

FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Field trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth and development are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. Field trips may be authorized by the building principal to provide a more effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objectives of the schools. All field trips must be educational and are subject to requirements established by the School Board and/or the Superintendent.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advance preparation of the class and opportunities for students 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 selection of field trips: (a) value of the activity to the particular class group(s); (b) relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction; (c) suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of the age level; (d) mode and availability of transportation; and (e) cost.

Additionally, the School Board requires that:

- A. Parents will be informed regarding school field trips.
- B. All trips must be within budgetary allotments for such purpose.
- C. Private transportation provided by teachers or parents should be avoided. School bus transportation may be used when arrangements can be made to do so without disrupting regular school bus schedules.
- D. **Supervision** will be provided by teachers and chaperones in order to maintain discipline on the trip.

Cross Reference: JH: Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
JK: Student Discipline

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