



EDUCATIONAL EXCURSIONS POLICY

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POLICY STATEMENT

The value of educational excursions is recognized by both the Ministry of Education and the Northeastern Catholic District School Board as a contributing factor in education.

Educational excursions will be expected:

- to enhance the spiritual, academic, cultural, social or athletic components of the school program
- to address the programs of those students who are not involved in the proposed activity to ensure that they will not be affected adversely
- to provide a proportional educational value in relation to the time spent traveling, the time spent on the activity, and the cost to each student
- to provide evidence of adequate preparation and follow-up
- to be as inclusive as possible
- to include adequate supervision under the direction of a teacher or employee of the Board and comply with educational health and safety standards

Opportunities to participate in educational experiences shall be provided based upon the Board's ability to support the same and adherence to establish procedures that address educational objectives, safety, communication and responsibilities for all involved. It is therefore the policy of this Board to facilitate such field trips and activities.

POLICY REGULATIONS

Definition

An Education Excursion is defined as an activity in accordance with the Education Act, whereby students leave the school property for a specific learning experience.

1. For all approved Educational Excursions, ensure that:

a) Signed, informed parental permission has been obtained in advance.

b) For out of province travel:

- i. All students have appropriate medical insurance;
- ii. All teachers/chaperones have supervisory schedules;
- iii. Parents are aware in advance of supervisory schedules and the availability of any scheduled free time for students;

c) Adequate supervision will be provided so that precautions are taken to address the safety of the students.