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## FIELD TRIPS & VOLUNTARY EXCURSIONS

Oyster River Cooperative School District Field trips are designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry and to provide opportunities for intellectual, social, and physical development and considered appropriate extensions of the classroom. All Oyster River students shall be given opportunities to participate in such field trips. To the extent that they provide an effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objectives of the Oyster River School District, field trips must be authorized by the building principal with final approval by the superintendent.

### Voluntary Overnight and/or International Travel.

In the event of an overnight or off-campus international travel field trip; principal permission is required before submission of travel request to the superintendent for final approval. As these trips are provided through a private entity which carry their own liability, the school district will not be held liable but will support off campus field trips. Completion of the IJOA-R1 permission slip must be completed by all students attending an off-campus field trip.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advance preparation of the class, and opportunities for pupils to assimilate the experience during and at the conclusion of the trip. To this end, teachers and principals will be expected to consider the following factors in selection of field trips:

- a. value of the activity to the particular class group or class groups;
- b. relationship of the field trip activity to a particular aspect of classroom instruction,
- c. number of opportunities for field trips for group involvement in relation to opportunities for other students;
- d. suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of age level;
- e. busing as the preferred mode of transportation; and
- f. adequate funds are available/allotted in budget.

Cross Reference: IJOA-R – Field Trips and Excursions

IJOA-R1 – Voluntary Field Trip Permission Form and Release and  
Indemnification Agreement