

McCloud Union Elementary School District

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Field Trip Eligibility Policy

In order for students to be eligible for field trips, he or she must maintain the following:

- **Acceptable grades and few missing assignments;** if the field trip is educational in nature, the student will receive credit for his or her attendance. If the field trip is strictly "fun" in nature, the student may have to stay behind at school to catch up on assignments. Discretion is given to the teachers and administration.
- **Good attendance records with few tardies and absences.** If the student has missed numerous hours/days of school, it may be recommended that he or she stay back from a trip (particularly that of a non-academic nature) to make up time missed from school. Discretion is given to truancy coordinator and/or teachers.
- **Appropriate behavior** including, but not limited to, no suspensions within a month of the field trip, especially in cases where the student has shown disrespect towards authority figures and/or is a safety risk due to unsafe behavior related to the suspension. Teachers and staff need to know that students will take direction and follow rules while on field trips. Discretion is given to the supervising teacher(s) on field trips.

There may be other cases (situational or seasonal) in which a child may be ineligible from attending a field trip. For example, at the end of the school year, if a child has missing library books, an overdue lunch bill or hasn't returned school pictures, s/he may be unable to attend field trips until all issues are resolved. The teachers and administration reserve the right to determine, on a case-by-case basis, whether a child may be ineligible due to situations that arise in unique circumstances or that do not occur regularly (ie. school picture return).

The teachers and administration will make every effort possible to inform parents of a student's eligibility, but it will be stated from the beginning of the school year that students who have unacceptable grades, poor attendance and have displayed inappropriate behavior may be ineligible from attending field trips as per policy and staff input.

If a parent chooses to keep their ineligible child home on the day of the field trip, the child will receive an excused absence "A" for attendance accounting purposes. However, in the event that a child needs to attend school on the day of the field trip, she or he will be supervised by staff not attending the field trip. In rare instances, the school may request a child stay home due to lack of staff for supervision purposes (ie. school-wide field trip).

The field trip eligibility policy exists to eliminate concerns about student success in academics, student attendance and behavioral or safety concerns. The school's priority is for all students to receive an excellent education while reinforcing the rules, values and order of the school district.