

# Mt. Vernon High School

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Dr. Parker and Mt. Vernon Community School Board of Trustees-

I am petitioning a request for permission to take a group of Spanish language speaking students and teachers to Spain over Spring Break during the 2020-2021 school year. I would like to take a group of up to 20 students and 4 teachers, maintaining a 1:5 ratio between teacher and student. Our selection criteria would be as follows:

1. AP Spanish students and heritage learners.
2. Spanish 3 students.
3. Spanish 2 students.
4. Spanish 1 students.
5. Spanish Club members, priority from seniors down to freshmen

This program will operate through Foreign Links Around the Globe's (F.L.A.G.) short term program, so dates and specifics (including price) are still to be determined based on what information the International Partners are able to accommodate. Students will be placed in an immersive home-stay experience. Running the program through FLAG will ensure that the families the students are placed with are fully vetted by completing a full application as well as home visit interview, background and reference checks.

The students would be in Spain for 8 - 10 days, including travel days, preferably during the 1st week of Spring Break, beginning on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Completing the trip during the first week of Spring Break will allow students to reset from jet lag during the second week of break. The trip will allow for both educational school experiences and cultural experiences. These dates are subject to change based on what the International Partners' responses are. I submitted a request to FLAG. They reached out to two of our partners requesting confirmation of interest in participating as well as the cost associated with the trip.

I have included supporting documents to this request including a written proposal prepared by Jennifer Roland, Trish Laughlin and Cara Adams. The proposal details the goals of the trip, the preliminary plan as well as the lasting legacy of this exchange experience.

I am excited to offer Spanish speaking students this opportunity to fully immerse themselves in a Spanish speaking country. This trip will provide a significant benefit to them in furthering their language abilities as well as provide cultural insights that will prepare them to succeed in a global society.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Jennifer Roland, Director of International Exchange Program