



Field Trip Board Approval Form

Instructor: Penle Mayak / Sandy Carr Date of Request: 1/26/2017

Program: Career Planning Session: AM ☐ PM ☐ Both ☒

Date(s) of Trip: March 7, 2017 Time(s): 8-2

Number of students participating: up to 15

Destination: Mercyhurst University - Performing Arts Centre

Address: 501 E. 38th St Erie PA 16546

Mode of transportation: Bus

List of chaperones (where applicable):
Penle Mayak + Sandy Carr

Educational Rationale: Ethics Symposium

Cost to students: N/A (Attach an itemized description if necessary)

Cost to Program: N/A

Where applicable please attach itinerary.

Principal's Signature: Joseph Tarasowicz Date: 1/26/17

Applicant's Signature: Penle Mayak Date: 1/26/2017

Board Approval Date: _____

All Erie County Technical School Field Trips Must Adhere to Operating Committee Policy #231

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What is the Ethics Symposium? In partnership with Mercyhurst University, the Rotary will host a one-day event for local high school juniors that focuses on promoting thoughtful dialogue defining ethical behavior and choices. Based on Rotary's Four-Way Test, the symposium's curriculum is designed to present in engaging, diverse and interactive formats, including a play presentation, small classroom discussions and a unique "open mic" session. Students are encouraged to think about ethics in a more holistic approach, and how the choices they make impact their lives, their family and friends, and their community.

How is the day organized? The day begins with the now iconic opening play written by Rev. Shawn Clerkin from Gannon University. Rev. Clerkin directs Gannon student actors in this play that focuses on ethical decisions high school students face on a daily basis. After the play, the Symposium includes a breakout sessions of 15 students per group (2 or less per high school—a great interschool event) moderated by a college professor and facilitated by a Rotarian who continues to focus the discussions relative to the 4 Way Test. Specially written case studies are used to draw out the students' opinions. A favorite part of the day is the Open Mic session where all of the students gather after lunch and openly discuss typical moral dilemmas and issues important to them. All of this is offered at no cost to the school districts except for transportation and any cost for a substitute teacher if needed!

When is the Ethics Symposium? March 7, 2017. Students will be returned to school before the end of the day.

Who should attend? The event is open to high school juniors from all Erie County schools. Each school may select 15 students to attend the symposium with four selected alternates and two teachers. Act 48 training with respect on how to integrate ethical decision-making into the curriculum is also offered to the teachers. It is recommended that you send a *diverse* (ethically, culturally, and academically) group of students from each school.

How do we register? Registration will be completed online. More information will be forthcoming.

What is past feedback? Quotes from 2016:

~"I can't imagine not being a part of something so important not only for the students but the community".

~"This really was a wonderful day; a day well organized and filled with great conversations".

~"My students had many positive comments to share on our way home. They enjoyed the opportunity to join their peers from other schools in discussions about making decisions, to learn about a valuable tool and strategy in the Four-Way Test".

If we have questions, who do we contact? Co-Chairs Ethics Symposium Outreach Committee:

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