

ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT #103

Policy No. 2320
Instruction

FIELD TRIPS, EXCURSIONS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The board recognizes that field trips, when used as a device for teaching and learning, are integrated with the curriculum and are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Such trips can supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment beyond the classroom.

Overnight trips, excursions or programs that take students out of the state or country must be approved in advance by the board. Outdoor education resident school plans shall be presented to the board for annual approval.

The superintendent shall develop procedures for the approval of field trips, excursions and outdoor education activities to insure student safety and that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school. Programs under this policy must enhance and be integrated with the curriculum and coordinated with classroom activities.

Transportation arrangements must be approved by the superintendent/designee and meet Risk Management recommended standards.

No staff member may solicit students for privately arranged trips, excursions, or foreign study tours without prior board approval. Any staff member involved in such activity must clearly differentiate and separate their activity from their school district time, resources, facilities, and employment. Students and parents must be specifically and clearly informed that such trips have no relationship to the district

Parents will be informed in advance that safety concerns for our students may result in a trip, excursion or outdoor education activity being cancelled. The following circumstances may result in the cancellation of District trips.

1. Terrorism threat level as defined by the Homeland Security Agency at orange or above.
2. The planned destination (country or region) is subject to a specific travel advisory issued by the US State Department.
3. International health organizations have expressed serious concerns about the given country/region.
4. Internal or transportation threats including but not limited to strikes, protests, severe questions about airline safety, biological, chemical, or nuclear threats.
5. Threat of war, civil unrest, or environmental hazard that may place our students at risk.

Cross References: Board Policy

6625 Private Vehicle Transportation

3520 Student Fees, Fines, Charges

Legal References: RCW 28A.330.100(5)

Additional powers of board

67.20.020

Parks--Contracts for cooperation

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Improper remunerative conduct

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