

6102: OUTDOOR EDUCATION (AP)

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POLICY

The Board of Education recognizes the positive impact outdoor education activities may have on the character development of pupils on the development of a higher sense of environmental awareness of pupils.

To this end, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to approve outdoor education trips that have educational value and are supervised by teachers qualified to carry out the intended purpose.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1.0 PURPOSES OF OUTDOOR EDUCATION

- i) To increase the pupil's understanding and appreciation of the natural environment;
- ii) To develop the pupil's knowledge of good camping practices;
- iii) To develop the pupil's planning skills;
- iv) To teach specific outdoor techniques such as survival practices, map reading, hiking, canoeing and orienteering.

2.0 TEACHER CHAPERONE PREPARATION

Before an outdoor education trip is undertaken, the teacher and/or chaperone shall;

- i) Familiarize himself with the contents of the School District 70 Pacific Rim Outdoor Education Programme guide, with particular attention to the preliminary planning guide outlined on page 20;
- ii) Familiarize himself with the contents of the Ministry of Education Outdoor Education Safety guide;
- iii) Assure the Superintendent of Schools that the teachers/chaperones intending to carry out potentially hazardous activities such as canoeing, winter expeditions, hiking the West Coast Trail, etc. have received appropriate training.

3.0 EQUIPMENT

Teachers using District outdoor equipment should;

- i) Make arrangements for use with the Custodial/Transportation Supervisor;
- ii) Ensure that the equipment is returned in clean condition
- iii) Ensure that damage of equipment is reported.

4.0 LIMITATIONS TO OUTDOOR EDUCATION

4.1 Elementary

- i) Elementary pupils may participate in no more than one trip per year;
- ii) Elementary trips shall not exceed three days;
- iii) Participation of pupils must be voluntary.

4.2 Secondary

- i) Secondary pupils may participate in no more than one trip per semester;
- ii) Secondary trips shall not exceed four days
- iii) Participation of pupils must be voluntary.

4.3 First Aid

A person qualified in First Aid must accompany every group.