

Progress**FOREIGN STUDY PROGRAMS ABROAD**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizes the potential value in foreign study programs in which students travel to other countries, depending on the nature of the program and the readiness of the individual student to participate in such a program. The policy of the School Board is that participation in such programs is a determination to be made by the student and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the student. Therefore, neither the School Board nor its employees shall endorse a specific foreign study program; nor is the School Board in any way responsible for the activities of the program.

If an organization or entity wishes to address students on the possibility of participating in a foreign study program, the principal of the school, at his/her discretion, may authorize the use of public school facilities for this purpose, subject to established guidelines for the use of such facilities and subject to the following conditions:

- A. Activities designed to foster participation in a foreign study program must be conducted at a time and place, and in such a manner that such activities will not disrupt scheduled instructional programs.
- B. Participation of students in such activities shall be on a voluntary basis.
- C. At such activities, the organization or entity fostering a foreign study program shall provide orally and in writing a prepared statement absolving the School Board and its employees of any liability for a student's safety, health, or other event that may endanger the participant while en route to, participating in, or returning from a foreign study program abroad.

Should a student participate in a foreign study program abroad, the Miami-Dade County school which the student normally attends will withdraw the student's name from the active membership file for the period of time the student is not in attendance at that school.

The School Board does not participate in foreign study programs. The Board's interest is limited to ascertaining whether the credits achieved by a student participating in such a program are validly transferable to Miami-Dade County Public Schools' graduation requirements as established by the School Board.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2) F.S.

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