

ROBSTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AGENDA ACTION SHEET

Date: May 4, 2026

Subject: Discuss and consider approval of the out-of-state travel request for elementary and junior high students to travel to Orlando, Florida in May of 2026 to compete at the International Academic Competitions

Administrator Responsible: Joshua Garcia

Position: Director of Teaching & Learning

A. Purpose of Agenda Item:

- Information Only
- Action Needed

B. Authority for this Action:

- Local Policy
- Law or Rule [FMG\(LOCAL\)](#)

C. Strategic Objective, Goal, or Need Addressed:

D. Summary:

Administration seeks board approval for an out-of-state travel request for elementary and junior high students to attend the International Academic Bee competition in Orlando, Florida, in May 2026. This opportunity supports student achievement in Science/History and recognizes academic excellence through national-level competition. Travel arrangements, supervision, and funding details will be coordinated in accordance with district policies and procedures.

Attachments: School Board Guarantee

E. Alternatives Considered:

As an alternative to out-of-state travel, the district considered virtual participation or limiting competition to local and regional levels. However, the National Science/History Bee does not offer a virtual option for this level of competition, and qualifying students have earned the opportunity to compete nationally. Attending the in-person event in Orlando provides a unique educational experience that fosters academic growth, national recognition, and motivation for continued excellence in Science & History. Limiting participation would restrict students' access to this prestigious opportunity.

F. Comments Received:

G. Administrative Recommendation: To approve the request of out-of-state travel for elementary and junior high students to attend the National Academic Bee competition in Orlando, Florida in May of 2026.

H. Fiscal Impact and Cost: At this time, there is no immediate fiscal impact as the request is for approval to proceed with planning and coordination. Final costs will be determined based on the number of participating students and finalized quotes for travel, lodging, and registration.

I. Monitoring and Reporting Timeline: 2025-2026