

**Policy Statement:**

The Board will establish and ensure that guidelines are in place regarding field trips, excursions and tours as it related to the Division.

**Rationale:**

The Board is committed to creating high quality education and co-curricular and extracurricular experiences which prepare our students to meet the challenges of a diverse global society. The Board recognizes that co-curricular and extracurricular activities are an integral and valuable part of a student's educational experiences at school. Schools can most effectively support student learning by enhancing the regular school program with opportunities for student participation in a variety of age appropriate co-curricular activities.

Students may develop a variety of skills through participation in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, including activity specific skills, team collaboration and sharing positive social values and behaviours which they can transfer to their lives now and in the future. Such activities, wisely selected, properly organized and supervised, may contribute to students' attainment of the curricular outcomes.

**Scope:**

This policy is applicable to all students and schools within the Division. All international travel activities must be approved, in principle, by the Board before any commitments are made (or paid) to students, parents or travel companies. (Usually significantly more than six (6) months prior to departure.) Preliminary approval shall be requested by sending a letter to the Board, which will briefly describe the event and its educational value.

**Reference:**

[AP 60-03 Field Trips, Excursions, National and International Tours](#)