

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 shall be presented to the board for annual approval. The superintendent has the authority to approve all other field trips.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the operation of a field trip or an outdoor education activity which shall ensure 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.

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

Cross References: Board Policy 6625 Private Vehicle Transportation
3520 Student Fees, Fines, Charges

Legal References: RCW
28A.330.100(5) Additional powers of board
67.20.020 Parks Contracts for cooperation
WAC 180-87-090 Improper remunerative conduct

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