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**INTERNATIONAL/DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT STUDENT TRAVEL
PARENT/GUARDIAN EMERGENCY FORM**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Purposeful, well organized and properly supervised travel experiences enable students to discover new worlds, stimulate interest in further learning, increase cultural awareness, bring historical events to life, provide firsthand experiences with scientific and environmental topics, develop self-assurance, enhance language skills, and solidify an appreciation of the American way of life.

Specific guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures are developed in order to screen, approve, and evaluate student travel. Also, they serve to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken for the safety of the participants, as well as to establish the highest educational value possible. However, because student travel experiences normally take place away from school property and outside of the normal school setting, they involve additional factors and risks over which the schools have no control.

For this reason, the Parent/Guardian Release Agreement is a key document in the acceptance process for a student. Please read carefully and sign the following information and conditions of participation which constitute a formal parental release. After signing this, please return to the sponsoring teacher at your school.

By signing the following, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) expressly understand and agree that costs, expenses and fees may not be refunded if the extended travel program is canceled, altered or terminated early based upon future circumstances or events, including without limitation, government advisories regarding travel, actual or threatened terrorist acts and other circumstances which may affect the health, safety and welfare of participants.

I, _____, being the parent or legal guardian of _____, give my consent for emergency medical and surgical treatment in a licensed hospital by a licensed physician should his or her condition require it in my absence. I understand that in such a case, reasonable attempts would first be made to contact me, time and conditions permitting.

As long as the medical or surgical treatment considered necessary in the situation is in accordance with generally accepted standards of medical practice for the particular type of injury or illness involved, I impose no specific prohibitions regarding treatment unless stated here (if none, so state).

In consideration for my daughter/son going on the _____ trip, I hereby release Jefferson County Public Schools and its personnel from any legal claim arising from the administration of medication and the administration of emergency medical treatment:

Verification of medical insurance: **Include a copy of insurance card (must show name and policy number).**

If a student does not have medical insurance, sponsor must contact the Risk Management Department to purchase a **"Tripster" Policy**.

This authorization is for the time period beginning _____ and ending _____

Signature of Parent

Date

Please read and sign the following Parent/Guardian Release Agreement:

