

Extra-Curricular Activities and Field Trip Policy

Q & A's

1. What has changed in this version of the policy?

The policy now reflects changes that were required to comply with the self-insurance policy of the School Tax Management Committee relating to trips taking place outside Canada. Also, based on feedback from our stakeholders, we clarified issues on student transportation, included reference to adult and vocational centres, and updated the list of prohibited activities.

2. Does the Governing Board need to approve extra-curricular activities that take place on school premises?

No. As stated in Section 87 of the Education Act, the Governing Board must approve educational activities that take place off of school premises.

3. Why does the school board not specify supervision ratios for extra-curricular activities and field trips?

Each school/centre is in the best position to ensure that the supervision ratio for each activity/trip is adequate. The nature of the activity, the skills of the students and their age, are all things that must be taken into consideration when ratios are determined and subsequently approved by the Governing Board.

4. Why is there nothing mentioned in the policy regarding accommodations for students with special needs?

Each school/centre ensures that the supervision for all students, including those with special needs, is sufficient.

5. How do we know if an activity not specifically listed under “prohibited activities” is classified as an extreme sport?

The principal or centre director should contact the school board’s legal department when an activity is in question.

6. Does the carpool form need to be filled out for GMAA activities?

Yes.

7. Does this policy apply to students in the adult and vocational sector?

Yes, the policy applies for all extra-curricular activities and field trips organized by the centre. It does not apply to work placements that are part of the curriculum.