

Field Trip Policy

All school field trips should relate to or reinforce some aspect of the instructional program, as outlined in the school philosophy statement.

Whenever possible, all students at a particular grade level will be given the opportunity to benefit from the same or similar field trip.

All requests for field trips are to be submitted by teachers to the building principal for his/her approval as soon in advance as possible. Trips that require one-way travel of more than 150 miles, or an overnight stay, must be presented at least 30 days in advance to the Blue Hill Consolidated School Committee for approval “with an explanation of why closer alternatives are not appropriate” prior to arrangements being made by the faculty involved.

All field trips planned for destinations outside of the State of Maine must be cleared through the School Committee at a regularly scheduled School Committee meeting. To encourage teachers to take advantage of the resources within our state; decrease time students must spend in transit; and encourage fiscal responsibility; the School Committee will ask that any out-of-state field trips be funded in half by those who are requesting permission.

Parents will be informed in writing regarding field trips within Blue Hill. Parents must provide written permission for out-of-town field trips.

Private transportation by teachers should be avoided. In those rare cases when teachers need to transport students, the teachers must have provided their license, registration, and proof of insurance to the Superintendent’s Office. Parents are not to transport any children, except their own, on field trips.

Traditionally, the 8th grade class trip at BHCS has taken up a significant portion of class time for fundraising. Thus, the 8th grade Class Advisors will be limited to raising \$5,000.00 for this trip. Eighth grade class trips will continue to require School Board approval. The Board would also consider a proposal to spread out the 8th grade activities over the course of the last week of school, and not be bound to a single event. An overnight may also be approved by the Board.

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