

## **FIELD TRIPS**

The Board recognizes that there is a vast quantity and variety of learning resources outside school walls and is aware of the potential our community has for improving the quality and depth of educational experiences. Whatever students can experience firsthand is often more meaningful to them than that which is only talked or read about.

Field trips should be properly planned, properly supervised and properly integrated into the instructional program and are not to be considered “outings” or days off from school, **but rather extensions of the curriculum.**

Therefore, all field trips sponsored by the schools will be developed as educational activities in nature and will be related to the subject matter and the **course** objectives of instruction at the particular grade level. Field trips are lessons and are to be planned as such, with definite objectives determined in advance. Appropriate educational activities should precede and follow each field trip.

To the extent feasible, community resource persons and organizations will be involved in the planning and conducting of field trips, so that students may derive the greatest educational benefit from the trip.

### **Travel Vendor Compensation**

**Any compensation or other consideration with any substantial economic value paid by a private travel vendor to a District official or employee, after the official or employee has participated in selecting the vendor to provide a field trip, is considered “public money” and must be returned to the District.**

**All travel arrangements must be in compliance with District field trip regulations and approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.**

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LEGAL REF.: ORC 3327.15  
CROSS REFS.: IGDF, Student Fund-Raising Activities  
JL, Student Gifts and Solicitations