

Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education

The Board recognizes that field trips, when used as a device for teaching and learning that is 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 educational objectives achieved by the trip outweigh any lost in-class learning opportunities

All field trips (in-state and out-of-state) must be approved in advance by the Board. The administrator, or designee, will provide the Board field trip requests from the teaching staff for Board review and approval.

District Administrator, or designee, will develop procedures with respect to field trips, excursions, and outdoor education. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinate with grade level standards, objectives and lessons which enhance its usefulness.

Staff members may not solicit students during instructional time for any privately arranged field trip or excursion without Board permission.

The immediate presence of a person with a currently valid first aid card is required during school-sponsored activities, including field trips, athletic and other off-campus events.

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