

POLICY

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND CLASS TRIPS

The Board of Education recognized the value of social events and class trips that will enhance and enrich the school experience for the pupils of this district.

For purposes of this policy, a "social event" is a party, celebration, or dance organized for the participation of pupils, and "class trips" are trips taken by pupils in a single graduating class, pupils who share a particular interest in an activity.

The Board will make school facilities available and assign staff members as appropriate for the conduct of social events on school premises that have been approved by the High School Administration and for social events and class trips away from school premises that have been approved by the Superintendent. A social event or class trip may be considered to have been approved by this Board only when the Board has duly assigned one or more chaperones to supervise participating pupils. The Board will assume no responsibility for a pupil social event or trip that has not been approved in accordance with this policy. Social events and class trips usually will not receive funding from the Board of Education.

The Board reserves the right to cancel any scheduled trip if fewer than 25 percent of the group of pupils eligible to participate sign up for the trip or if the Board determines that external circumstances are such that it cannot foresee a reasonable safe travel environment.

Social events or class trips are not part of the thorough and efficient system of education provided by the Board. Participation in them is therefore not a right and may be denied to any pupil without the due process of notice and an opportunity to be heard. A pupil who demonstrates disregard for school rules may summarily be denied participation in social events and class trips.

A pupil who possesses or consumes alcohol or drugs or violates any local, state or Federal law in the course of an approved social event or class trip will be

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deemed to have placed all other participating pupils at risk and may be immediately dismissed from the event or trip. Any such pupil will be returned home by appropriate and safe means of transportation. The pupil's parent or guardian, or a representative of the pupil's parent will be immediately notified. Any expenses incurred by the dismissal will be the responsibility of the pupil and/or the pupil's parent or guardian. If a behavior involves any type of criminal activity, appropriate law enforcement agencies will be immediately notified.

The Superintendent will develop regulations governing the conduct and safety of all participants in social events and class trips and will distribute them to pupil and adult participants.

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