

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 92 (NISGA'A)

Policy Subject: FIELD TRIP SAFETY

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POLICY

The Board of Education for School District No. 92 (Nisga'a) believes health, safety and security of students are paramount when participating in curricular or extra-curricular field trips.

DEFINITIONS:

“High-risk activity” is one that involves a real risk of serious injury to a student, even if all reasonable care is taken in such things as supervision, instruction, and provision of safety equipment.

“Informed consent” is a person’s agreement to allow something to happen that is based on full disclosure of facts needed to make the decision intelligently.

“Curricular field trip” involves teachers and students in a direct extension of the curriculum outside of the school setting. It stimulates students’ interest and inquiry and provides opportunities for intellectual, cultural and social development.

“Extracurricular field trip” is a student and teacher activity that takes place outside the school setting, encompassing normally not more than two school days within a school year. An extracurricular activity emanates from the operations of a club or from an activity that takes place outside of regular instructional hours. It may have an indirect relationship to the curriculum and should provide experiences that enrich the student’s life rather than the content of a particular course. Students from several classes and age groupings may be involved. An extracurricular activity, therefore, provides for the development of interpersonal relationships skills as well as improvements in student-teacher relationships.

“Risk” = Likelihood x consequence. The continuum of risk ranges:
Low likelihood, minimal consequence;
High likelihood, minimal consequence;

Low likelihood, severe consequence;
High likelihood, severe consequence.

PREAMBLE

The Board of Education wishes to offer educationally enriching field trips without exposing students to unacceptable risk.