

Field Trips

The Governing Board recognizes that field trips are important components in the instructional program of the schools. Field trips which are properly planned and implemented can:

1. Supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools.
2. Arouse new interests among students.
3. Help relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school.
4. Bring resources beyond the classroom within the scope of a student's learning experience.
5. All field trips involving travel outside the continental United States must receive Board approval prior to initiation of any travel arrangements or fund raising activities. Board approval is required no less than three months prior to the planned trip. Field trips involving out-of-state travel shall require the prior approval of the Superintendent. The Board will receive notification of field trips involving out-of-state travel by students. Other field trips shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with administrative regulations.
6. In no event shall a district employee involved in a district-sponsored or sanctioned student trip/visit receive any type of financial remuneration/benefit, direct or indirect, cash or in kind, from any airline, travel agency, or similar travel organization related to any such trip without advanced approval by the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee.
7. Employees of the district may not solicit student participation during school hours, in nondistrict sponsored travel trips. Employees are required to notify the principal/area Superintendent of travel involving students and provide documentation that the students/parents/guardians are aware that the trip is not sponsored by the district.
8. On all school-sponsored trips involving students, provision shall be made for proper supervision by school employees. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in such supervision.

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation: School-Related Trips)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8760 Authorization of outdoor science and conservation programs

32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit

32041 Field trips

32043 Snake bite kits on field trips

32044 Violations

35330 Excursions and field trips within state; to other state; District of Columbia or to a foreign country

35331 Provisions for medical or hospital service for students (on field trips)

35332 Transportation by chartered airlines

44808 Liability when students not on school property

48908 Duties of students (re: authority of teachers over students)

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