

FIELD TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIELD TRIP POLICY

The Newton Public Schools seek to provide students with rich opportunities for learning both inside and outside the schools. Our location in the Greater Boston region puts us in close proximity to excellent educational and cultural resources, and the use of these resources is desirable when enrichments to formal learning are sought. Excursions away from the school building during the schools hours may flow naturally from curriculum topics being explored in the classroom. Field trips may also stem from the need to reinforce ideas of cooperation and productive community living.

Attendance on school-sponsored trips which are not part of required class activities is not a student's right, but a privilege. No student may attend such a trip if, in the determination of the principal or her/his designee as part of disciplinary action, the student's behavior has been so inappropriate or antisocial as to be deemed disruptive to the planned trip. All rules and regulations as specified in the Newton Public Schools Students' Rights and Responsibilities Handbook will be in effect throughout any school trip.

This policy applies to all student trips including:

1. Day trips defined as outings that occur during regular school hours.
1. Extended long distance or overnight trips defined as outings that extend beyond normal school hours during the day or outings which require an overnight stay of at least one night.
2. International trips defined as travel to any country outside of the United States.

Any questions pertaining to the school trip policy should be directed to the office of the associate superintendent.