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SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS

The School Board recognizes that school-sponsored trips are important components of a student's development. Besides supplementing and enriching classroom learning experiences, such trips encourage new interests among students, make them more aware of community resources and help them relate their school experiences to the outside world. The Board believes that careful planning can greatly enhance the value and safety of such trips.

The Superintendent or designee must approve all trips involving out-of-district travel.

Principals shall ensure that teachers develop plans which provide for the safety of students and their proper supervision by designated staff on all school-sponsored trips. Other school employees and parents/guardians also may participate in this supervision and may be asked to attend preparatory training sessions and/or meetings.

In advance of a study trip, teachers shall determine educational objectives which relate directly to the curriculum. Principals shall ensure that teachers develop plans which provide for the best use of students' learning time while on the trip. Teachers also shall provide appropriate instruction before and after the trip.

All chaperones and volunteers shall undergo background checks before accompanying any school sponsored trip. Volunteers must also meet the requirements as outlined in the Volunteer Handbook. The Superintendent shall develop procedures for enforcement of this policy.

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