

POLICY

Board of Education Bernards Township

File Code: M2341
FIELD TRIPS

The Board of Education recognizes that field trips, used as a device for teaching and learning integral to the curriculum, are an educationally sound and important ingredient in the instructional program of the school.

For the purposes of this policy, a field trip shall be defined as any journey of a duration no greater than one day by a group of pupils away from the school premises, under the supervision of a teacher, which is an integral part of an approved course of study and conducted for the purpose of affording a first-hand educational experience not available in the classroom.

The chief school administrator shall approve all field trips upon the recommendation of the principal.

Parents/guardians may be asked to bear the expense of field trips. No pupil is to be denied the right to participate because of inability to pay.

The Board does not endorse, support or assume liability in any way for any staff member of this district who takes pupils on trips not approved by the chief school administrator. No staff member may solicit pupils of this district for such trips within the facilities or on the school grounds of this District without permission of the chief school administrator.

Pupil Self-Administration of Medication

The Board shall permit self-administration of medication on field trips for asthma and other potentially life-threatening illness. All conditions established by law and Board policy shall be met [see Policy/Procedure #5330].

- Legal References:**
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| N.J.S.A. 18A:25-2 | Authority over pupils |
| N.J.S.A. 18A:36-21 | Field trips; costs to be borne by parents or guardians... |
| N.J.S.A. 18A:39-20.1 | Transportation to and from related school activities in private vehicle with capacity of eight or less; authorization of qualified school personnel, state employees or parents |
| N.J.S.A. 18A:40-12.3 | Self-administration of medication by pupils; through 12.4 conditions... |

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