

FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Field trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth and development are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. To the extent that they provide the most effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objectives of the schools, field trips may be authorized by the building principal, subject to requirements established by the Agawam School Committee and/or the Superintendent.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advance preparation of the class, and opportunities for students to assimilate the experience during and at the conclusion of the trip. To this end, teachers and principals will be expected to consider the following factors in selection of field trips: (a) value of the activity to the particular class group(s); (b) relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction; (c) suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of the age level; (d) mode and availability of transportation; and (e) cost.

Additionally, the Committee requires the following:

1. Each student who goes on a field trip must have written parental permission and a signed indemnity form on file.
2. School bus transportation may be used when arrangements can be made to do so without disrupting regular school bus schedules.
3. Enough supervision must be provided so that discipline on the trip is effective.
4. All extended (overnight) field trips must have a 30-day advance approval of the Committee.

CROSS REFS.: EEAG-1, Student Transportation in Private Vehicles

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