Unity School District - Board of Education Board Policy 352

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Field trips shall be designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry, plus provide opportunities for social growth and development of the student. Field trips can provide an effective means for accomplishing general curriculum objectives of the Unity School district. All field trips must be approved by the building principal.

To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advance preparation of the class and opportunities for students 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 a particular class/group(s);
- 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, and
- f. some field trips may not connect to the academic curriculum but may be of value within areas of programming.

Approval of the building principal shall be obtained prior to announcing a field trip to students and parents/guardians. Written approval of parent/guardian is required for participation of students for trips outside school grounds/property.

Appropriate and proper supervision shall be supplied for any students on the trip; the number of chaperones to be determined by the grade/age level of the class going on the trip.

Ref: Field Trip Procedures