

MONTGOMERY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: FIELD TRIPS

ADOPTED:

REVISED:

121. FIELD TRIPS	
1.Purpose	<p>The Board has found it necessary for economic reasons and the energy shortage, to discontinue all field trips until further notice.</p>
1.Purpose SC 1361	<p>The Board recognizes that field trips when used as a device for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Properly planned and executed field trips can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools; arouse new interests among students; help students relate school experiences to the reality of the world outside of school; bring all resources of the community natural, artistic, industrial, commercial, governmental, and educational within the ambit of a student's learning experience; and afford students the opportunity to study real things and real processes in their actual environment.
2.Definition	<p>For purposes of this policy, a "field trip" shall be defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> any journey by pupils away from the school premises, under the supervision of a teacher, which is an integral part of an approved course of study and conducted for the purpose of affording a first-hand educational experience not available in the classroom; or any planned travel activity which supplements or enriches the classroom curriculum.

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<p>3. Authority</p>	<p>The Board shall:</p> <p>consider field trips which are included in course guides to have been approved in advance. All field trips not listed in the course guide must be individually approved by the Board.</p> <p>approve annually a list of potential field trips. All proposed field trips not so listed must be individually approved by the Board.</p> <p>approve those field trips which</p> <p>take students more than _____ miles from this district</p> <p>are planned to keep children out of the district overnight or longer.</p> <p>Students on field trips remain under the supervision and responsibility of this Board and are subject to its rules and regulations.</p> <p>The Board does not endorse, support or assume responsibility in any way for any staff member of this district who takes students on trips not approved by the Board or Superintendent. No staff member may solicit students of this district for such trips within the facilities or on school grounds of the district without Board permission.</p>
<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall prepare procedures for the operation of a field trip which shall ensure that:</p> <p>the safety and well-being of students shall be protected at all times;</p> <p>parental permission is sought and obtained before any student may be removed from school</p> <p>the district</p> <p>for a field trip;</p> <p>the principal approves the purpose, itinerary, and duration of each proposed trip;</p> <p>each field trip is properly planned, integrated with the curriculum, and followed up by appropriate activities which enhance its usefulness;</p> <p>the effectiveness of field trip activities is monitored and continually evaluated;</p> <p>teachers with the approval of the principal are allowed a considerable degree of flexibility and innovation in planning field trips; and</p>

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<p>School Code 517, 1361</p>	<p>no field trip will be approved unless it contributes to the achievement of specified instructional objectives.</p>
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