

FIELD TRIPS

The School Committee recognizes that firsthand learning experiences provided by field trips are a most effective and worthwhile means of learning. It is the desire of the School Committee to encourage field trips as part of and directly related to the total school program and curriculum.

Specific guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures shall be developed to screen, approve, and evaluate trips and to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken for the safety of the participants. Said guidelines and procedures should be developed by the Administration and reviewed and approved by the School Committee.

These guidelines and appropriate administrative procedures shall ensure that all field trips have the approval of the Principal and that all overnight trips have the prior approval of the School Committee.

There is no liability on the part of the town on any of these trips. If the trips are taken by bus, whatever liability exists falls upon the owners and operators of the busses. If private cars are used, the operators of the vehicles are responsible for the exercise of due care and operation thereof; and their insurance covers them and the occupants. The Town is carrying out a public function in sponsoring such programs and is not liable for any of the results flowing therefrom. The only liability that would be incumbent upon persons in charge of any such groups of persons driving such a group would be either the obligation to refrain from reckless want and misconduct or gross negligence with regard to any other activities.

CROSS REF.: [ADDA](#) CORI Requirements

[JJH](#) Student Travel

Ch. 346 of the Acts of 2002

M.G.L. [69:1B](#); [71:37N](#)

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