CHAPERONES

Adult supervision is critical to the success of any student activity. Because of the higher risks to safety and other concerns encountered during field trips, competition activities, and extended trips; it is imperative that teachers and advisors ensure that all trips are adequately chaperoned by gender specific adult supervision to assure the safety and protection of students. A student regardless of age of majority, is not considered to be a suitable adult chaperone. Chaperones shall be selected by the trip teacher/advisor and shall be under the supervision of such.

Guidelines

Number and Gender of Chaperones

1. Depending on the nature of the extracurricular or co-curricular activity, local or onsite activities may require one (1) chaperone to each ten (10) students.

2. For extended and overnight trips, the recommended ratio is one (1) chaperone to every eight (8) students.

3. Extended and overnight student trips must have adequate chaperones to accommodate the gender make-up of the students.

4. Groups with both male and female participants shall have supervision of at least one (1) male adult chaperone and one (1) female adult chaperone.

Trip Proposal

The trip proposal must include the number of chaperones and their names including both male and female chaperones if the proposal is for a mixed group of students.

Room Assignments

1. Students shall not stay in the same motel/hotel room with a chaperone unless such chaperone is the student’s parent/guardian.

Chaperone Commitment

1. When an individual accepts the position of a chaperone for a school sponsored function he/she shall commit to a definite period of student supervision.

2. This period of student supervision shall be continuous and implies that students will be under adult observation, guidance, and authority during all of the activities which accompany a field trip or other school-approved function.

3. Non-employee chaperones are required to undergo a criminal background check.

4. Each participating chaperone or parent volunteer shall sign a waiver of liability #2565F *Indemnification-Hold Harmless Agreement*. These waivers must be reviewed and approved by the principal, secured, and on file in the school office prior to the commencement of the trip.

Chaperone Duties

Chaperones must be advised by the teacher or advisor of the duties and expectations before leaving on the trip. Each chaperone shall agree to the following duties:

1. Supervise and be responsible for students during the entirety of the trip;

2. Ensure that students follow all legal and school requirements;

3. Establish a procedure for monitoring compliance and room checks;

4. Take roll call on the bus every time the students load;

5. Refrain from using tobacco and consuming alcoholic beverages or drugs that are illegal in the State of Idaho while on field trips or extended trips; and

6. In all ways model the behaviors expected of District students.

DEFINITIONS

Age of Majority: is the threshold of adulthood as it is conceptualized (and recognized or declared) in law. It is the chronological moment when minors cease to legally be considered children and assume control over their persons, actions, and decisions, thereby terminating the legal control and legal responsibilities of their parents or guardian over and for them. Most countries set majority at 18. The word majority here refers to having greater years and being of full age; it is opposed to minority, the state of being a minor

Extended Trip: is designed to leave the State of Idaho or to travel a distance greater than that determined on an annual basis by the superintendent.

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Cross Reference: Extended Out-of-District or Overnight Travel #2555
Elementary Field Trips #2560
Activity Trip Transportation #8200
Bus Supervision of Activity and Field Trips #8210
Transportation of Students in Private Vehicles #8270

Student Clubs and Organizations #3382
Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace #5320
Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Letter 5320F