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 activities by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom.

Field trips that take students in grades kindergarten through grade eight out of the state (except the Portland Metro vicinity) or keep students out of the district overnight must be approved in advance by the board. The School Board grants authority to the Superintendent to approve field trips that involve students in grades nine through twelve and include overnight trips and travel to destinations within five-hundred road miles. The board will be notified of the approval of all such field-trips.

Outdoor education resident school plans will be presented to the board for annual approval. The superintendent has the authority to approve all other field trips.

The superintendent will develop procedures for the operation of a field trip or an 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 field 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 field trip or excursion without board permission.

Cross References:	Board Policy 6625	Private Vehicle Transportation
	Board Policy 3520	Student Fees, Fines, or Charges

Legal References:	RCW 28A.330.100(5)	Additional powers of board
	RCW 67.20.020	Contracts for cooperation
	WAC 181-87-090	Improper remunerative conduct

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