

**Franklin Public Schools
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

Action Required

Subject: Out of State/Overnight Travel **Date:** September 12, 2023
Dept: High School

Reason: Past practice of the Committee requires a vote to allow students/staff to travel outside of the State/Country **Enclosure** Yes

Background

Recommendation:

Vietnam/Cambodia/Thailand Trip - Chris Penza

I recommend approval of the request of Chris Penza to take FHS students to Vietnam/Cambodia/Thailand in April, 2025 as detailed.

Action Requested of the School Committee:

Majority vote of the Committee is required.

<u>Vote Tabulator</u>			
C. Bernstein:	Y / N	D. McNeill:	Y / N
D. Callaghan:	Y / N	M. Whitmore:	Y / N
Al Charles:	Y / N	D Spencer:	Y / N
E Stokes:	Y / N	Action:	_____

A scenic view of the Angkor Wat temple complex in Cambodia. The temple's five towers are visible against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a pond reflects the temple and is surrounded by palm trees. A group of Buddhist monks in orange robes stands on a rocky shore in the lower right, looking towards the water. The overall scene is peaceful and historic.

Travel Tour

Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand • April 2025

Experience colorful history, exotic landscapes, and captivating spiritual traditions of Southeast Asia

Thriving Hô Chi Minh City provides a thought provoking perspective on Vietnam's tumultuous 20th century. The temples of Cambodia are spellbinding monuments to ancient Buddhist cultures. Bangkok's culture comes alive on the Chao Phraya River and the Thonburi canals known as klongs.



Agenda

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Trip Advisors

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Why travel?

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Where & When

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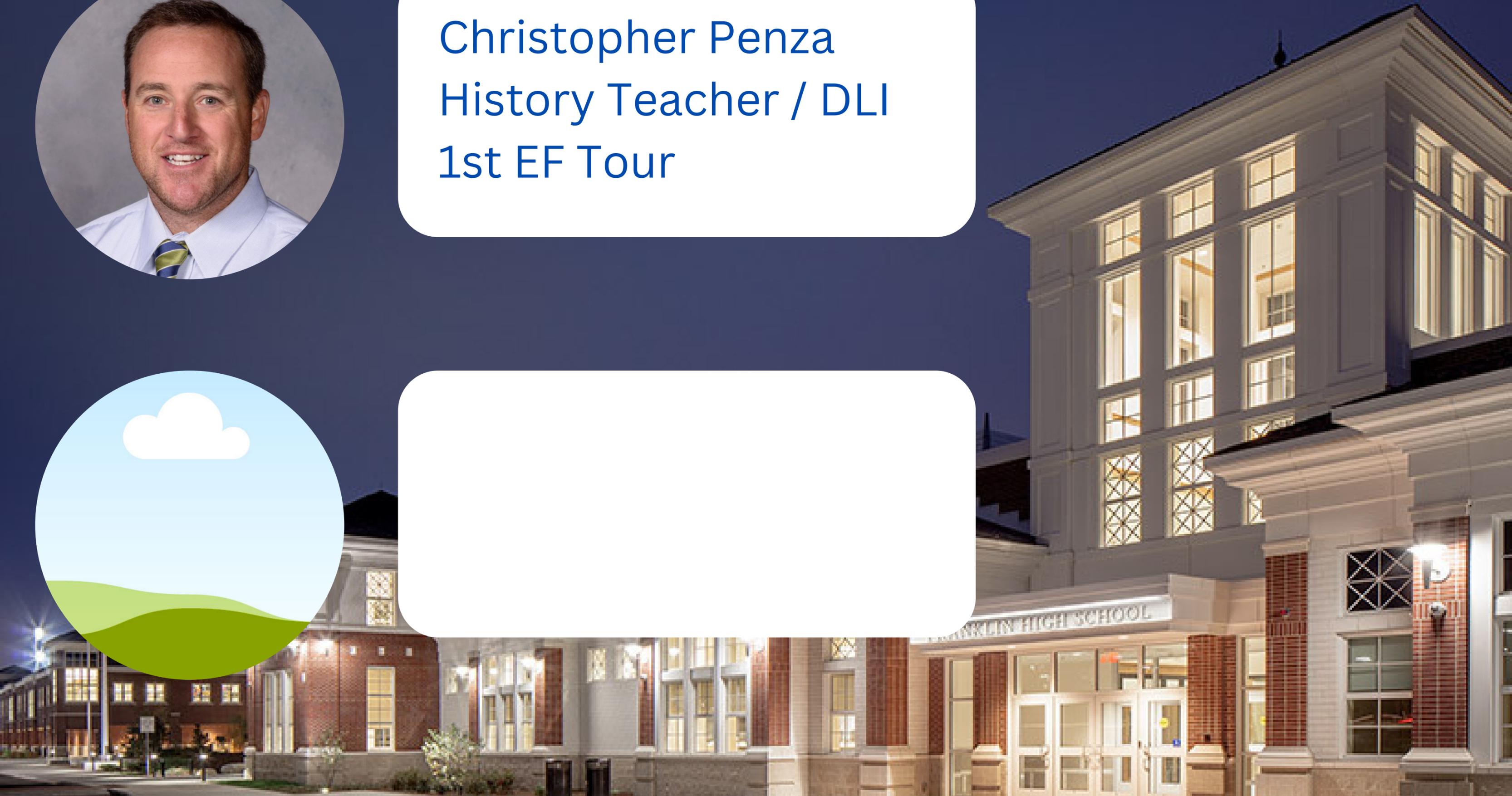
FPS partnership with EF Tours

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Tour Itinerary



Christopher Penza
History Teacher / DLI
1st EF Tour





Why Start Planning Now?

