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EXTENDED TRAVEL

School funded overnight trips as well as clubs and other school approved organizations that engage in overnight, in-state activities are exempt from this policy but must comply with policy IJOA.

Foreign or domestic overnight travel with significant educational value is permitted following approval of the Building Principal, Superintendent, and School Board.

Approval by the School Board shall consist of preliminary approval (permission to plan and to commit funds) and final approval (permission to proceed). Except to determine interest/feasibility, no substantive discussions of foreign travel can be conducted with students until preliminary approval is granted by the School Board. Requests for final approval should be scheduled for the regular School Board meeting approximately one month prior to departure. The School Board may rescind final approval in the event the government issues a travel advisory for any areas on the itinerary or if the safety and well-being of the students may be jeopardized by acts of terrorism or government instability.

Overnight trips shall, to the extent possible, be scheduled during school vacation periods. If the trip extends into the school days, a waiver request must be approved by the superintendent and the School Board.

Costs of such trips shall be the responsibility of the participating students and their parent/guardian. The sponsoring organization is required to arrange fundraising opportunities to minimize the financial burden to participants and to ensure availability of financial assistance to those students otherwise qualifying, but for whom the economic strain is too severe.

Requests for preliminary approval submitted to the School Board shall include:

1. Statements of the educational value of the proposed extended travel and the relationship to current program or course offerings.
2. If a travel agency is utilized, evidence of a performance bond or other security for deposits from the agency is required.
3. Inclusive dates of trip.
4. General itinerary.
5. Cost per student.
6. Statement of academic eligibility or other limiting rules of participation established by the trip director.
7. Permission forms to be reviewed with and signed by parents.
8. Statement of source and nature of insurance coverage.
9. Decision and opinion of the Principal and Superintendent.
10. Release from duty of any staff member by the Superintendent.

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11. Financial benefit to trip leader and chaperones must be disclosed (e.g.: plane fare, accommodations, future awards or credits for travel, bonus points, cash or gift awards, etc.)
12. Cost to the District.

Requests for final approval submitted to the School Board shall include:

1. Adult/Student ratio.
2. Confirmation permission forms, student code of conduct contract which will include Standards for Behavior, and telephone contact notification submitted to the principal.

Additionally, a list of all students and chaperones will be submitted to the school and superintendent's office. All chaperones must complete a criminal background check at least one month prior to departure. Only adults assigned as chaperones are permitted to travel with the students.

A copy of this policy and release shall be provided to students_and parents along with materials distributed on extended trips. Students and parents are to be advised that baggage may be searched by chaperones or advisors prior to departure and at any time during the trip.

Administrative Guidelines on Alcohol, Drugs, and Body Art – Standards of Behavior:

1. Students will not consume, purchase, or ship to home, alcohol while on a school sanctioned trip
2. Students will not consume, purchase, or ship to home, drugs while on a school sanctioned trip
3. Students will not purchase body art or piercing services while on a school sanctioned trip
4. Adult chaperones on all trips will adhere to the same standards of behavior as defined for student participants

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PERMISSION/RELEASE STATEMENTS FOR FOREIGN OR EXTENDED TRAVEL

The undersigned _____,
 hereby grants permission for _____ to travel to
 _____ with _____ as chaperones, as part
 of a Dover School District extended travel program. The scheduled departure date is
 _____ and the scheduled return date is _____.

1. The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Dover School District, its officials and agents, from any act, default, injury (including death), loss, expense, damage, deviation, delay, curtailment, or inconvenience caused to or suffered by any person, or their property, howsoever arising, which may occur or be incurred by any organization or person, even though such act, default, injury, loss, expense, damage, deviation, delay, curtailment, or inconvenience may have been caused or contributed to by the actions, negligence or default of the chaperones and/or the Dover School District, its officials or agents.
2. The parent/guardian and student acknowledge that they and their personal property, to include baggage, are at all times solely at their own risk. The district strongly recommends the students be adequately insured in respect to illness, injury, or death for the duration of the trip and to insure fully against loss, or damage to their property. The chaperones or the Dover School District shall not, in any circumstances whatever, be liable in respect of any personal injury, illness, or death or in respect of any damage to or loss of property even if the same arises from their negligent actions. The undersigned will accept the authority and decisions of the chaperones during the trip.
3. The chaperones are authorized by the signers of this document to arrange for any medical services deemed appropriate for the student named above by medical personnel while on the trip.
4. It is also agreed that the District reserves the right to remove a student from this program for failure to maintain program standards or if it deems his or her acts of conduct detrimental to or incompatible with the interest of the program. If a student's participation is terminated, only the funds not actually used will be returned and he or she will be sent home at the parent(s)/guardian or student's expense.
5. The undersigned represent that they are parents or guardians of the named student and are authorized to execute this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this agreement on the

_____ day of _____, 20____

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Student Signature