STUDENTS

Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education

The board recognizes that field trips, when used as a device for teaching and learning are integral to the curriculum, are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Such trips can supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom.

Out-of-state and extended field trips involving fundraising must be approved by the board prior to the initiation of fundraising. Outdoor education school plans shall be presented to the board for annual approval. Other district-funded day trips or district-funded extended field trips must be approved in advance by the superintendent or designee.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the operation of a field trip or an outdoor education activity that will insure that the safety of the student is protected and that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school. Each field trip must be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities that enhance its usefulness. Private vehicles may be used to transport students if approval is obtained in advance from the principal.

The district does not sponsor, support, or approve privately sponsored trips and/or excursions. Staff or other individuals sponsoring such trips must do so as private individuals or agencies.

1 Cross reference: Policy 3530 Fundraising Activities
                8131 Transportation Private Vehicles
                8310 Liability Insurance

Legal reference: RCW 28A.300.100(5) Additional powers of the board
                67.20.020 Parks--Contracts for cooperation
                WAC 180-70-090 Improper remunerative conduct