



INSTRUCTIONAL AND ACTIVITIES RELATED FIELD TRIPS

The Sumner School District Board of Directors recognizes the instructional value of certain instructional and activities-related field trips that provide educational opportunities which cannot usually be made available within the classroom or at the regular school site. Instructional field trips are defined as those planned activities away from the school which are directly relevant to instructional goals and objectives. Activity trips are those taken away from the school site and necessary for the implementation of the extra-curricular activities program.

The Board delegates to the office of the superintendent, the authority to approve instructional and activities related field trips subject to the following guidelines:

1. Appropriate regulations shall be developed to ensure the proper planning, implementation evaluation of any trips taken.
2. Student safety must be considered at all times.
3. Trips must be directly relevant to district-adopted or established instructional or activities programs or educationally valid opportunities.
4. Equivalent local resources shall be used before the trips are authorized outside the district.
5. Any loss of time from the regular student program shall be carefully weighed against the merits of the trip to be taken.
6. Economics of time, funding, staff and other resources must be considered.
7. No staff member may solicit students for any privately* arranged field trip or excursion without Superintendent permission.
8. District employees will not arrange private transportation for students.
9. All out-of-state trips and extended field trips shall require Superintendent approval.

Extended Field Trips

An extended field trip shall be defined as a multi-day venture taking place either in-state or out-of-state and organized as part of or complementary to the regular academic program, e.g. state conferences, performances by activity or competition for athletic and other school sanctioned activities.

*e.g. nonprofit or for profit travel associations, cultural tour organizations, religious based travel opportunities.