

Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education

The Board recognizes that field trips, when used as a device for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum, are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Such trips can supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom. The Board also recognizes that field trips may result in lost learning opportunities in missed classes. Therefore, the Board endorses the use of field trips when the educational objectives achieved by the trip clearly outweigh any lost in-class learning opportunities.

All groups requiring transportation are to travel by school bus or school vehicle. Each student must provide a parent permission slip.

All student activities requiring an overnight stop will require prior approval of the Superintendent. Such activities must also meet the requirements above. Building principals have the authority to approve all other field trips.

Building principals shall develop procedures for the operation of a field trip. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities that enhance its usefulness.

Overnight senior trips for recreational purposes will not be allowed. Other senior trips shall be at the discretion of the Administration.

No staff member may solicit students during instructional time for any privately arranged field trip or excursion without Board permission.

Conduct which violates common decency or morality will not be permitted on school property or at school activities not held on school property. Violators may be suspended or expelled.

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