

Instruction

FIELD TRIPS

The Governing Board recognizes that field trips are important components in the instructional program of the schools. Field trips which are properly planned and implemented can:

1. Supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools.
2. Arouse new interests among students.
3. Help relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school.
4. Bring all the resources of the community within the scope of a student's learning experience.

The Board may allocate funds for school-related social, educational or cultural purposes. Individual schools may be provided with budgetary allocations so that effective planning can be made for field trip activities.

No group shall be authorized to take a field trip or excursion authorized by the district if any student who is a member of that group will be excluded from participation because of lack of sufficient funds.

Each school is authorized to request voluntary student contributions for two study trips provided no student shall be prevented from making the study trip because of lack of funds.

All field trips involving out-of-state or overnight travel shall require the prior approval of the Board. Other field trips may be approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Out-of-state study trips will be scheduled outside of regular school year attendance days.

On all school-sponsored trips involving students, provision shall be made for proper supervision by school employees. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in such supervision.

No direct or in lieu financial benefits resulting from any out-of-state study trip will accrue to any staff member involved.

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The District shall provide a first aid kit whenever students are taken on field trips.

Whenever field trips are conducted in areas known to be infested with poisonous snakes, the following requirements of law shall be met (Education Code 32043):

1. The first aid kit taken on the field trips shall contain medically accepted snakebite remedies.
2. A teacher, employee or agent of the school who has completed a course in first aid which emphasizes the treatment of snakebites shall accompany the field trip. Such a first aid course shall be certified by the American Red Cross.

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

Outdoor Education Programs may be offered for up to five days. No students may be excluded due to lack of funds and no district funds may be utilized to support outdoor education activities.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8760 Authorization of outdoor science and conservation programs

32040 Duty to equip school with first aid kit

32041 Field trips

32043 Snake bite kits on field trips

32044 Violations

35330 Excursions and field trips within state; to other state; District of Columbia or to a foreign country

35331 Provisions for medical or hospital service for pupils (on field trips)

35332 Transportation by chartered airlines

44808 Liability when pupils not on school property

48908 Duties of pupils (re: authority of teachers over students)