

5850 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CLASS TRIPS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of social events and class trips that will enhance and enrich the school experience for the students of this district.

For purposes of this policy, a "social event" is a party, celebration, or dance organized for the participation of students, and "class trips" are trips taken by students in a single graduating class, students who share a particular interest in an activity, or students who are enrolled in a particular subject area. Social events and class trips are not related or are only indirectly related to the curriculum. Student activities that are characterized as social events and not directly related to the curriculum should occur after the school day with the exception of Renaissance or similar activities where students have earned recognitions and trip privileges based upon exemplary behavior or student achievement. All other activities should be planned after the official student day has concluded so as to diminish any adverse effect on the district's mission to improve student achievement. For any field trip requests deemed as social events, student excusals during the school day will not be considered unless students have met the four hour minimum requirement for the student day.

Class trips, designated as a social event, such as the, fifth grade, eighth grade and senior class trips, and other similar class trip activities in other grades, must meet the requirement that one hundred students participate in order for the Board of Education to consider sanctioning the trip. In the event that circumstances are such that fewer than one hundred students are scheduled to participate, then the class may request that the Board of Education consider a waiver.

The primary function of a class trip, with the exception of the senior class activity, should be an extension, in some way, of the curriculum of any class designated grade level. In addition, the itinerary for the senior class trip may encompass no more than two student days during the entire activity.

The Board will make school facilities available and assign staff members as appropriate for the conduct of social events on school premises that have been approved by the Principal or designee and for social events and class trips away from school premises that have been approved by the Principal or designee. A social event or class trip may be considered to have been approved by this Board only when the Board has duly assigned one or more chaperones to supervise participating students. The Board will assume no responsibility for a student social event or trip that has not been approved in accordance with this policy.



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The Board will not approve a social event or class trip that has the effect of reducing the school year for participating students to fewer than one hundred eighty days.

The Board reserves the right to cancel any scheduled trip.

Social events or class trips are not part of the thorough and efficient system of education provided by the Board. Participation in them is therefore not a right and may be denied to any student without the due process of notice and an opportunity to be heard. A student who demonstrates disregard for school rules may summarily be denied participation in social events and class trips.

Students who participate in approved social events and class trips are subject to district rules for student conduct and must submit to the authority of assigned chaperones. Infractions of the rules will be subject to discipline in the same manner as are infractions of rules during the regular school program.

A student who possesses or consumes alcohol or drugs in the course of an approved social event or class trip will be deemed to have placed all other participating students at risk and shall be immediately dismissed from the event or trip. Any such student will be returned home by appropriate and safe means of transportation in the company of a chaperone, the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or a representative of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). Any expenses incurred by the dismissal will be the responsibility of the student and/or the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

The Superintendent will develop regulations governing the conduct and safety of all participants in social events and class trips and will distribute them to student and adult participants.

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