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School-Sponsored Trips

The Governing Board recognizes that school-sponsored trips are an important component of a student's development and supplement and enrich the classroom learning experience. School-sponsored trips may be conducted in connection with the District's course of study or school-related social, educational, cultural, athletic, school band activities, or other extracurricular or cocurricular activities.

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)
(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

Requests for school-sponsored trips involving out-of-county travel shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall review the request and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the request should be approved by the Board. All other school-sponsored trips shall be approved in advance by the principal.

(cf. 3312.2 - Educational Travel Program Contracts)

The principal shall establish a process for approving a staff member's request to conduct a school-sponsored trip. When planning trips, staff shall consider student safety, objectives of instruction, the most effective use of instructional time, the distance from school, District and student expense, and transportation and supervision requirements. Principals may exclude from the trip any student whose presence on the trip would pose a safety or disciplinary risk.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 5144 - Discipline)
(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

No field trip shall be authorized if any student would be excluded from participation because of a lack of sufficient funds. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with community groups to supply funds for students in need. (Education Code 35330)

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)
(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

District funds shall not be used to pay student expenses for out-of-state or out-of-country field trips or excursions. However, expenses of instructors, chaperones, and other personnel participating in such trips, as well as incidental expenses for the use of District equipment during the trip, may be paid from District funds. (Education Code 35330)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 8760 Authorization of outdoor science and conservation programs
- 32040-32044 First aid equipment: field trips
- 35330 Excursions and field trips
- 35331 Provision for medical or hospital service for pupils (on field trips)
- 35332 Transportation by chartered airline
- 35350 Transportation of students
- 44808 Liability when pupils not on school property
- 48908 Duties of pupils; authority of teachers

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

- 17540 Travel promoters
- 17550-17550.9 Sellers of travel
- 17552-17556.5 Educational travel organizations

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

- American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>
- California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov>

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Supervision

Students on school-sponsored trips are under the jurisdiction of the District and shall be subject to District and school rules and regulations.

(cf. 5131 - Conduct)

(cf. 5131.1 - Bus Conduct)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that adequate supervision is provided on all school-sponsored trips and that there is an appropriate ratio of adults to students present on the trip.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Before a student can participate in a school-sponsored trip, the teacher shall obtain parent/guardian permission for the trip. The District shall provide an alternative educational experience for students whose parents/guardians do not wish them to participate in a trip.

All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the District or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. All adults taking out-of-state field trips or excursions and all parents/guardians of students taking out-of-state field trips or excursions shall sign a statement waiving such claims. (Education Code 35330)

Safety Issues

1. While conducting a trip, the teacher, employee, or agent of the school shall have the school's first aid kit in his/her possession or immediately available. (Education Code 32041)

Whenever trips are conducted in areas known to be infested with poisonous snakes, the first aid kit taken on the trip shall contain medically accepted snakebite remedies. In addition, a teacher, employee, or agent of the school who has completed a first aid course which is certified by the American Red Cross and which emphasizes the treatment of snakebites shall participate in the trip. (Education Code 32043)

2. The District shall provide or make available medical and/or hospital insurance for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip. (Education Code 35331)

(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

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3. If the Superintendent, or designee, receives threat level warnings from the Homeland Security Advisory System pertaining to the destination of a school-sponsored trip, he/she shall implement precautions necessary to protect the safety of students and staff.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

4. Before trips of more than one day, the principal or designee may hold a meeting for staff, chaperones, parents/guardians, and students to discuss safety and the importance of safety-related rules for the trip.

(cf. 5142 - Safety)