

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of March 11, 2025

ITEM: **OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (EDSET) TO PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK IN PACINES, CALIFORNIA**

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TYPE OF ITEM: **CONSENT**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to approve the overnight field trip for Albany High School Environmental Design Science Engineering and Technology (EDSET) students to Pinnacles National Park in Pacines, CA.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

All field trips and excursions that occur overnight require prior approval from the Board of Education. Requests shall be presented to the Board of Education at least one month in advance of departure unless the timing of the event and the Board meeting schedule do not provide sufficient time for prior approval or make prior approval impractical.

DETAILS:

Students in the EDSET program take AP Environmental Science in their junior year. AP Science standards require that students understand investigative techniques and survey methods. EDSET takes a trip each year to provide students hands-on experience in a different ecological community than the one found in Albany. The EDSET program as a whole seeks to give students the opportunity to experience working in a professional environment and take on adult roles and responsibilities.

Twenty (20) students in the Albany High School Environmental Design, Society, English, and Technology (EDSET) program, along with three (3) teachers, will participate in a two-night camping trip at Pinnacles National Park Group Campsite in Pacines, CA. The trip begins on Wednesday, March 26th in the afternoon; students will be driven by district-approved adult drivers to the campsite, and will return to Albany on Friday, March 28th by 12 noon.

The itinerary and activities for this overnight field trip include discussions of sustainability, biomes, cultural sites, biodiversity, hikes, ranger program, campfire, s'mores, banana boat, designated student time

Real-world activities will help students to understand human impact on the environment and how ecosystems function by observing these dynamics in situ, outside the classroom. By working together to set up and maintain camp, to prepare meals and clean up, students will learn how to function as a team and foster communications skills while also learning to balance contributions.

DATES OF TRIP: March 26 - 28, 2025

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total field trip fee per student is \$100.00. Funding will come from families and EDSET funds. No EDSET student will be denied the opportunity to participate.

STRATEGIC GOALS ADDRESSED:



Objective #1: *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



Objective #2: *Support the Whole Child. Goal: We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP: ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM (EDSET) TO PINNACLES NATIONAL PARK GROUP CAMPSITE IN PACINES, CALIFORNIA