

Lower Merion School District

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Section: PROGRAMS
Title: OVERNIGHT STUDENT TRIPS
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The Board of School Directors recognizes the educational value that overnight travel may have for groups of students. When trips are planned, it is essential that the purpose is consistent with the educational program and that all students wanting to go have the opportunity. Trips requiring extensive travel, extended absence from school, or excessive cost, are discouraged during the academic school year.

It is expected that overnight student trips enhance a course of study or further the learning objectives of the District's educational program. Trips should be limited to two or fewer days of absence from school. With the exception of substitute teacher costs, overnight student trips are not subsidized by the annual budget of the school district.

1. The Superintendent shall be responsible to draft written regulations and procedures consistent with the intent of this policy.
2. Overnight student trips for small numbers of students who represent a school or the District through performance and/or competition are not subject to the requirements of this policy. These activities must be approved by the building principal and/or the Activities and Athletic Director, and allocated for in the annual budget.
3. Overnight student trips for small numbers of students participating in student exchange programs are not subject to the requirements of this policy.
4. Board approval of overnight student trip proposals must occur at least eight (8) weeks prior to the trip itself, unless these trips pertain to students qualifying for state or national competitions.
5. Overnight student trips are to be planned, organized, and implemented by conforming to the Administrative procedures of this policy.

Cross reference: Policy and Administrative Regulation 121 (Field Trips and Class Trips)