MT. SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Agreement Form for Students Traveling Abroad

Directions: Fill in the following form, read and initial as indicated, and sign on page 2. **Do not leave blanks!**

Name of Activity/Excursion: _____

Name of Class/Club: _____

Country/Location of Activity/Excursion: _____

Participant Name (name on passport): _____

Passport Number: _____ **Expiration:** _____

Trip/Excursion Departure Date: _____ **Return Date:** _____

Agreement (please read and initial below):

_____ ***Initial above*** I have voluntarily enrolled in the activity/excursion involving foreign travel indicated above. **I understand and agree to all of the following:**

- Travel to any foreign country may involve changes in plans, unexpected delays, and limited access to some services;
- I am subject to the laws of the country visited;
- The college cannot be held responsible or accountable for the actions of a foreign government or its representatives;
- By their very nature, the use of transportation, housing, food and other goods and services or activities in connection with participation in this program and tour carries a risk of personal injury, property loss, or both, to participants. In spite of these risks I wish to participate in the course and tour, and assume the liability and responsibility for any and all potential risks that may be associated with participation in the program;
- I agree to release and discharge the district, its officers, employee and agents from liability for injury, damage or loss of any kind, that may arise in any way or for whatever reason out of participation in the course and tour;
- After my airline ticket has been issued it is non-refundable;
- The payment for the trip is non-refundable as of 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date unless the district cancels the trip;
- The district reserves the right to cancel the trip or my participation in the trip, at its discretion and at any time, as long as all money paid to the district by me for the trip is refunded;
- I have no known medical condition that would risk my health or safety by my participating in the course and tour; or
- I have a known medical condition. Information has been provided to the District via the Volunteer Activity / Excursion Form and Waiver.
- I am expected to follow all applicable board policies that may apply to the course and trip, and adhere to the student code of conduct

Acknowledgement of Potential Risks to Traveling Abroad (please read and initial below):

_____ ***Initial above*** I have voluntarily enrolled in the activity/excursion involving foreign travel indicated above. **I have read, understand, and acknowledge all of the following potential risk of travel outside of the U.S.:**

- Once you leave U.S. jurisdiction, you are no longer covered by U.S. laws or U.S. Constitutional Rights. Should you be detained or arrested for breaking any laws, remember when you are in a foreign country you do not have the "presumption of innocence" that you enjoy in the U.S. Learn more about your destination before you go via **Country Information**.
- Political changes may occur during your experience making your presence in the country more risky.
- In some countries, and certain areas within countries, there may be an anti-American sentiment. Growing anti-American displays of violence require that U.S. students be extra prudent and cautious. In such situations wearing clothes that label you as an American, for example, university or pro-team shirts may target you for difficulties. Check the U.S. State Department Travel Advisories regularly: http://travel.state.gov/.
- There are unique challenges while traveling abroad. Students with special considerations, such as women, LGBTQI+, and travelers with disabilities, may face additional challenges in other countries. Visit **U.S. Students Abroad** for more information and resources.
- Travel arrangements may change requiring unexpected alternative travel arrangements, which may increase the risks for your safe travel.
- There may be unexpected road hazards and traffic conditions making travel more hazardous than you experience in the U.S.
- Traveling alone or at night increases risks of scams and robberies.
- Your experience may require more traveling than you would normally do at home. This means you may be using a variety of public transportation such as buses, trains, metros, taxis, and planes. Use care when using public transportation. Do not display money, wallet or other valuable items. Never leave luggage unattended. Beware of pick-pocketers and purse-snatchers, especially in crowded areas as you may be bumped casually and be unaware of any violation.
- Be careful of being befriended by strangers. Do not give out your name or address to unknown people. Do not take food or drink from unknown people.
- Robberies may be more commonplace. Exercise the same precautions you would in any U.S. city. Always be alert to where you are, what you are doing and who is around or may be watching you. Do not walk alone at night. Never carry large amounts of cash. Use money belts or a concealed purse for your passport, visa, money, credit cards and other documents.
- Food and water conditions may be unsanitary or different and cause illness.
- There will be numerous cultural and language barriers which you may learn about and should act accordingly.
- Health care may not be as readily available, and may not be provided at the same level as you have experienced in the U.S.A.
- Do not accept or transport packages, boxes, suitcases, etc., from anyone unless you know the person and contents. Unsuspecting travelers have been given such to bring to the U.S.A. only to find they contain drugs or other illegal items.
- Be cautious and alert. You should always remain aware of where you are, what you are doing, and who is around you.

I have read, understand, and agree to all of the above.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature*: _____ **Date:** _____

**A parent/guardian signature required if student under the age of 18.*