



XXX: Off-site Experience / Field Trip(P)

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POLICY

Pacific Rim School District understands the educational value of curricular and extra-curricular Off-site Experiences and Field Trips that supplement educational programs for students.

Effective learning experiences often result from firsthand observation of, or participation in events or activities that occur out in the community away from the school. The Board believes it is of paramount importance that Off-Site Experiences are selected, planned, organized, and conducted in the context of:

- *The activity is affordable, accessible and offers clear benefits to students while being relevant to curriculum and integral to the educational process.*
- *The activity is appropriate and effective for student's educational program and curriculum.*
- *Adult supervising staff having the requisite skills and experience to provide safe and appropriate Field Trip experiences.*
- *Safety and security of all participants is the first priority (e.g. students, staff, volunteers and the School District)*
- *The Activity has been reviewed for risk assessment, ability to mitigate risk and overall management of off-site activities.*

Students participating in Off-site Experiences will behave in accordance with the School and District Codes of Conduct and any special directions required to maintain proper structure and safety pertaining to the activity as determined by the Principal, trip supervisor, and site managers.

The Safety First! Guidelines for BC School Off-site Experiences can be found on the Pacific Rim School District staff portal under Field Trips.

(We want to acknowledge that this policy was created with guidance from the qathet School District (SD47))