

FIELD TRIPS

School sponsored field trips and other student activities involving travel (collectively “Trips”) may be authorized by the superintendent when such Trips contribute substantially to the achievement of desirable educational goals.

All Trips will be planned by the teacher or sponsor and approved by the principal and superintendent or designee. All overnight Trips must be approved by the superintendent. **All Overnight Trips which exceed 150 miles one way must be approved by the Board unless they are VHSL events which do not require Board approval.**

Requests for overnight Trips must be presented to the superintendent at least seven (7) days before the scheduled trip or the Board meeting at which approval is sought. The request shall be made on the approved field trip/overnight trip form and must provide complete information requested. Any major overnight Trip to an out of state destination or one which requires student fundraising must be requested at least one month in advance and prior to any fundraising.

Transportation for Trips generally will be provided in a school owned vehicle. Chartered buses may be used when school owned buses are not available or it is deemed to be in the best interest of students. The teacher or sponsor will be responsible for selecting a charter bus company which complies with all state and federal regulations. Private cars may not be used to transport students on Trips.

No student shall be denied the privilege of going on a school sponsored Trip because of financial limitations.

Adopted: by the Bristol Virginia School Board on June 19, 2012.

Legal Ref: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78, 22.1-176