


North East School Division - Administrative Procedure

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Background

The North East School Division (NESD) recognizes the educational benefits that result from out of school educational trips and extra-curricular activities for students. These experiences enhance learning opportunities for students by increasing engagement, promoting cultural growth and encouraging personal development.

Learning beyond the classroom includes, but is not limited to:

- extension of the curriculum and connection to curricular outcomes
- gaining knowledge of the cultural, historical, geographical, scientific, industrial, social and physical aspects of life
- personal experience in environmental education
- awareness of the outdoors as a resource of activities for a healthy lifestyle
- the development of self-reliance, initiative, responsibility, and cooperative attitudes
- activities leading to peer recognition and leadership roles
- participation in public performances, festivals, and competitions; and
- extra-curricular activities

Educators are encouraged to plan out-of-school experiences throughout the school year and to consider opportunities in all subject areas and curriculums. Outcomes must be listed in all requests, as well as information on how teachers expect the experience to enhance student learning, engagement and/or promote cultural and personal development.

All student experiences out of the school require that administrators and teachers use the [NESD Learning Beyond the Classroom Guidelines](#) to plan and prepare for their event/activity.

Consideration must be given to:

1. **Purpose of Event/Activity**
2. **General Planning** (Trip Request Paperwork, Purpose, Duration, Safety, Mitigation, etc.)
3. **Supervision**
4. **Communication**
5. **Transportation**
6. **Permissions/Approvals**
7. **Costs**