

Field Trips and Excursions**

Field trips and excursions designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth and development are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. To the extent that they provide the most effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objectives, field trips and excursions may be utilized.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip and excursion requires thoughtful selection, careful advanced preparation of the class and opportunities for students to assimilate the experience during and at the conclusion of the trip. To this end, teachers will be expected to consider the following factors in utilization of field trips:

1. Value of the activity to the class group;
2. Relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction;
3. Suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of the age level;
4. Mode and availability of transportation;
5. Balancing of worth of trip against classroom time loss; and
6. Cost.

All out-of-state travel and overnight in-state travel must have prior Board approval. Such approval is predicated on an acceptable plan for travel arrangements, parental involvement, orientation of students and supervisors and support of the appropriate administrator(s).

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107
ORS 336.183
ORS 339.155

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Cross Reference(s):

EEAD - Special use of School Buses
EEAE - Student Transportation in Private Vehicles
KK - Visitors to the Schools