

007.320 FOREIGN TRAVEL OR TRIPS

A. FOREIGN TRAVEL NOT SCHOOL SPONSORED: The Board of Education recognizes that foreign travel or trips may provide experiential learning opportunities for students. Nevertheless, the Board does not organize or sponsor such trips. This includes, but is not limited to, trips outside the regular school program or outside the regular school year in which students attending Pikeland Community Unit School District No. 10 participate or where organized and accompanied by teachers or staff employed by the Board of Education. Students parents, and those accompanying students, should recognize that foreign travel or trips are not school activities.

B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: To prevent any misunderstanding on the part of students or parents, where foreign travel or trips are organized by teachers or staff, they are expected to obtain from students and parents an acknowledgement that they understand that the travel or trips are private and not sponsored by the Board of Education or School District. This acknowledgement is to be provided to the Superintendent in a form approved by the Superintendent.

C. SCHOOL FACILITATION: The Board of Education and School District may at times facilitate foreign travel by providing information, holding funds (see subparagraph D), or otherwise. Students and parents should recognize that such facilitation is merely an aid to students and parents in making the arrangements for and making decisions regarding such trips but that neither the Board nor the School District are responsible for conducting or supervising the trip even if school personnel travel with the participants.

D. CLUB FUNDS: Some clubs raise funds for foreign travel or trips. This is not prohibited. Where a club raises funds for this purpose, the collected funds will be released for the travel or trips. However, this should not be considered as sponsorship by the School District. The activity remains a private activity.