

Policy 6153: School-Sponsored Trips

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The Governing Board recognizes that field trips supplement and enrich the classroom learning experience, lead to increased student achievement, and foster student engagement. The Board encourages field trips to reinforce and increase learning opportunities and to enhance district programs.

Field trips shall be conducted in connection with the district's course of study or school-related social, educational, cultural, athletic, school band, or other extracurricular or cocurricular activities. A field trip to a foreign country may be permitted to familiarize students with the language, history, geography, natural science, and other studies relative to the district's course of study. (Education Code 35330)

Requests for field trips involving out-of-state, out-of-country, or overnight travel shall be submitted to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall review the request and make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the request should be approved by the Board. All other field trips shall be approved in advance by the principal.

The principal shall establish a process for approving a staff member's request to conduct a field trip. When planning trips, staff shall consider student safety, objectives of instruction, the most effective use of instructional time, the distance from school, district and student expense, and transportation and supervision requirements. Principals may exclude from the trip any student whose presence on the trip would pose a safety or disciplinary risk.

No field trip shall be authorized if any student would be excluded from participation because of a lack of sufficient funds. The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate with community groups to supply funds for students in need. (Education Code 35330)

The Board may approve the use of district funds for student expenses for in-state, out-of-state, or out-of-country field trips or excursions when permitted by law. In addition, expenses of instructors, chaperones, and other personnel participating in such trips, as well as incidental expenses for the use of district equipment during the trip, may be paid from district funds. (Education Code 35330)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State

Bus. Code 17550-17550.30

Description

[Sellers of travel](#)

Bus. Code 17552-17556.5

[Educational travel organizations](#)

Ed. Code 32040-32044	First aid equipment: field trips
Ed. Code 35330	Field trips and excursions; student fees
Ed. Code 35331	Provision for medical or hospital service for pupils (on field trips)
Ed. Code 35332	Transportation by chartered airline
Ed. Code 35350	Transportation of students
Ed. Code 44808	Liability when students are not on school property
Ed. Code 48908	Duties of pupils; authority of teachers
Ed. Code 8760	Authorization of outdoor science and conservation programs

Management Resources

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Description

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)

[American Red Cross](#)

[California Association of Directors of Activities](#)

Cross References

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3312.2	<u>Educational Travel Program Contracts</u>
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6142.6	<u>Visual And Performing Arts Education</u>
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