

5850 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CLASS TRIPS

While the Board of Education recognizes that social events, class trips and end-of-year activities can enhance the school experience for the pupils of this district, it also seeks to ensure that such activities do not interfere with or conflict with the educational objectives of the district.

For purposes of this policy, a "social event" is a party, celebration, or dance organized for the participation of pupils. "Class trips" are trips taken by pupils in a single graduating class (fifth, eighth or twelfth grade). "End-of-year activities" are social events occurring during the last week of a school year. Social events, class trips and end-of-year activities are not related to an approved course of study and should not be scheduled at a time or in a manner that conflicts with the educational objectives of the district.

Social events occurring on school grounds in a classroom setting (e.g., birthday parties) may be arranged at the discretion of a classroom teacher in consultation with the building principal, who in scheduling such events shall mitigate their impact on instructional requirements. Other than end-of-year activities, social events that cannot take place in a classroom setting shall not be scheduled during the instructional day. End-of-year activities may be scheduled during the instructional day, but only during the last week of the school year and after the educational objectives for the class have been met.

Each graduating class may schedule a class trip. Every effort shall be made to minimize instructional time lost as a result of such trips. The Board reserves the right to cancel any planned or scheduled trip if the Board determines that external circumstances are such that it cannot foresee a reasonably safe travel environment.

Class trips and all social events taking place outside of a classroom setting must first be approved by the building principal. Before providing such approval, the principal shall consult with those responsible for the event or trip to ensure that it is properly planned and meets the requirements of this policy.

Class trips and social events approved by a building principal must also be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee. In considering requests, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall ensure that the planned activities do not interfere or conflict with the educational objectives of the district and that the safety and well-being of pupils is protected at all times.

The cost of social events or class trips may be borne in whole or in part by a pupil's parents or guardians. ~~While s~~Students formally suspended by a principal or the Board at the time of an event or class trip may not participate in the event or trip. ~~., t~~The Any loss of the privilege opportunity to attend a social event or class trip shall be in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct, Policy 5600~~not be used as an incentive or a penalty for activities occurring under teacher supervision during an instructional day.~~

Pupils who participate in approved social events and class trips remain under the supervision of the Board and continue to be subject its policies and regulations governing pupil conduct. Pupils are expected to respect the authority and follow the directions of administrators, teachers and assigned chaperones.

A pupil who violates rules or disregards the authority of supervisors at a social event or on a class trip endangers the safety of other pupils and may be dismissed from the event or trip. The principal or his/her designee shall make arrangements for the dismissed pupil's transportation to home or school as appropriate. The cost of any such transportation may be borne by the parents or legal guardians of the pupil.

The Superintendent is directed to prepare regulations for the approval and conduct of social events and class trips.

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