

# POLICY

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### 5850 SOCIAL EVENTS AND CLASS TRIPS

The Board of Education recognizes the value of social events and class trips that will enhance and enrich the school experience for the pupils of this district. The Board will make school facilities available and provide for the assignment of sufficient staff members as appropriate for the conduct of social events on school premises that have been approved by the Superintendent and for social events and class trips away from school premises that have been approved by the Board of Education.

For purposes of this policy, a "social event" is a party, celebration, or dance organized for the participation of pupils, and "class trips" are trips taken by pupils in a single graduating class, pupils who share a particular interest in an activity, or pupils who are enrolled in a particular subject area.

Social events and class trips are not related or are only indirectly related to the curriculum. The Board will assume no responsibility for a pupil social event or trip that has not been approved in accordance with this policy. The Board will not approve a social event or class trip that has the effect of reducing the school year for participating pupils to fewer than one hundred eighty days. The Board reserves the right to cancel any scheduled trip.

**It is the intent of the Board that no student will be denied the opportunity to participate in any "social event" or "class trip" due to a financial hardship. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring group to provide financial assistance for those students with an inability to pay for the event.**

Social events or class trips are not part of the thorough and efficient system of education provided by the Board. Participation in them is therefore not a right and may be denied to any pupil without the due process of notice and an opportunity to be heard. A pupil who demonstrates disregard for school rules may summarily be denied participation in social events and class trips.

Pupils who participate in approved social events and class trips are subject to district rules for pupil conduct and must submit to the authority of assigned chaperones. Infractions of the rules will be subject to discipline in the same manner as are infractions of rules during the regular school program.

A pupil who possesses or consumes alcohol or drugs in the course of an approved social event or

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class trip will be deemed to have placed all other participating pupils at risk and shall be subject to appropriate discipline and immediately dismissed from the event or trip. The staff member in charge will make arrangements for the dismissed pupil's transportation to home or school as appropriate.

The cost of any such transportation will be borne by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the pupil. The Board reserves the right to take further disciplinary measures in accordance with Policy No. 5600.

To assist advisors in planning class trips, the Board has pre-approved certain trip destinations. Advisors may select from the following list in planning class trips prior to seeking Board approval of dates, itineraries and related plans. Class trip procedure shall comply with the procedures for field trips.

### Duration- 2 Days, 1 Night

Baltimore, MD  
Boston, MA  
Philadelphia, PA  
Washington, DC

### Duration - 1 Day

New York, NY

The Superintendent will develop regulations governing the conduct and safety of all participants in social events and class trips and will distribute them to pupil and adult participants.

Cross reference: Policy Guide No. 2340

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