FIELD TRIPS, EXCURSIONS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Board recognizes that field trips when used as a device for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Such trips can supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom.

The Superintendent has the authority to approve field trips, including those that take students out of the District overnight. Outdoor education (defined as Environmental Education; learning outside in nature to promote lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of nature) resident school plans will be presented to the Board for annual approval.

International field trips require prior approval by the Board.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for the operation of a field trip or an outdoor education activity which shall insure that the safety of the student shall be protected and that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities, which enhance its usefulness.

Private vehicles may be used to transport students if approval is obtained in advance from the Administrator. All staff transporting students will possess a type II license.

No staff member may recruit students for any privately arranged field trip or excursion without administrator permission.

Cross References:

Board Policy 3520 Student Fees, Fines, or Charges

6625 Private Vehicle Transportation

Legal References:

RCW 28A.330.100(5) Additional powers of board

67.20.020 Contracts for cooperation

WAC 181-87-090 Improper remunerative conduct

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