

FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Field trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth and development are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. To the extent that they provide the most effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objectives of the Londonderry Schools, field trips may be authorized by the building principal.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advance preparation of the class, and opportunities for pupils to assimilate the experience during and at the conclusion of the trip. To this end, teachers and principals will be expected to consider the following factors in selection of field trips: (a) value of the activity to the particular class group or class groups; (b) relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction; (c) suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of the age level; (d) mode and availability of transportation; and (e) cost.

The School District will agree to sponsor an overnight field trip if the following criteria are met:

1. The trip has a clear educational purpose and is directly connected with school district curriculum and/or programs (i.e. music, student council, athletics etc.).
2. The trip is supervised and directed by school personnel who are functioning as agents of the school district.
3. The trip does not seriously interfere with the regular education process and with student and teacher schedules unless authorized by the Superintendent, overnight field trips will not cause students to miss more than two (2) days of school.
4. There are no extraordinary risks to student safety and welfare inherent in the trip location or itinerary.
5. All trips to foreign countries and first time overnight trips must receive prior approval from both the Superintendent and School Board prior to any fundraising etc .and before commitments are made to students, parents, or any organization or entity.
6. The trip must receive approval of the Principal and the School Board based upon the above criteria.
7. Approval may be withdrawn by the Superintendent or School Board if unforeseen circumstances arise which produce student risk.
8. Any fundraising activities for the trip must be authorized by the Principal and/or Superintendent.
9. Students who are unable to participate in a field trip should not be placed at an academic disadvantage.
10. Commercial tours or other non-school sponsored trips must be organized and arranged away from school premises and outside regular school hours.
11. The appropriate field trip request form must be completed with all necessary backup material to initiate the approval process.
12. All chaperones must comply with IICA – R (Field Trip Procedures) and Policy GBCC (Anti-Fraternization Policy).

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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