

FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

The Board of Education of the Sharon Springs Central School District recognizes that field trips which relate to curriculum and school activities enhance the education of the students of the District. The Board shall, in its discretion, approve field trips to appropriate places and events when they coincide with or supplement the instruction being provided to students in the District.

The Board also recognizes that the conduct of students and staff on such field trips reflects on the entire school district. The Board therefore recognizes that field trips must be run in an orderly, safe, and secure fashion to insure the enjoyment of all parties involved.

The Board therefore establishes that when students of the District participate in school sponsored field trips, an appropriate number of chaperones from the District, either staff members or parent or community volunteers, shall also be part of the field trip.

Furthermore, in such situations where a student or students participating in the field trip fail to return to the departure point at the appropriate time, and the bus is forced to return to the district without the student, at no such time shall all of the chaperones depart from the field trip site. Rather, in such situations at least one of the chaperones on the trip will remain at the field trip site so that she/he may coordinate a search for the missing student.

In such situations when a student or students are missing from the group, the chaperones on the trip will immediately notify the District's administration of the situation so that the administrators can contact the parents of the student and assist in the situation.

When participating in field trips, the students of the District must be transported to the field trip site by way of District transportation. That is, students may not participate in such trips by use of their own personal vehicles without the prior written approval of both the Superintendent of Schools or his designee and of her/his parent or guardian.

When participating in such trips, the students of the District will not be allowed to vacate or leave the field trip site without supervision by one of the chaperones on the trip.

References:

Education Law Sec. 3623