunity to work with world class composers.
West High School	Cross Country	30	Joe Vignogna	Bob Firman invite, Boise ID	SLCSD school bus preferable	Sept. 26-28	Race	\$200.00	1	No	Running race at highly competitive level
West High School	Theatre	5-20	Stacey Hutchings	Cedar City, UT.	School bus	Jan. 22-24, 2026	Utah Theatre Association Conference	\$450.00	2	Yes	Workshops and training with industry professionals. Attending 2 theatrical productions
West High School	DECA	20	Stuart Morris	Atlanta, GA	Plane and Bus	April 25-30, 2026	National Competition	\$1,200.00	3	Parking	State DECA winners compete at the International DECA conference
West High School	Debate	5-15	Ryan Knippel	Phoeniz, AZ	Airplane	Jan. 2026	ASU Tournament	\$1,000.00	1-2	Yes	Enhance critical thinking skills, improve public speking boost academic resume
West High School	Debate	5-15	Ryan Knippel	Northbrook, IL	Airplane	Nov. 2025	Glenbrooks Tournament	\$1,000.00	1-2	Yes	Enhance critical thinking skills, improve public speaking, boost academic resume
West High School	Debate	5-15	Ryan Knippel	Richmond, VA	Airplane	June 15-20, 2026	NSDA Nationals	\$1,000.00	1-2	Yes	Enhance critical thinking skills, improve public speaking, boost academic resume
West High School	Debate	5-15	Ryan Knippel	Lexington, KY	Airplane	April 2026	Tournament of Champions	\$1,000.00	1-2	Yes	Enhance critical thinking skills, improve public speaking, boost academic resume
West High School	Boys Soccer	40	Connor Mitchell	St. George, UT.	Bus	March 6-8, 2026	Tourney	\$250.00	1	Yes	Allow student athletes to prepare for season by competing with out-of-state schools
West High School	Girls Soccer	40	Gabriel Cheng	St. George, UT.	Bus	August 13-16, 2025	Team Trip	\$500.00	0	No	Team building and preseason soccer game
West High School	Science Olympiad	30	Crystal King	Southern Utah Universit, Cedar City, UT.	Bus	March 27-28, 2026	Science Competition	\$150.00	0	Yes	Compete in State Science Competition
West High School	Science Olympiad	30	Crystal King	US University, TBD	Plane	May 21-24, 2026	Science Competition	\$1,200.00	2	Yes	Compete in National Science Competition
West High School	FBLA	20	CTSO/Sonja Blakham	Nationals Orlando, FL.	Airplane	June/July 2025	National Competition	\$1,200.00	0	Yes	Leadership, business concepts, team building
West High School	Girls Tennis	10	Sonja Blakham	St. George, UT.	Drive	August 2025	Tournament	\$300.00	0	Yes, Jazz Parking	Competitive Play
West High School	FBLA	20	CTSO/Sonia Blakham	Nationals Anaheim, CA.	Air	June/July 2026	National Competition	\$1,200.00	0	Yes, Jazz Parking	Leadership , business concepts, team building
West High School	Wildlife Bio	30	Dani Bainsmith and Erin Capra	Bonderman Field Station Moab, UT.	Bus	April 30-May 2, 2026	Research field trip	<\$50	2	Probably not	Field research, career and college highlight
West High School	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Nampa, ID	Bus	March 4-8, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$500.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
West High School	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Flagstaff, AZ	Bus	March 11-15, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$500.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
West High School	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Denver, CO	Bus	March 18-22, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$500.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
West High School	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Las Vegas, NV	Bus	March 25-30, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$500.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
West High School	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	San Jose, CA	Airplane	September 26-29, 2025	Robotics Competition	\$700.00	2	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
West High School	Beamline for schools	10	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Pocatello, ID	Bus	June 15, 2026	Science Competition	\$700.00	0	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
West High School	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Monterrey, CA	Airplane	March 4-8, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$700.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning

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<b>West High School</b>	Robotics Club	30	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Houston, TX	Airplane	April 15-19, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$800.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
<b>West High School</b>	Robotics Club	40	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	San Diego, CA	Airplane	March 11-15, 2026	Robotics Competition	\$700.00	3	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
<b>West High School</b>	Beamline for schools	10	Alison Bulson, Enrique Arce-Larreta	Chicago, IL	Airplane	June 15, 2026	Science Experiment	\$700.00	0	Yes, various	Inspire youth to go into STEM using project-based learning
<b>West High School</b>	FCCLA	10	Heather Powers	Washington, DC	Flight/Air	July 5-11, 2025	National Leadership Conference	\$1,200.00	0	Yes	Leadership training, compete in STAR events for scholarship, networking, explore career opportunities
<b>Rose Park Elementary</b>	Sixth Grade	50	John Olson and Mayra Vaca	Jordanelle State Park	School bus	September 11-12, 2025	Wasatch Mountain Institutes Field Ecology program	\$0.00	1.5	No	Sixth grade students to learn about field science at the Rock Cliff Nature Center. Students will learn about Utah's ecology and wildlife.
<b>Beacon Heights Elementary</b>	Sixth Grade	60	Judith Marcy	Rock Cliff Nature Center, Jordanelle State Park	School bus	Late September to early October	Overnight camp	\$89.00	2	No	Experience observation and understanding of local ecosystems. Strengthen critical thinking skills and increase awareness of good land management strategies
<b>SLCSE-Bryant</b>	Entire 7th Grade	160	Janet Barnette	Wasatch Mountain Institute (WMI)	School bus	September 22-26	Overnight Trip (1 night for each group)	\$90.00	2	No	Science - Strand 7.2 changes on Earth over time Utah Studies- Strand 1 Native Innovations and Adaptions Math and Language Arts - TBD Curriculum aligned with core standards will be created with WMI
<b>SLCSE-Bryant</b>	Entire 8th Grade	160	Brittany Dame	Wasatch Mountain Institute (WMI)	School bus	May 18-22	Overnight Trip (1 night for each group)	\$90.00	2	No	Science - Strand 8.3 Life Systems Store and Transfer Matter and Energy US History - Strand 6 Expansion Math and Language Arts - TBD Curriculum aligned with core standards will be co-created with WMI