
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.

Field trips which take students out of the state or are planned to keep students out of the district overnight must be approved in advance by the Board. Outdoor education resident school plans will be presented to the board for annual approval. The Superintendent has the authority to approve all other field trips.

The Superintendent will develop procedures for the operation of a field trip or an outdoor education activity which will insure that the safety of the student shall be protected and that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities which enhance its usefulness. Private vehicles may be used to transport students if approval is obtained in advance from the Principal.

Many organizations outside the District sponsor travel-study tour opportunities for groups of students accompanied by teachers. While recognizing the many beneficial learning experiences available through such programs, the District takes no position approving or disapproving organizations offering such services or student participation in such programs.

Students shall not be excused from school attendance nor staff members excused from their regularly-assigned duties to participate in such tours.

Any staff member promoting or organizing travel-study tour opportunities is acting as a private individual, and/or as an agent of a private tour organizer, and does not represent the District. The District specifically disclaims any involvement with, or responsibilities for, the operation of such travel

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



<i>CROSS REFERENCES</i>	<i>Policy 6625</i>	<i>Private Vehicle Transportation</i>
	<i>Policy 3520</i>	<i>Student Fees, Fines, Charges</i>
<i>LEGAL REFERENCES</i>	<i>RCW 28A.330.100(5)</i>	<i>Additional powers of board</i>
	<i>RCW 67.20.020</i>	<i>Parks—Contracts for cooperation</i>
	<i>WAC 180-87-090</i>	



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