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DOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

FIELD TRIPS

The Dover School encourages and sanctions student trips or activities, including participation in interscholastic events, community civic projects and travel which will help achieve each participating student's educational objectives.

Field trips that have been carefully planned are worthwhile and will be encouraged by the administration. Student and teacher participation in the planning is necessary.

A field trip is defined as any journey by a group of students away from school premises. The field trip must complement an approved course of study and be conducted for the purpose of and approved course of study and conducted for the purpose of affording a first-hand educational experience not available in the classroom.

General Procedures for Field Trips:

- *All field trip requests must be submitted to the Principal for approval before being discussed with students. The submittal must be at least two weeks before the field trip is to take place.
- *Written parental or guardian permission must be obtained before a student may participate in a field trip.
- *Sufficient information concerning the field trip shall be provided when seeking parental or guardian permission.
- *Transportation, if necessary, shall be arranged by the sponsor through the principal. If transporting in private vehicles, a copy of insurance from individual(s) driving must be submitted (minimum \$100,000/\$300,000). Private vehicles must have seat belts for driver and all passengers, and must be worn. Signed releases to waive the school from liability must be submitted. No children under 12 will be transported in front seats in vehicles with air bags.
- *All field trips shall have an adequate number of adult chaperones including at least one adult in addition to the teacher.
- *Fees required for the cost of the field trip may be paid for by the school district.
- *Each field trip should be evaluated by the administration, teacher, and pupils at the conclusion of the trip.

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Field Trip Request

NOTE: All field trips must first be approved by the Principal. Please submit at least 1-2 weeks in advance so we can make arrangements for a bus and driver. Date of Request:_____ Teacher(s):______ Grade(s):_____ Destination: _____ Date of trip: Departure Time: _____ Return Time: _____ Transportation Needed: Number of children: Adults: Fees: _____ Fees for Bus Parking: _____ Provided by school: Lunch: Provided by children/adults: Purchased by children/adults: Not needed: Please notify kitchen if students are not planning to be here for lunch and if you need lunches "to go" (Prior to field trip) Purpose of field trip, standards addressed, and how they are applied to classroom curriculum: Pre-planning activities: Post-planning activities:

Principal's Signature

Approved:______ Date:_____

Procedure for Choosing Chaperones

- 1. Teachers will notify parents of upcoming trip
- 2. Parents will be notified of visitation protocol, i.e. specific regulations of facility
- 3. If there are more parent volunteers than are needed, names will be drawn at random.
- 4. Notice will be sent home to inform parents of designated chaperones(s).
- 5. If parents are driving in lieu of a bus, proof of insurance will be necessary as well as adherence to seat belt regulations.