- Planning now makes travel significantly more affordable with low manageable monthly payments.
- Allows time for students to fundraise
- Presenting trip information now provides enough time for students and guardians to determine feasibility.



Educational Tours

Our Travel Partner

- World Leader in International educational tours
- 50+ years of experience
- Worked with over 500 schools
- Offices in 53 countries
- Guaranteed lowest price
- Best insurance policy in the business

YOUR TOUR

TEAM & SUPPORT



Full-time Tour Director



Expert Local Guides



Personalized Learning Support



Continuous Support



Worldwide Presence



24-hour Emergency Service



Peace of Mind Program

Let's Talk Safety!

EF Tours provides our group with:

- 24/7 Tour Director
- Local presence
- 24-hour emergency line
- Peace of Mind Policy
- Support for FPS safety policies

FPS will provide your students with:

- Excellent chaperone to student ratio 6:1
- Strict enforcement of school safety policies and expectations.
- No drinking or drugs





Book With Confidence

Peace of Mind Program

This benefit is built into every EF tour. It provides groups with flexibility to change the dates and destination of their tours in uncertain times.

Global Travel Protection

Available to all travelers, this plan provides both pre-departure and post-departure benefits.

- \$165 for base insurance option
- Additional \$295 for enhanced "cancel for any reason" option



About this trip

April 18 - 28, 2025

Tentative

Includes:

- Travel Insurance
- Airfare & Transportation
- Hotels
- Regional-style Meals
- Guided Sight-seeing
- Entrance fees to museums

Student Voices

"Life changing experience
- saw things and did
things that I would not
experience in the USA"

"Most memorable 2
weeks of my life.
Do it when your young
so that you remember it
longer."

"An experience that will
last a lifetime. The
educational component
was extremely strong..."

Write your
agenda point

DAY 1

Fly overnight to Vietnam

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DAY 2: Hồ Chí Minh City

DAY 3: Hồ Chí Minh City

DAY 4: Hồ Chí Minh City

DAY 5: Hồ Chí Minh City • Siem Reap

DAY 6: Siem Reap

DAY 7: Siem Reap

DAY 8: Siem Reap • Bangkok

DAY 9: Bangkok

DAY 10: Bangkok

DAY 11: Depart for home

Itinerary

[Link](#)



Trip



Vietnam War Remnants Museum



Mekong Delta

Highlights



Angkor Wat



Grand Palace

What's Included

- ✈ Round-trip airfare
 - 🏠 Safe, quality hotel rooms
 - 🗣 24/7 bilingual Tour Director
 - 🚗 On-tour transportation
 - 📅 Educational itinerary
 - 📹 Guided tours and activities
 - 🍽 Breakfast and dinner daily
 - 🛡 24/7 on-tour assistance
 - 👥 Traveler Support Team
 - 👉 Tour Donation Page
 - 🌐 weShare online education platform
 - 📱 UnCommon App college essay toolkit
 - 🎒 Travel backpack
 - 🌐 Global Travel Protection Plan
- (And a few things you'll need to cover)**
- 🌐 Passport and visa fees
 - 🛫 Airport baggage fees
 - 🍽 Lunches and snacks
 - 👛 Spending money
 - 💵 Tips



Pricing

Student

\$4,629 or... \$239 / 20 months



Prerequisite
Must be in good academic
and behavioral standings

Franklin Public Schools



Portrait of a Graduate



Reflective & Innovative Problem-solver

Reflective about our culture, country, food, etc. Travel will implore students to compare/reflect what they know to what they are seeing.

Empathetic & Productive Citizen

Gives students a different perspective on cultures other than their own.

Effective Communicator & Collaborator

Students must challenge themselves linguistically and work as a team to navigate a new environment.

Curious & Creative Thinker

Builds curiosity in many areas such as: education, food, transportation, etc.

Confident & Self-aware Individual

Confidence is gained by travelling away from family, and self awareness is built for the same reason, as well as making sure they understand those around them.

Educational Opportunities

College Credit

Option to earn 3 college credits by completing some college-level work based on the trip

College Applications

Use your experience on the tour to inspire your personal essay. Students can access the "Uncommon App" through EF Tours to help structure their college essay.

An aerial photograph of terraced rice fields on a hillside. The fields are filled with golden-yellow rice, and the terraces are separated by green earthen walls. In the middle ground, two people are walking on a path. To the right, there is a small wooden hut with a corrugated metal roof. The overall scene is vibrant and scenic.

Thank You

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