

8th Capstone Experience

Background:

Aiming for an international experience (2017/2018)

France & Spain vs. Costa Rica & Canada

EFT Tours - immersion experience French/ Spanish

Minimum 30 students

Price range 1,000 - 1,500 vs. 3K

Paschale & Thomas (UC) have experienced

Minnesota Global Villages - at the time, languages were offered all at once

~850 per student

Current: GA history/ Savannah trip

Language exchanges - hope on ongoing relationships

One language at a time, on a rotating basis - at some point in middle school, 6th / 7th / 8th you would have the opportunity to go to another country. More parent participation; less obvious if you don't attend

Fall break or spring break timing so less expensive flights / not missing as much school / students who don't attend feel less left out

Current ideas:

As of kindergarten, set up savings account toward 8th grade trip

- Where does this live?
- What about families who leave GLOBE?

Parent concerns (via 2018 survey) were not only price but safety concerns, not comfortable sending that age child abroad

Staff as chaperones, not parents

Local "language camp" possibility - Pascale D. may follow up

Family trips abroad over the summer but with the possibility of scholarship assistance

Local organizations to partner with

Action items:

Auction - special project to help fund 8th grade trip

Bank that GLOBE works with could help set up multiple savings account

Parent survey → who do we send it to? 5th, 6th & 7th graders

If we organized this kind of trip, would you potentially send your child? (can select “yes” for any or each) - 3 questions or rate 1st, 2nd, 3rd

- Once a year 8th grade international trip (3 simultaneous trips for all 3 tracks at once) Yes / No
- Once a year 8th grade domestic capstone trip to MN Concordia Language villages camp Yes / No
- Once every 3 years (once in middle school) your language track would have the option to go abroad, open to 6th - 8th graders Yes / No **concerns about 6th grade participation

Under each of the 3 options:

If “no,” Check off areas of concern for each:

- Financial concerns
- Concerns about safety & security
- Religious or cultural factors
- Other: _____

Provide information:

- Ballpark prices for each trip & a sense of how long each trip would be
- How much information can we provide about where students will be (big cities vs. small towns)
- Goals: cultural immersion, visit a school, service project (connect to our graduate profile, DLI program) vs a tourist trip

Messaging: Seeking parental input & priorities & thoughts, as we explore this options, so we have a sense of community’s preferences as we move forward / which to focus on . We are thinking through options of how to support families financially. Are there ways students can earn hours? Can there be a certain amount of funds (e.j. 5%) that always go towards this trip? (option to donate separately) Can there be a banking set up as of LC?