

4220 Field Trips

Policy 4220

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FIELD TRIPS

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Description:

The Board of Education encourages the use of organized off-campus trips that will serve worthwhile educational outcomes and fulfill District and school goals.

The Board recognizes that the delivery of varied programs using the field trip as a learning medium requires coordination, safety precautions and financial resources. In order to protect the student, the teacher and the parent, and in order to distribute opportunities and resources as equitably as possible to all students in the district, the Board will review from time to time, the regulations that specify the Board's position. These regulations and preferred practices will be outlined in the District Field Trip Handbook. The Board will provide the services of a district administrator to manage these regulations.

Field trips within the borders of Canada that focus on Canadian heritage, regional differences and cultural diversity are encouraged.

Field trips that may extend beyond the borders of Canada, and focus on relevant cultural and educational outcomes, will be supported by the Board.

The Board believes that curricular and extracurricular activities involving travel are an important offering to our students. In the interest of student safety these activities must be carefully planned, executed and controlled, but they are an established part of school life and are a vital element in the overall educational program. Extracurricular activities must advance legitimate educational goals, minimize the amount of lost instructional time through careful planning within the calendar; and must be effectively supervised in a manner to protect the students and the programs.