Great Falls School District

INSTRUCTION

Field Trips, Excursions and Outdoor Education

All instructional activities that utilize community resources and take place outside the school must be approved by the Superintendent or designee in advance of the trip, with the exception of walking trips in for which the District must have prior approval of the Principal. Field Trips should be adequately planned, which will include provisions for pre and post trip classroom activities.

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A school-sponsored trip is any travel to any destination, which involves District sponsorship, chaperones, funding, funds for which the District is accountable, or activities that are extensions of the usual District responsibilities. Third-party travel is not sanctioned by the District.

No arrangements shall be made for a school sponsored trip prior to obtaining the necessary approval. All travel requests must be in writing and shall include:

- Approval of the Principal and District Administrator
- Students and staff affected
- Dates of departure and return
- Mode of travel and lodging accommodations
- Chaperones

Elementary and Middle Schools

performance, exhibition, contest or competition.
Superintendent or designee must give prior approval to in-state travel that is of educational value, excluding performances, exhibitions, contests, or competitions; does

not involve the loss of two (2) or more instruction days for the student involved; and has

Travel outside the District must be approved by the Superintendent or designee for any

the recommendation of the principal.
Travel involving the loss of two (2) or more instruction days or travel out of state must have prior approval by the Board of Trustees.

High Schools

• Travel that is of educational value, does not involve more than the loss of two school days for the student involved, and has the recommendation of the principal must have prior approval of the Superintendent/or designee.

 • Travel involving the loss of two (2) or more instruction days must have prior approval by the Board of Trustees.

Cross References:

46 Policy 2320

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1 2 Legal Reference: 37.111.825, ARM 3 Health Supervision and Maintenance 4 5 Policy History Adopted on: Revised on: 6 July 1, 2000 January 24, 2011 February 26, 2024 7

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