

TRIPS

2340 FIELD TRIPS

Purpose of Policy: The Board of Education organizes its Policy Manual in order that users can easily locate the policies and regulations.

The North Haledon Board of Education recognizes that field trips when used as a device for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the schools. Properly planned and executed field trips can supplement and enrich classroom procedures by providing learning experiences in an environment outside the schools.

For purposes of this policy, a field trip shall be defined as any journey by a group of pupils away from the school premises, under the supervision of a teacher(s), which is a part of an approved course of study/curriculum and conducted for the purpose of affording a first-hand educational experience not available in the classroom.

The Board of Education grants approval to field trips which require disbursement of Board funds, and the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to grant approval of trips that do not require disbursement of Board funds.

The Board shall also approve those field trips which are planned to keep children out of the district overnight or longer. The Superintendent shall approve all other field trips.

When field trips are to be arranged, the following guidelines apply:

1. All trips, and the arrangements for them, must have advance approval;
2. Costs must be ascertained;
3. Each child who goes on a field trip must have written parental permission; and
4. Pupil safety must be of prime concern, and adequate supervision must be provided by staff aided by other adult chaperones, if necessary.

The Board shall permit self-administration of medication on field trips for asthma or other potentially life threatening illness by pupils in Kindergarten through grade eight. "Life-threatening illness" means an illness or condition that requires an immediate response to specific symptoms or sequelae that if left untreated may lead to potential loss of life such as, but not limited to, the use of an inhaler to treat an asthma attack or the use of an adrenalin injection to treat a potential anaphylactic reaction.

The privilege of self-administering medication may be revoked when the pupil has failed to comply with school policy and the tenets of the agreement to self-medicate. Such termination of the privilege shall be made by district/school officials, including the school district physician and the school nurse, only after consultation with the pupil, the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and the pupil's physician.

Pupils on field trips remain under the supervision of this Board and are subject to its rules and regulations.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-21 et seq.; 18A:53-2

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