

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are off-campus instructional activities. Field trips can provide excellent educational experiences for students by enriching the curriculum and by making classroom learning experiences more meaningful. To be educationally beneficial, a field trip requires thoughtful selection, careful advance preparation, and opportunities to assimilate the experience during and after the trip. Teachers plan activities in advance that prepare students for the trip and follow-up activities that assist students in summarizing, applying, and evaluating information learned on the trip.

The following factors should be considered in proposing and approving field trips:

- The value of the trip to the particular class
- The relationship of the field trip to a particular aspect of the curriculum
- The distance travelled
- The time away from the regular instructional program
- The availability of transportation

No student is denied the opportunity to participate in a field trip because of a lack of funds.

Trips are approved by the executive director or the executive director’s designee pursuant to regulations developed by the executive director. Approval must be obtained before commitments are made to students, parents, or commercial establishments. The executive director makes an annual report to the Regional School Board on field trips taken.

Trips for activities governed by the Virginia High School League do not require approval on a trip-by-trip basis. Parental permission for such trips may be obtained for the entire athletic season or school year.

The Maggie L. Walker Governor’s School Regional Board does not endorse or accept responsibility for any privately sponsored trips for students or any student trips which are not part of the instructional program. Employees are not permitted to solicit students for such trips. Employees who are involved with such trips must emphasize to any interested student/parent that such trips are strictly private enterprises.

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8 VAC 20-720-80.

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	Pol 4031	Fund Raising and Solicitation
	Pol 4015	Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
	Proc 4006.P	Field Trip Procedures