

6230	Field Trip Policy
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School trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry can be appropriate and valuable extensions of the classroom and extracurricular activities. School trips can help meet educational goals and objectives by connecting learning with experiences outside the classroom environment.

Principals must approve day school trips, and the Head of Schools must approve any overnight school trips. Approval for overnight trips must be obtained prior to the trip. To be approved, a school trip must (1) provide an effective method for accomplishing curriculum objectives and extracurricular; (2) be consistent with the educational goals of the board; and (3) keep to a minimum any disruptions of other educational programs and/or loss of instructional time. The Head of Schools will be responsible for developing procedures for the request and approval of desired school trips.

Any fees imposed for school trips will be waived or reduced for students who demonstrate real economic hardship. The Head of Schools will be responsible for establishing procedures to review requests for fee waivers or reductions and to notify students and parents of the availability of and the process for requesting a fee waiver or reduction.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -288, -307