

The Cherokee County Board of Education supports and encourages field trips and expects the Superintendent, principals, and teachers to make every effort to ensure that both curricular and extracurricular field trips are effectively planned, well organized, capably implemented, properly supervised and affordable.

A Field Trip is defined as an optional learning experience designed to enhance student understanding through exploration with and exposure of content and artifacts in the authentic environment. Field trips are designed to enrich student learning by encouraging curiosity and discovery with subject matter that the student may otherwise not have had an opportunity to encounter.

Field trips are valuable options in educational programs and can be either a curricular or an extracurricular activity. Students are allowed to take field trips under the guidance of a certified employee, provided written permission is given by the parent/guardian. All field trips must be pre-approved by the Principal; and field trips that are both overnight and out-of-state must also be pre-approved by the Superintendent and School Board.

The School Board hereby approves those field trips/excursions that result from a school team, squad, or individual qualifying for a state, regional, or national competition where recommended by the Superintendent. If circumstances require both an overnight and/or out-of-state stay, relative to the above-mentioned excursions in this paragraph, the Superintendent or designee must approve the field trip request prior to the trip.

The Superintendent will establish administrative guidelines for administration of field trips that include provisions requiring the purchase of travel insurance and/or favorable cancellation policies and procedures.

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