

FIELD TRIPS

Educational field trips are considered a vital part of the curriculum. Educational field trips are those that are directly related to ongoing classroom instruction. They can provide the most effective means of accomplishing certain objectives related to given aspects of the instructional program. Trips should be considered as a method of instruction and planned as such with definite objectives determined in advance.

In order to secure maximum educational benefit from a field trip experience, students will be oriented for the trip in advance. There will be adequate follow-up and tie-in of field trip experiences with classroom activities and discussions after the trip.

The school shall have a budgetary allocation so that effective planning can be made. Educational field trips should be conducted within the school day.

Written parental approval must be obtained for each field trip. The signed forms showing parent approval will be kept on file for one year.

School transportation will be provided within budget limitations. In all instances, adult drivers will be provided. Parent provided transportation must be equipped with proper child restraint devices for children required by law to use them.

On all school sponsored trips involving students, provision will be made for proper supervision by school employees. Parents or other approved adults may assist in such supervision.

Consideration will be given to reasonable accommodations to allow the participation of students with allergies. This shall include review of any food to be provided by the school for consumption on the field trip.

All field trips must be approved by the school principal. The School Board's approval is required for any overnight trips.

Cross Ref: Policy ICC Special Use of School Buses

Legal Ref: NDCC 39-21-41.2 Child restraint devices - Evidence

POLICY ADOPTED: 23 Oct 05
POLICY AMENDED: 21 Aug 09