

Instruction

Field Trips

The Board of Education recognizes that field trips (curricular and extra-curricular events that occur off school grounds) are opportunities to enrich the school experience. The Board supports such trips, provided that they contribute to the educational program of the district or otherwise provide a benefit to the intellectual, physical, social, or emotional development of students. (Foreign Language Trips are not included under this policy, but are addressed in Policy #6153.1.)

All field trips must have the written approval of the Building Principal and the final approval of the Assistant Superintendent. If any activity is to be overnight or out-of-state, the Board of Education will be so notified at least 45 days before the trip is to be held.

The faculty member(s) who organized the field trip shall participate in the trip and be responsible for supervising the conduct of students. The Building Principal shall ensure that an adequate number of chaperones accompany students. All school staff, under the direction of the administration, shall take reasonable and prudent steps to safeguard the well-being of students who are participating in field trips. Parents and other school volunteers may serve as chaperones.

Written approval of a parent or guardian on forms provided by the school is required for participation of students in field trips (excluding extra-curricular activities). The student participating in a field trip is a representative of his/her school and is expected to behave accordingly. The rules of conduct which pertain to students in the school also apply to the student on a field trip. In order to maximize the opportunities for students to participate in field trips, the school may ask students to contribute to the expenses associated with the field trip. No student shall be excluded from a field trip due to a demonstrated inability to pay.

Appropriate classroom instruction shall precede and follow each field trip. Normally, all field trips are to begin and end at the school.

The Board of Education will provide appropriate transportation for school groups to approved activities in communities outside the school district. Students and parents are not allowed to drive private vehicles on field trips. School system employees are discouraged from driving their own vehicles on field trips and may only do so when the requirements of Board Policy 3541.44, "Use of Private Automobiles on School Trips," have been fulfilled.

(cf 3541.44 Use of Private Automobiles on School Trips)

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