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OXFORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Oxford Area School District recognizes the value of experiences outside the classroom which promote interest and broaden the scope of understanding. To that end field trip experiences are seen as an important part of the instructional program and a supplement to regular classroom instruction.

A field trip is an off-campus educational activity which furthers or enhances the instructional program for students. For purposes of this policy any off campus activity which is considered educational and intended to further or enhance the instructional program for students shall be considered a field trip so long as all of the conditions set forth in this policy are met. Trips planned must be available to all students and related to the students' current instructional program.

Field trips should be well-planned, meaningful experiences which support instructional goals and objectives and contribute to a student's knowledge and appreciation or understanding of a particular aspect of a subject being studied.

The following general guidelines shall be in effect when planning field trip experiences for students:

A. All field trips are to be well planned and organized to ensure that instructional objectives are met and that students benefit educationally from the experience.
B. Adequate supervision must be provided to insure that the field trip is conducted in a safe and secure manner for students. Parent volunteers may supplement the professional staff in providing supervision on an as needed basis.
C. No student will be denied participation in a field trip due to the inability to pay for fees, transportation or other related items.
D. Participation in a field trip experience will not be treated differently than participation in any other appropriate educational experience. Denial of participation for reasons of behavior can only occur if it can be shown that a student's participation will have an adverse effect on or will be a detriment to the participation of the other students.
E. All school rules are in effect while on a field trip and infractions which occur while on the field trip will be treated as though the student was still in school.
F. Transportation costs and other fees related to field trips are not provided by the school district. Transportation to and from the school district when a field trip is scheduled for an early departure or late return shall be the responsibility of the parent.
G. The Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures for field trip approval and planning.