

LIONSGATE ACADEMY

927 COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION (FIELD TRIPS)

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for student trips and fees.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the general expectation of the Board of Directors that all student trips will be well planned, conducted in an orderly manner and safe environment, and will relate directly to the objectives of the class or activity for which the trip is requested. Student trips will be categorized within two general areas: Instructional Trips and Supplementary Trips.

III. COMMUNITY BASED INSTRUCTION (FIELD TRIPS)

A. Instructional Trips

1. Trips that take place during the school day, relate directly to a course of study, and require student participation shall fall in this category. These trips shall be subject to review and approval by the executive director or designee, and shall be financed by Lionsgate Academy funds within the constraints of the school building budget. Lionsgate Academy may accept voluntary donations to defray the costs of field trips that are not required as part of a basic education or course. Fees may not be assessed against students to defray direct costs of instructional trips.

B. Supplementary Trips

1. This category pertains to those trips in which students voluntarily participate, take place during the school day and/or take place outside the regular school day. Examples of trips in this category involve student activities, clubs, and other special interest groups. These trips are subject to review and approval of the executive director or designee. Financial contributions by students may be requested. A student will not be excluded from attending the trip if they or their family are unable to pay. Students who qualify for Educational Benefits will not be required to pay in order to participate in the trip.

C. Regulations

1. Rules of conduct and discipline for students and employees shall apply to all student trip activities.
2. The school administration shall be responsible for providing more detailed procedures, including parental involvement, supervision, and such other factors deemed important and in the best interest of students.
3. Transportation shall be furnished through a commercial carrier or school owned vehicle. In the event a private vehicle is approved for use, a certificate of insurance must be on file in the school district office.

Legal References

Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.37 (Prohibited Fees)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Co-curricular and Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)

Sonkowsky v. Board of Educ. for Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 721, 327 F.3d 675 (8th Cir. 2003)

Lee v. Pine Bluff School District, 472 F.3d 1026 (8th Cir. 2007)

Minn. Stat. §123B.35 (General Policy)

123B.02, Subd. 6 (Bequests; donations; gifts)