Jefferson County Public Schools Parent/Guardian Release Agreement

Extended Travel Program

Name of Sponsor

The student whose signature(s) appears below desires to participate in the above Extended Travel Program. In consideration of the Jefferson County School District (JCSD) accepting the student in the Extended Travel Program, the undersigned student and his/her parent or guardian acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. The Extended Travel Program will take place away from school district property, may involve transportation provided by common carriers or other non-school provided means, overnight stays in hotels, motels, or other non-school district facilities, and may involve activities beyond the scope of traditional school functions conducted on JCSD property.
2. The student's participation in the Extended Travel Program is entirely voluntary and that by undertaking to have the student participate in the Extended Travel Program, the undersigned parties expressly acknowledge that such participation potentially involves risks and obligations that are impossible to predict but which are beyond the scope of those normally associated with traditional school functions conducted on JCSD property. These may include, but are not limited to, the risk of loss or damage to personal property, the risk of sickness, personal injury or death while participating in the Extended Travel Program and the obligation for payment of fees and costs associated with the Extended Travel Program. Since September 11, 2001, the risks also involve the potential for actual or threatened terrorist acts. Such acts may include, without limitation, risks of personal injury, illness, death and the loss of or damage to personal property. The risks also include that the trip may be canceled, altered or terminated early because of actual or threatened terrorist acts. In such cases, fees and expenses may not be refunded depending upon the policies of the trip organizing company and individual travel, accommodation and activity providers. Please note that trip cancellation insurance is optional.
3. The undersigned parties exempt and release Jefferson County Public Schools, its directors, officers, agents, employees, teachers, and schools from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions or causes of action whatsoever arising out of any damage, loss, injury or death, except where the School District would otherwise be liable for such damage, loss, injury, or death under law. By signing below, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) agree to assume all risks associated in any way whatsoever with the extended travel program. The scope of this Release and assumption of risk includes, but is not limited to:
 - Any and all claims of whatever nature for any injury, loss or both caused by any vehicle or services, strikes, war, terrorist act or threat of terrorist act, weather, sickness, quarantine, government restrictions, advisories or regulations, or from any act or omission of any airline, railroad, bus transportation, sightseeing, hotel, foreign family, or any other service or transporting company, firm, individual or agency, or for any other cause whatsoever in connection therewith.
 - Any injury regardless of nature or cause, whether resulting or not in death, to the participant of the undersigned, whether alone or in association with others.
 - Any damage or injury regardless of nature or cause to property of the undersigned or his/her participant, whether real, personal, or mixed.
 - Any financial or other obligations incurred by the undersigned or his/her participant during the program, including without limitation obligations or liabilities incurred in any country in which the program is conducted.
 - Any taking, publishing, or otherwise using photographs or films of the participant or the undersigned, either alone or with others, during the course of the program as may be deemed acceptable by JCSD. It is expressly understood that all such potential losses, damage, injury or death are not known and cannot be determined as of the date of this Agreement, but it is the express intent of the undersigned parties that this Release and assumption of risk apply to any and all such unknown damage, loss, injury, or death.
4. The undersigned parties agree to pay all applicable costs, expenses, and fees arising out of the student's participation in the Extended Travel Program, and further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Jefferson County Public Schools, its officers, agents, employees, teachers, and schools, against any claims for such costs, expenses and fees. By signing below, the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) expressly understand and agree that such costs, expenses and fees may not be refunded if the extended travel program is canceled, altered or terminated early based upon future circumstances or events, including without limitation, government advisories regarding travel, actual or threatened terrorist acts and other circumstances which may affect the health, safety and welfare of participants.
5. During the Extended Travel Program, Jefferson County Public Schools shall have full authority to take whatever action it deems reasonably necessary to safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of the participating student, which expressly includes but is not limited to, authorization to secure medical treatment for the participating student, or in the discretion of JCSD, to return the participating student to his/her home.

6. The student's participation in the Extended Travel Program may be terminated for the student's failure to abide by Jefferson County Public Schools Students Responsibilities and Rights Policy, for failure of the student to abide by the instructions of his/her teacher guide during the Program, or for failure to make timely payment of all fees and expenses. If the termination occurs during the program, the undersigned parent/guardian agrees to bear all costs associated with the student's return home. When it is necessary to return a student home, the sponsoring teacher, or staff member, will personally notify a parent/guardian or emergency contact.
7. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to School District policy for their failure to abide by the students rights and responsibilities policy and any rules set forth by the teacher and chaperones on the trip.
8. Jefferson County Public Schools reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary or to adjust program costs to reflect changes in exchange rates, in fuel costs, or in extraordinary inflation overseas.
9. Jefferson County Public Schools also reserves the right to cancel the program due to insufficient participation or to other circumstances. Where the program is canceled, all monies may be refunded, with the exception of application fees, as specified by the sponsoring agency. As set forth above, if the trip is canceled based on outside circumstances or events, including, without limitation, government advisories regarding travel, actual or threatened terrorist acts, and other circumstances which could affect the health, safety or welfare of participants, monies may or may not be refunded, depending on the policies of the trip organizing company, travel, accommodation and activities providers.
10. Any earnest money deposit does not imply, in any manner, acceptance of a student to the travel program.
11. The undersigned as the responsible parent/guardian, agrees to inform the sponsoring teacher of any history of mental/physical/emotional or behavioral issues of the student that could affect the general welfare of him/her and/or the group prior to the stated date of acceptance or denial to participate in the travel activity.

We have thoroughly read and understand the statements and conditions stated herein and agree to the terms of the Agreement, as noted by my/our signature(s), as follows:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature	Date
Student Signature	Date
Sponsor Signature	Date