

**FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth and development are considered appropriate extensions of the instructional program. To the extent that they provide an effective means of accomplishing general curriculum objectives of the school, field trips shall be authorized by the building administrator.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advanced preparation of the class, and opportunities for pupils to assimilate the experience during and at the conclusion of the trip. To this end, teachers and principals will be expected to consider the following factors in the selection of field trips:

- Value of the activity to the students
- Exposure to diversity not available in schools
- Relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction
- Suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of the age level
- Mode and availability of transportation
- Cost

All students participating in a field trip activity must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian. Other field trip safety guidelines are outlined in the Emergency Care and First Aid policy (EBBC).

Parents/guardians should notify their child's teacher at least one (1) week in advance regarding any special accommodation a student may need in order to participate in a field trip. In the event of a last minute field trip, parents should notify the school immediately.

In the smaller school districts there may not be sufficient school staff for the student to remain in the school building. Any student not participating in a class/school field trip will be provided appropriate school work related to the field experience and supervised either at school or when absolutely necessary can work from home.

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