

FIELD TRIPS

A field trip is any planned activity involving scholars away from the school, but which remains under the jurisdiction and supervision of the school. The field trip, or off-campus tour, should provide enrichment to the classroom instructional program by offering learning experiences through the resources of the community, state, nation, or world. Therefore, it is imperative that field trips are carefully planned. All adults who may serve in a supervisory capacity while on field trips must comply with the background/screening provisions of the Volunteer Policy.

A scholar must present to his teacher written approval by his parent or legal guardian before the scholar can participate in the field trip. Field trips must have the approval and endorsement of the principal, the appropriate central office administrator, and in instances of trips that are overnight (including out of state or out of the country) or beyond the Jackson metropolitan area, the approval and endorsement of the Superintendent. The Jackson metropolitan area is defined as Madison, Hinds, and Rankin counties. All field trips shall be supervised by regular classroom teachers and/or other certified staff members employed by the school district. Field trips will not be approved during the weeks of term exams, standardized tests, or during the final fifteen (15) days of the school year. The Superintendent or his designee can make exceptions to this policy.

Fees collected for a specific field trip may not be in excess of the actual cost of the trip, and all such fees shall be deposited in the manner prescribed by District policy. Transportation inside and outside the District is subject to school policies, rules, and procedures. The District establishes the cost to the school, club, athletic activity, or organization for utilizing school buses on the trip and information may be obtained from the Executive Director or Director of transportation.

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