

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: FIELD TRIPS

ADOPTED: October 1, 2013

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121. FIELD TRIPS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that field trips, when used for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum, are an educationally sound and important component of the instructional program of the schools. Properly planned and executed field trips can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supplement and enrich classroom learning by providing educational experiences in an environment outside the schools. 2. Arouse new interests among students. 3. Help students relate academic learning to the reality of the world outside of school. 4. Introduce community resources, such as natural, cultural, industrial, commercial, governmental, and educational. 5. Afford students the opportunity to study real things and real processes in their actual environment.
2. Definitions	<p>For purposes of this policy, a field trip shall be defined as any trip by students away from school premises that is an integral part of approved planned instruction, is conducted as a first-hand educational experience not available in the classroom, and is supervised by a teacher or district employee.</p>
Pol. 122	<p>An extracurricular trip shall be a planned district-sponsored or athletic travel activity. Such trips may involve regional competitions, observations and visitations, or performances.</p>
3. Authority SC 517	<p>The Board shall be informed of all field trips and extracurricular trips approved by the building principal or designee and the Superintendent or designee and approve only those field trips and extracurricular trips that are planned to keep students out of the district overnight or longer.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>Title 22 Sec. 4.4</p>	<p>Students on field trips and extracurricular trips remain under the supervision and responsibility of this Board and are subject to its rules and regulations.</p> <p>The Board does not endorse, support nor assume responsibility in any way for any district staff member who takes students on trips not approved by the Board or Superintendent. No staff member may solicit district students for such trips within district facilities or on district grounds without Board permission.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations for the operation of field trips and extracurricular trips.</p> <p>Field trips shall be governed by guidelines which ensure that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The safety and well-being of students will be protected at all times. 2. Permission of the parent/guardian is sought and obtained before any student may participate. 3. The principal approves the purpose, itinerary and duration of each proposed trip. 4. Each field trip is properly planned, integrated with the curriculum, and followed up by appropriate activities that enhance its value. 5. The effectiveness of field trip activities is monitored and evaluated continuously. 6. Teachers are allowed flexibility and innovation in planning field trips. 7. No field trip will be approved unless it contributes to the achievement of specified instructional objectives. <p><u>Chaperones</u></p> <p>Each chaperone shall be required to submit an official child abuse clearance statement prior to field trip participation.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510, 517</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 4.4</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 105, 122</p>
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