

**EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS**

Field trips and excursions are designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry, as well as provide opportunities for social growth and development that are considered appropriate extensions of the classroom.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires opportunities for pupils to assimilate the experience during and after the conclusion of the trip. To this end, teachers and principals will be expected to consider the following factor 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) suitability of the activity and distance traveled in terms of the age level
- d) mode and availability of transportation
- e) cost

Whenever possible, all students at a particular grade level will be given the opportunity to benefit from the same or similar field trip(s).

Any field trip that will require students to leave the state and/or remain away from home overnight must be presented to the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD) School Committee for approval prior to arrangements being made by the faculty member involved.

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