

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Instruction**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS-SPONSORED TRIPS**Supervision

Students on County Superintendent-sponsored trips are under the jurisdiction of the County Superintendent and shall be subject to County Superintendent rules and regulations.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that adequate supervision is provided on all County Superintendent-sponsored trips and that there is an appropriate ratio of adults to students present on the trip. If the trip involves water activities, this ratio shall be revised as necessary.

Parent/Guardian Permission

Before a student can participate in a County Superintendent-sponsored trip, the teacher shall obtain parent/guardian permission for the trip. Whenever a trip involves water activities, the parent/guardian shall provide specific permission for his/her child to participate in the water activities. The County Superintendent shall provide an alternative educational experience for students whose parents/guardians do not wish them to participate in a trip.

All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the County Superintendent, County Board, or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. All adults taking out-of-state field trips or excursions and all parents/guardians of students taking out-of-state field trips or excursions shall sign a statement waiving such claims. (Education Code 35330)

Safety Issues

1. While conducting a trip, the teacher, employee, or agent of the County Superintendent shall have the County Superintendent's first aid kit in his/her possession or immediately available. (Education Code 32041)

Whenever trips are conducted in areas known to be infested with poisonous snakes, the first aid kit taken on the trip shall contain medically accepted snakebite remedies. In addition, a teacher, employee, or agent of the County Superintendent who has completed a first aid course which is certified by the American Red Cross and which emphasizes the treatment of snakebites shall participate in the trip. (Education Code 32043)

2. The County Superintendent shall provide or make available medical and/or hospital insurance for students injured while participating in any excursion or field trip. (Education Code 35331)
3. If the County Superintendent or designee receives threat level warnings from the Homeland Security Advisory System pertaining to the destination of a County Superintendent-sponsored trip, he/she shall implement precautions necessary to protect

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the safety of students and staff.

4. Lifeguards are required for all swimming activities. If the activity is at a private pool, the owner of the pool shall provide a certificate of insurance, designating the County Superintendent/County Board as an additional insured, for not less than \$500,000 in liability coverage. Staff shall determine supervisory responsibilities for all chaperones.
5. Before trips of more than one day, the lead site administrator or designee may hold a meeting for staff, chaperones, parents/guardians, and students to discuss safety and the importance of safety-related rules for the trip.

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