

Thompson Falls School District

INSTRUCTION

2320

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

Field trips of a distance exceeding 600 miles (one way) must be approved by the Superintendent at least 60 days in advance. Students earning the right to travel for competitions with less than the otherwise required 60-days notice may receive approval at the discretion of the Superintendent. Travel outside of the State up to 250 miles (one way) must be approved by the Superintendent, travel outside of the state greater than 250 miles (one way) must be approved by the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees at least six months in advance. The Superintendent may approve all other field trips.

The District shall develop procedures for the operation of a safe and productive field trip. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities which enhance its usefulness.

No staff member may solicit students during instructional time for any privately arranged field trip or excursion without Board permission.

The presence of a person with a currently valid American Red Cross standard first aid card or current certification from an equivalent first aid course is required during school-sponsored activities, including field trips, athletic and other off-campus events.

Legal Reference: ARM 37.111.825 Health Supervision and Maintenance

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