Classroom Field Trips

For purposes of this Policy and the accompanying Administrative Regulation, a **field trip** shall be defined as any trip by students away from school premises that is an integral part of approved planned instruction, is conducted as a first-hand educational experience not available in the classroom, and is supervised by a teacher or District employee.

Field trips, when used for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum, are an educationally sound and important component of the instructional program.

Although no specific number of trips is allotted to any teacher, class or school, trips may be limited by budgetary guidelines, as determined by the Superintendent or designee. Absent exigent and unforeseen circumstances, all field trips require prior approval by the Superintendent or designee. The Board does not endorse, support or assume responsibility in any way for any District staff member who takes students on trips not approved by the Superintendent or designee.

District employees, chaperones, and students shall adhere to all school rules, Board policies and regulations during the course of the trip, as if they were on school property.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the right to cancel, postpone or terminate any trip in the event of war, acts of terrorism, natural disasters or other circumstances which might endanger the students or staff.

Field trips are to be conducted according to the provisions outlined in the accompanying Administrative Regulation.

Cross References

Policy and Regulation 6155 (Other Student Travel) Policy and Regulation 1300 (Volunteers) Policy 4150 (Insurance Protection - Employees Using Their Own Automobiles) Board Policy and Regulation 5312 (Participation in Programs & Activities - Economically Disadvantaged Students)