

BOARD POLICY: EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

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Section A - Introduction

The Board of Education believes that structured learning should not be limited to the classroom. Valuable experiences for Glenbrook students exist within and outside the boundaries of District #225. The Board also realizes that additional responsibilities can arise when students are taken from the school premises. Staff, parents, and students should be aware of these responsibilities and the necessity for reasonable administrative procedures. The physical welfare of our students and staff must be paramount in our considerations and judgment. It is the policy of the Board of Education that such travel experiences should not be scheduled to conflict with normal student attendance days. Under extraordinary circumstances, the Board may approve exceptions to this policy.

Section B - Educational Tours: Travel Conducted, but Not Financed, by the District

1. The Board of Education is authorized by Illinois statute to conduct educational tours as a supplement to particular courses of instruction, within or without the district, the State of Illinois, or the United States.
2. Recommendation of the principal and approval of the superintendent shall be required for all educational tours involving an overnight stay prior to submission to the Board for approval.
3. No student may participate in an educational tour unless he or she has accident and health insurance coverage protecting against bodily injury or death while participating in the tour. Cost of said insurance, when not otherwise existing, shall be assumed by the organization conducting the tour. Demonstration of satisfactory insurance coverage shall be made in writing to the assistant superintendent of business affairs as a condition of and prior to Board approval.
4. The Board of Education is not authorized to use district funds for any expenditures incurred on such a tour for meals, lodging, or transportation costs. However, the Board may authorize the compensation of necessary personnel while on tour if the personnel are performing duties in the ordinary course of their employment.
5. All school rules and regulations regarding student and employee conduct shall apply for students and employees participating in educational tours.
6. The Board of Education reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel any previously approved trip whenever it believes that the safety of the participants may be at risk. Should a trip be cancelled, the Board of Education will assume no legal responsibility or financial liability for monetary losses or other damages incurred by the participants. Participants should be aware that travel insurance may be available at the participant's expense through the sponsoring agency or another insurance source.

Section C - Educational Travel: Travel Not Sponsored, Supported, or Conducted by the District

1. The Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to approve requests submitted by an employee or a private agency that have been recommended for approval by the principal, to use school facilities without rental charge to inform students and parents of educational travel programs within any of the fifty United States or any foreign country that, in the discretion of the principal and the superintendent, have educational significance for the district's students. Such use may be granted only with the clear understanding that the program is not sponsored, supported, or conducted by the Board of Education and that the Board of Education assumes no legal responsibility or financial liability related to the program. Further, all materials used by the sponsoring employee or agency in publicizing the program must contain a statement to this effect, the language of which has been approved in advance by the superintendent. These same materials must also carry the name, address and phone number of the sponsoring employee or agency.
2. No student may participate in educational travel unless he or she has accident and health insurance coverage protecting against bodily injury or death while participating in the educational travel. Cost of said insurance when not otherwise existing shall be assumed by the student or private agency financing the educational travel. Demonstration of satisfactory insurance coverage shall be made in writing to the assistant superintendent of business affairs as a condition of and prior to superintendent approval.

Section D - Use of Equipment, Materials, or Supplies to Promote Educational Travel

District equipment, materials or supplies, including stationery, shall be used for educational tours under Section B of this policy only, and shall not be used for any educational travel that is not district sponsored.

Section E - Student Trips Exclusion

Student trips as outlined in Board Policy #7230 are not included within the provisions of this policy.

Section F – Parameters for Vendors

All vendors seeking consideration as an educational tour provider must work with the Director of Operations to provide proper documentation and agree to parameters developed by the district administration as outlined in this policy and its procedures. The monetary values of the student insurance requirements as listed in the student travel parameters in the procedures to this policy may be adjusted as necessary by the Superintendent without further action by the Board of Education.

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