

INSTRUCTION

Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education

The Board recognizes that field trips, when used as devices for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum, are educationally sound and important ingredients in the instructional program of the schools. Such trips can supplement and enrich the curriculum by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom. While not always a direct extension of classroom studies, co-curricular activities are recognized as components of a total school experience. The educational value of the field trip experience and co-curricular activities shall be weighed against the loss of regular school-based instruction. Field trips are an extension of the curriculum and shall be aligned with the Essential Learnings.

Field trips and co-curricular activities, 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. In unusual circumstances and in the event of a time conflict, the superintendent or his/her designee may approve a request for travel as necessary without Board approval. The superintendent or his/her designee has the authority to approve all other field trips and co-curricular activities.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the operation of a field trip or co-curricular activity, which shall protect the safety of the student(s) and ensure that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school. As per policy 6625, staff and parents may transport students in private vehicles if approval is obtained in advance from the principal and the student's parent(s) or guardian(s). The student may, in special circumstances, transport himself/herself to the event so long as satisfactory evidence of private insurance is available.

No staff member may solicit students for any non-school sponsored field trip or co-curricular trip on District time or using District facilities except as authorized by the superintendent.

Cross References:

(cf. 6625 Private Vehicle Transportation)
(cf. 3520 Student Fees, Fines, Charges)

Legal References:

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

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