

Instruction**Instructional Arrangements****Field Trips**

The Watertown Unified School District Board of Education believes that field trips broaden and enrich the curriculum by adding dimensions of learning which are not possible to reconstruct in the classroom. Therefore, the Board of Education encourages the use of field trips of significant cultural value in the school district. Additionally the Board believes field trips may provide background experiences that many children may not have had otherwise.

Field trips should bear a direct relationship to the goals and objectives of learning outcomes held for a classroom, school or activity. They should be appropriate for the age and maturity level of the students and should be based upon an assessment by the teacher of student needs, interests, maturity and readiness. Care should be taken not repeat trips for the same students from one grade level to the next.

Steps will be taken to ensure student safety and welfare during field trips.

Field trip guidelines shall be developed by the administration. All field trips must be carefully planned and approved by the building principal. Students shall not be penalized for participating or not participating in field trips.

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