

Policy 2320: Field Trips, Excursions, and Outdoor Education

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The Board recognizes that field trips, when used as a device for teaching and learning 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. The Board also recognizes that field trips may result in lost learning opportunities in missed classes. Therefore, the Board endorses the use of field trips, when educational objectives achieved by the trip outweigh any lost in-class learning opportunities.

Field trips that will take students out of state must be approved in advance by the Board; building principals may approve all other field trips.

Superintendent/Building principals will develop procedures with respect to field trips, excursions, and outdoor education.

Staff members may not solicit students during instructional time for any privately arranged field trip or excursion without Board permission.

Transportation and lodging for trips or events under this policy shall be in accordance with Policy 8132. The presence of a person with a currently valid first aid card is required during school-sponsored activities, including field trips, athletic, and other off-campus events. Parental permission shall be documented for all school sponsored trips.

Montana Code Annotated
40-6-701

Description
Interference with fundamental parental rights restricted

Administrative Rules of Montana
37.111.825

Description
Health Supervision and Maintenance

Cross References

Code
8132

Description
[Activity Trips](#)