

STUDENT OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Education Programs

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Educationally based overnight field trips and extended overnight travel experiences (collectively “Overnight Trips”) expose students to authentic application of the curriculum and are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program in our schools. Properly planned and executed trips should:

- supplement and enrich the District curriculum or co- curricular offering by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools;
- arouse new interest among students;
- help students relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school;
- bring the resources of the community – natural, artistic, industrial, commercial, governmental, cultural, educational – within the student’s learning experience; and

Afford students the opportunity to study real content and real processes in their actual environment.

Before an overnight trip is approved by the Parkers Prairie School Board, the building principal shall review the instructional purposes of the trip, transportation and/or lodging arrangements, financial responsibilities and District legal responsibilities and liabilities.

A presentation requesting field trip approval and permission to fund raise will be made to the Board of Education at least five months prior to the event.

Students and groups may be provided with School Board approved fundraising opportunities to assist in funding part or all of the cost of the trip. The School Board shall consider the fund-raising capacity of the District, and take into consideration the collective requests of all those who are proposing overnight field trips.

Students shall not be penalized academically for non- participation in trips.

Students, district employees and chaperones on overnight trips are subject to the School District’s policies and guidelines.

Approved overnight trips shall ensure:

- the approval of the building principal
- the approval of the Parkers Prairie School Board
- parent/guardian permission is sought and obtained before any student leaves the District; and
- each trip is properly planned, and integrated with the curriculum or co-curriculum.

The Superintendent and/or Building Principal shall have the authority to cancel or modify any overnight trip at any time for safety, financial, educational or other reasons.

A District 547 employee shall not change a planned itinerary while the overnight is in progress in a way that compromises the purpose of the overnight trip except where the health, safety, or welfare of the students in his/her charge is imperiled or due to

changes or substitutions beyond his/her control. If such a change would occur, the District employee shall communicate immediately with the building principal.

The building principal shall have the authority, after conferring with the field trip coordinator(s) and the student, to exclude a student from the overnight trip if said student's prior demonstrated behavior is deemed to pose a risk to the success or safety of the trip.

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