

SUBJECT:	Consideration and possible approval for senior students in the Maritime, Audio Video Production, and Criminal Justice programs of study at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School to participate in a hands-on cruise experience aboard a Carnival Cruise January 21-25, 2027, at a cost of approximately \$550 per student.
BACKGROUND:	In an agreement with Carnival Cruise Lines, 38 senior Maritime, Audio Video Production, and Criminal Justice program of study students and 7 adult chaperones, including one campus administrator, will have an opportunity to see their pathway in action. CTHS students have participated in eight previous Carnival cruises during 2015-2020 & 2024-2026 with great success. Aboard the Carnival Breeze, students will have classrooms available for training and study, speakers will share shipboard careers such as vessel operations, engineering, security, safety operations, and navigation. Students will take an exclusive behind-the-scenes guided tour to view vessel operations, including meeting the captain, visiting the bridge, and touring the galley, crew living areas, and the engine control room. Students will not exit the cruise ship for any excursion at the ports of call. Students will also have dedicated time each day for the completion of school assignments. The cruise departs from Galveston, Texas on Thursday, January 21, 2027, and returns to port on Monday, January 25, 2027. All staff chaperones are trained in school district policy regarding expectations and duties prior to the trip. All rules of conduct established by the school district will be strictly enforced. A contingency plan for travel and health advisories will be followed if needed. Schedule changes may occur due to weather or other external factors and conditions.
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:	The cost of the trip is approximately \$550 per student to be paid using funds donated by business partners, fundraising and student contributions.
RECOMMENDATION:	We recommend approval for senior students in the Maritime, Audio Video Production, and Criminal Justice programs of study at the Dr. Kirk Lewis Career and Technical High School to participate in a hands-on cruise experience aboard a Carnival Cruise January 21-25, 2027, at a cost of approximately \$550 per student.

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BOARD MEETING DATE: September 22, 2026