TRIPS

The district recognizes that 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 activities by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom.

The district also recognizes that trips, which are a part of the extra-curricular activities for students, provide additional learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom.

Trips, whether instructional or extra-curricular, which take students out of the state or are planned to keep students out of the district overnight must be approved in advance by the board, superintendent, or designee. Outdoor education resident school plans will be presented to the board for annual approval. The superintendent has the authority to approve all other trips.

The superintendent and/or designee will develop procedures for the operation of a trip or outdoor education activity which will ensure that the safety of the student is protected and that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school. Each trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities that enhance its usefulness. Private vehicles may be used to transport students if approval is obtained in advance from the principal.

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

Cross References: District Policy 6625 Private Vehicle Transportation

District Policy 3520 Student Fees, Fines, Charges

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

RCW 67.20.020 Parks — Contracts for cooperation

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