

## **Non-School-Sponsored Trips**

A non-school-sponsored field trip or tour is defined as a group tour sponsored by an individual teacher or teachers, a travel agency, or any other individual or association, but not sponsored by a Barrington Public School or the Barrington School Committee.

Non-sanctioned field trips organized by employees acting as independent contractors/agents involving students on a volunteer, self-supporting basis are not approved by the Barrington School Committee and are not considered a part of the curriculum. Such travel may involve youth who are students, but it is not related to or approved in any way by the school system. Organizers of trips by groups of students planning to travel under the auspices of an individual or non-school agency must advise parents/guardians and emancipated students in writing that the travel is neither authorized nor sponsored by the school.

Promotional literature for non-school-sponsored field trips shall contain a statement clearly indicating that the tour is not sponsored by the school or by the Barrington School Committee. Principals should not permit recruiting of student travelers, or planning activities during regular school hours.

The school does not excuse absences for non-school-sponsored field trips. Teachers are not responsible for creating schoolwork ahead of time. Students must make up missed academic work.

Total responsibility for privately planned field trips or tours rests with the individual(s) and agency sponsoring them. The school system bears no responsibility for travel arrangements. The district assumes no legal or financial responsibilities for non-sanctioned field trips.

Under no circumstances may school activity accounts (internal accounts) be used as a depository/disbursement source for funds for non-school sponsored trips.

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