

## **FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS**

Field trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for social growth development are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. To the extent that they provide the most effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objects of the Holdenville schools, field trips will be made only with the prior approval of the building principal. Advance consent of the student's parent or guardian is required for any excursion or field trip.

Transportation arrangements must be made with the transportation director at least three days in advance of a field trip. Private transportation in most cases will not be permitted.

The board of education defines educational field trips as visits to an area industry, factory, shop or plant, courthouse, museum, theater, lecture or symposium, farm, ranch, rock quarry, creek, river, park, etc., by a group of students pursuing academic or vocational study in a stated subject for the purpose of enriching their appreciation of, or acquiring additional knowledge in the subject. It does not refer to recreational outings or excursions, interscholastic contests, or extracurricular activities where student perform or compete.

The board recognizes educational trips as a part of the curriculum. 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 principal will be expected to consider the following factors in deciding whether or not a field trip would be a profitable educational experience for students:

- 1. Value of the activity to the particular class group or class groups**
- 2. Relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction**
- 3. Suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of age level**
- 4. Mode and availability of transportation**
- 5. Cost**

1. Any school-sponsored trips overnight or outside the state of Oklahoma must have prior board approval. All other trips must have the approval of the superintendent or designee. Distance, educational value, and expense will be taken into consideration before approval is given for any trip or activity

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