

## FIELD TRIPS

Field trips should bear a direct relationship to the goals and objectives of learning outcomes held for a classroom, school or activity. They should be appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students and should be based upon an assessment by the teacher of student needs, interests, maturity and readiness. Appropriate instruction shall precede and follow each field trip.

Professional staff are expected to carefully weigh the advantages and disadvantages of a proposed field trip and to discuss the proposal with the building principal. Field trips shall be considered as instruction and planned as such with definite objectives determined in advance. In addition, field trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth and development are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. Approval of field trips shall be by the building principal.

Teachers or other certified personnel shall accompany students on all field trips and shall assume responsibility for the student's safety and proper conduct. Violations shall be reported to the principal or elementary coordinator.

Written approval of parent/guardian is required for participation of students in field trips.

Appropriate educational experience and proper supervision shall be supplied for any students whose parents do not wish them to participate in a field trip.

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