IJOA School-Sponsored Field Studies

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Purpose: To establish the board’s vision and the basic structure for conducting school-sponsored field studies.

The board recognizes that school-sponsored field studies are an integral part of a total curriculum. School-sponsored field studies designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and provide opportunities for educational growth and development are appropriate extensions of the classroom and the total school program.

A school-sponsored field study is defined as a planned activity for a group of students under the sponsorship of the school and under supervision of a school employee to extend educational experiences consistent with the general goals and objectives of the total school program.

The superintendent and principal or his/her designee will set up rules and regulations to assure the following in regards to field studies:

- approval is obtained
- sponsor responsibilities are duly observed
- appropriate supervision is provided
- ethics regulations are followed
- appropriate transportation is secured
- parent/legal guardian consent is obtained
- charges are reasonable and that arrangements are made to assist any student with a financial need
- all school district policies regarding student, employee, and volunteer conduct are enforced

NOTE: See EEAFA for information relating to transportation.

Instructional staff may request that field studies which directly relate to concepts and objectives of the approved curriculum for the particular subject area, club, or grade level be scheduled as part of the instructional day. Field studies, like any other instructional activity, must be wisely chosen, thoroughly planned, and carefully conducted. Sponsors of field studies must give special attention to clarifying the purposes and objectives of a field study and to providing meaningful follow-up discussion and activities after the trip.

Field study participants will follow applicable administrative rules (see IJOA-R).
For required criminal record checks on individuals serving as chaperones, see policy GBEBDA*, Criminal Record Checks.

Cf. GBEBDA¶

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Legal references:

A. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:
   1. Section 59-19-117 - Background checks.
   2. Section 59-67-510 - Use of transportation equipment for special events, office of Adjutant General and armed services reserve component functions, and other educational purposes.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:
   1. R43-80 - Operation of public pupil transportation services.

S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:

Section 59-67-510 - Use of transportation equipment for special events, office of Adjutant General and armed services reserve component functions and other educational purposes.

Section 16-1-60 - Violent crimes defined.

Section 23-3-115 - Fees for criminal record searches conducted for charitable organizations.

Section 23-3-130 - Determination of information to be supplied and methods of evaluation and dissemination; promulgation of rules and regulations.

Section 23-3-430 - Sex offender registry; convictions and not guilty by reason of insanity findings requiring registration.

Section 59-19-117 - Background checks.

State Board of Education Regulations:

R-43-80 - Operation of public pupil transportation services.