

ADMIN PROCEDURES MANUAL
Administrative Procedure 260-3B

FIELD TRIP CONSENT & NOTICE OF RISK FORM

RISK IDENTIFICATION AND MINIMIZATION

The purpose of this Notice and Consent is to ensure that all parents are informed of and provide their consent for their children to participate in field trips that involve activities posing additional risk.

While all field trips entail an element of risk, some outdoor and physical activities involve added risks. Minimizing and managing this risk is a paramount consideration for the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) ("School District") in selecting, planning, organizing, and conducting student field trips. Those field trips that do involve student participation in higher risk activities require different levels of care, conduct, communication, and consent. It is important that students and their parents understand those risks, and notify the School District of factors that may affect a student's ability to participate safely.

Before signing this consent, please ensure that you have reviewed the information in this form and are familiar with the potential risks of the planned activity. Ensure that you inform the School District if there are any additional risk factors that are unique to your child, or if you feel your child cannot participate safely in the planned activities. Parents should also ensure they contact their child's school if they have any questions on associated safety plans, supplies, equipment or other concerns.

High-Risk Activities

Higher risk activities are those that occur outside of the school setting and/or that include activities that have a higher potential for injury or accidents. They include activities such as: canoeing/kayaking/rafting; mountain biking/hiking; gymnastics; rock climbing; skiing/snowboarding; swimming in open water; wall climbing; ice skating; and cheerleading

Safety Equipment

One of the ways that the School District addresses risk is by ensuring that students use appropriate safety equipment, such as helmets, life jackets, etc. Before signing this consent, please review the equipment list carefully and let your child's teacher know if you have questions or concerns or if you do not have access to any of the safety equipment you and your child have been asked to supply.

By signing this form, you consent and agree as follows:

- ☐ I have read and understand this Consent and the accompanying materials setting out the risks involved in the field trip and associated activities (the "Activities"). I have had an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification about the nature of the Activities and those questions have been answered to my satisfaction.
- ☐ I understand the Activities may give rise to risks and hazards, both anticipated and unanticipated, including accident, personal injury, illness, property loss and expense and even death. I understand that those hazards and risks may arise from program locations, rugged terrain, inclement weather,

rock fall, avalanche, motor vehicle accident, equipment failure or the acts, errors and omissions of third parties and other risks arising from the nature of the Activities.

- ☐ I am not aware of any medical or other reason why my child is not able to safely participate in the Activities, or, if I am aware of any such circumstances, I have notified the School District of them.
- ☐ I understand that students who participate in the Activities are expected to follow safety and other rules and directions provided by School District staff, and that any student who fails to follow such rules may not be permitted to participate in the Activities and may be required to return home. In such a case, the School District reserves the right to seek recovery from parents/guardians of any added travel or other expenses incurred.

FOR COMPLETION BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

Date: _____

Printed name of parent/guardian

Signature of parent/guardian

Address

Street

City

Postal Code

References: *AP260 Field Trips*

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