

SENIOR TRIP

Traditionally, it has been the practice of the Board of Directors to allow the senior graduating class to take a senior trip of 2 to 3 days at their own expense. While it is readily understood that the senior trip is a 'reward' or privilege for being a member of the senior class, no senior trip will be approved if the trip cannot demonstrate that is of educational value. It will not be considered to be sufficient that the senior trip will take the senior class to a different environment.

The procedures and process for receiving board approval for a senior trip and the rules and regulations governing a senior trip follow and will be strictly enforced:

Approval

In order for a senior trip to be approved, a senior trip written request and student presentation of said request must be made to the board at least thirty (30) days prior to the trip. The application and presentation to the board will detail each of the following items as well as an itinerary with appropriate alternatives.

- A. Length: The trip will coincide with a weekend (Saturday/Sunday); the trip length will not result with a loss of more than one (1) school day. The trip will not exceed three (3) days.
- B. Destination: The trip may be taken to any site in the state of Washington. A trip request outside of the state of Washington must be presented to the board at least ninety (90) days prior to the trip. The board will not normally approve a trip outside of the state of Washington unless the educational advantages of the trip are greatly enhanced.
- C. Transportation: The senior class will be responsible for all transportation costs for an approved senior trip. School buses will be used whenever reasonably possible.
- D. Expenses: All other expenses of the senior trip will be the responsibility of the senior class, to include the cost of chaperones and drivers. Arrangements to withdraw senior class monies for the trip will be the responsibility of the senior class and all withdrawals and expenditures of such monies must conform with Washington state law. No district funds will be used for housing or food unless approved by the board.

Senior trip activities utilizing ASB monies must be approved by the student ASB prior to a request being made to the school board for approval.

- E. Overnight Field Trips: (1) The senior class advisor(s) must submit a written plan to the principal that includes the purpose, supervision, itinerary, anticipated revenues/expenditures budget for the senior trip at least three (3) weeks prior to the submission of the senior class request to the board for approval; (2) senior class advisor(s) must attend the board meeting in which the senior class will requesting the board to approve their senior trip for the purpose of answering any questions the board may raise; and (3) upon board approval, a written description of the overnight field trip

and the Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement form will be sent home . . . the Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement form must be signed by both the student and their parents/guardians in order for the student to participate on the senior trip.

One of the chaperones must be a class advisor or a board approved certificated staff member. All chaperones must be approved by the board. Bus drivers can not serve as a chaperone while driving the bus.

Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement

In order for a senior class student to be allowed to participate with their fellow classmates on a senior class trip the student and their parents/guardians must agree to the rules and regulations governing a senior trip, as well as to all school board policies related to student conduct and behavior. A Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement form that defines the conditions for participation on the senior trip and the consequences for inappropriate conduct or behavior must be signed by both the student and their parents/guardians prior to participation on the senior trip. If a senior or their parents/guardians do not signify by signature that they have read, understand and accept the conditions for participating in the senior trip, the student will be denied the opportunity to participate on the senior trip. **It is understood that a senior may be denied participation in senior class graduation ceremonies and other school related activities for violations of the conditions identified in the Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement form and other school board policies.**

The principal will be responsible for developing the Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement form. The principal will present the Student-Parent/Guardian Senior Trip Agreement form to the board for their review and approval at the same board meeting the senior class makes their senior trip presentation request.