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School trips designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry can be appropriate and valuable extensions of the classroom. School trips can help meet educational goals and objectives by connecting learning with experiences outside the classroom environment.

Principals must approve day school trips, and the board must approve any preapproved overnight school trips. To be approved, a school trip must (1) provide an effective method for accomplishing curriculum objectives; (2) be consistent with the educational goals of the board; and (3) keep to a minimum any disruptions of other educational programs and/or loss of instructional time. The superintendent will be responsible for developing additional procedures for the request and approval of desired school trips.

Students will not be charged a fee for any required school trip for which credit is granted or which is necessary for participation in interscholastic sports. The board may impose fees for other non-required school trips. Any fees imposed for school trips will be waived or reduced for students who demonstrate real economic hardship. The superintendent will be responsible for establishing procedures to review requests for fee waivers or reductions and to notify students and parents of the availability of and the process for requesting a fee waiver or reduction.

Board policies in the 4300 series concerning student behavior, and board policy 1510/4200/7270, concerning student safety and supervision of students, will apply to all students and teachers while they are taking part in school trips. In addition, board policy 6335 (Special Use of School Buses) will apply to the use of vehicles for all school trips.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-47, -288, -307

Cross References: Goals and Objectives of the Educational Program (policy 3000), Student Safety (policy 1510/4200/7270), Student Behavior Policies (policies in the 4300 series), Student Fees (policy 4600), Special Use of School Buses (policy 6335)