

# Santa Barbara Unified School District

## Board Policy

**Instruction**

**BP 6153**

### **SCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS**

The Governing Board recognizes that school-sponsored trips are an important component of a student's development and supplement and enrich the classroom learning experience. School-sponsored trips may be conducted in connection with the district's course of study or school-related social, educational, cultural, athletic, school band activities, 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.

*(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)*

*(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

Requests for school-sponsored trips involving out-of-state, out-of-country, or overnight travel shall be approved by the principal, then 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 school-sponsored trips shall be approved in advance by the principal and submitted to the Superintendent or designee.

*(cf. 3312.2 - Educational Travel Program Contracts)*

The principal shall establish a process for approving a staff member's request to conduct a school-sponsored 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.

*(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)*

*(cf. 3541.1 - Transportation for School-Related Trips)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

*(cf. 5144 - Discipline)*

*(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)*

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)

*(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)*

*(cf. 1321 - Solicitation of Funds from and by Students)*

*(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)*

District funds shall not be used to pay student expenses for out-of-state or out-of-country field trips or excursions. However, 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)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

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

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

17540	Travel promoters
17550-17550.9	Sellers of travel
17552-17556.5	Educational travel organizations

*Management Resources:*

WEB SITES

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>  
California Association of Directors of Activities: <http://www.cada1.org>  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.dhs.gov>