

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.

Field trips which take students out of the state must be approved in advance by the Board. The Superintendent has the authority to approve all other field trips.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the operation of a field trip which shall insure that the safety of the student shall be protected. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities which enhance its usefulness.

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

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