

## Board Policy

Code No. 606.5R2

### STUDENT TRIPS AND TRANSPORTATION FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REGULATION

Elementary Study Experiences (Study Trips and Science Activities)

#### Purpose

- Protect instructional time
- Provide consistent, standards-based, first-hand experiences for each elementary child across the district to enhance or extend subject area curricula
- Improve student achievement
- Maintain study trips as a viable instructional model while responding to fiscal constraints
- Maximize the use of district and community resources

#### Guidelines

- **All elementary children (K-5) will experience three curriculum-related study experiences per year**
  1. Science - High School Planetarium
    - Classroom visits and science activities can be arranged in lieu of going to the Planetarium. Please give the planetarium director or assistant director advance notice of topics to be covered. (Check the Planetarium Quick Link on the high school website for ideas.)
  2. Social Studies/Science
    - Kindergarten – Grocery Store
    - Grade 1 – Wapsi Environmental Nature Center (Please call 563-328-3286 to arrange) or Scott County Park
      - Wapsi all day: nature center, hikes, walks. Programs available to choose when you call. Please see packets available in each building for more information
    - Grade 2 – Fryxel Museum at Augustana (Earth Changes Unit) and Bald Eagle Days
      - Augustana General Access Number: 309-794-7231
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    - Grade 3 – Blackhawk State Park and Museum
      - 309-788-9536
    - Grade 4 – Wapsi Environmental Nature Center (Please call 563-328-3286 to arrange.)
      - All day: river/water study; conservation. Programs available to choose when you call. Project Wild and Aquatics Units. Please see packets available in each building for more information.
    - Grade 5 – West Branch Hoover Museum
    - Grade 5 – Rock Island Arsenal
  3. K-3 Bettendorf Family Museum
    - Kindergarten:
    - Grade 1:
    - Grade 2:
    - Grade 3:

In Addition:

- Fourth grade students may participate in a school-to-career study experience facilitated by the School-to-Career Coordinator or building principal
    - Example: Mississippi Valley Blood Center
  - Fourth grade students have swimming instruction as part of the physical education curriculum
  - Fifth grade students participate in an end-of-the-year track and field day coordinated by the physical education department as part of sixth grade transition activities
  - Special education study experiences beyond those listed above (when appropriate) must be IEP-driven
  - ELP/TAG study experiences may vary from year to year, but must have prior approval
  - Early Childhood study experiences may vary from year to year, but must have prior approval
    - Niabi Zoo
    - Apple Orchard or Pumpkin Farm
- Study experiences are defined as learning activities that extend and support subject area curriculum standards and benchmarks
  - All children at a given grade level will experience the same study trips
  - **All study experiences must follow Board Policy 606.5R1 which restricts field trips to a 15-mile radius. Field trips outside the 15 mile radius may be taken with the approval of the Superintendent or designee.**
  - No additional study trips will be authorized during the school day

Procedure

- Principals must be notified of field trips when classes will be out of the building.
- Teachers schedule dates/times for study experiences according to the guidelines above and use electronic field trip form

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