

Rationale for International Field Trip Policy Changes

1. The economic recession facing the nation has severely strained the ability of the School Board to finance the educational service for its residents.
2. Risks of legal liability must be minimized to conserve revenues for educational purposes.
3. The School Board seeks to take steps towards eliminating the potential for School District liability for non-School District sponsored activities and field trips.
4. The School Board has the discretion to develop and revise School Board Policies as it sees necessary.
5. The School Board is revising School Board Policy No. 610 consistent with its goal of eliminating School District liability for non-School District sponsored activities and fieldtrips.
6. The revised School Board Policy defines the activities sponsored by the School District for which it assumes sponsorship and supervisory responsibility.
7. The attached revised School Board Policy No. 610 prohibits School District employees from using School District time or resources to organize, promote, or otherwise solicit students to participate in a field trip or other activity that is not approved by the School District.
8. The attached revised School Board Policy No. 610 further prohibits School District employees from using School District time or resources for any purpose which serves to promote the employee's own private enterprise.