

FIELD TRIPS/OVERNIGHT TRIPS/WORLD TRAVEL TRIPS

Field Trips

The use of field trips to extend the learning opportunities provided in the regular instructional program and to provide opportunities for competition for students in extracurricular programs is a valuable activity. Principals are expected to consider the educational value of the trip, the availability of the learning opportunities and the distance, time and expense involved in the trip. Principals are also responsible for following all procedures for requesting approval of field trips. Only properly insured modes of transportation are to be used for school trips. Principals should insure that no student is denied participation on a field trip because of the expense of the trip. Trips shall be approved by the principal and superintendent or designee.

The Board does not endorse any privately sponsored trips for students.

Overnight Trips

Athletic and academic competition trips of more than one day duration which involve housing and feeding of students away from home shall be approved by the superintendent. The School Board will approve all other overnight trips. Only high school students will be permitted to participate unless approved as set forth herein. Special consideration will be given to middle school students in state, regional, or national competitions. The middle school principal and superintendent or designee shall approve middle school student participation.

World Travel Trips

The School Board does not sanction as a school sponsored trip any charter flight or planned trip abroad which is not part of the instructional program. Any such trip is strictly private and solicitation may not be made through the schools by private sponsors, including faculty members who might be serving as sponsors.

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