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**Participation of
School
Organizations in Off-
Campus Events**

Requests for participation of students in school activity groups or organizations in off-campus activity groups or organizations in off-campus events will be recommended by sponsors of the school groups or organizations and submitted to the principals for approval. The principal will determine that the trip complies with all policies and that other reasonable and proper provisions for the safety and well-being of the persons concerned have been made. If approved, sponsors will be diligent in ensuring adherence of students to the rules and regulations which govern behavior on campus.

Attendance or participation by a school activity group or organization at public or private functions will be consistent with the purposes and policies of both that organization and the district. The event will be directly related to subject matter being studied, be preceded by proper preparation, and be followed by a closure or follow-up experience. In scheduling school activities, an effort will be made to avoid conflicts. In resolving unavoidable conflicts, consideration will be given to the merits of each conflicting activity.

A waiver of liability, prepared by the district, will be required to be signed by an appropriate parent or guardian prior to a student's participation in an off-campus event. Parents or guardians who fail to execute such waiver of liability will be responsible for their students' necessary transportation for purposes of their participation in the event, and will be responsible for their student's safety and well-being while participating in any activity under the supervision of district personnel.

A trip which takes an organization from the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex will involve a performance or performances for which ratings are received or will involve sessions that will upgrade, improve, or enrich the performance or academic achievement of that group. Such a trip will be for the primary purpose of advancing the skills of that organization and/or the individuals involved. The pleasure or sightseeing aspects of the trip will be of secondary importance.

A trip will be reasonable in terms of distance and duration, and absence from class will be held to a minimum. Sanction of organizations outside of school-sponsored or UIL-sponsored groups will be the decision of the board of trustees.

**Transportation to
School-Sponsored
Activities, Trips,
Excursions, and
Tours**

When the district provides transportation for school-sponsored activities, trips, excursions, or tours, students who participate will be required to ride to and from the event in transportation provided by the district. Exceptions may be made if the student's parent or guardian provides written notification that the student will provide

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his or her own transportation to and from the event. The notification must be signed by the parent or guardian, provided to the trip sponsor and state the name of the person(s) who will provide transportation for the student or state that the student will drive his or her own vehicle to the event. District staff will not transport students to and from events in their personal vehicles.

If air travel to the event is required, the event sponsor will arrange ground transportation for event participants in the city where the event occurs; students may not arrange for their own ground transportation. If the student's parent or guardian attends the out-of-town event, the parent or guardian may transport his or her child but may not transport other students.

The district will not be liable or responsible for any action, injuries, or damages that occur to students in vehicles that are not provided by the district.

The superintendent or designee will develop guidelines for the consistent and effective implementation of this policy.