



## Policy No. II-19

### Educational Field Trips

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### Purpose

To allow for educational field trips that enhance learning opportunities for students and provide

### Application and Scope

This policy applies to all HCDSB/school-initiated, sponsored and approved educational field trips and joint classroom programs

### References

[Catholic School Graduate Expectations](#)

[Ontario Highway Traffic Act](#)

[Ontario Human Rights Code](#)

### Principles

The HCDSB acknowledges that educational field trips enhance learning opportunities for students

Educational field trips may be considered only insofar as they meet each of the following educational validity criteria:

- o The experience shall lie within the competency and/or understanding of the students involved;
- o The experience shall have curricular and/or instructional relevance for the group of students concerned;
- o The itinerary shall meet the Ministry of Education curriculum expectations and/or Catholic School Graduate Expectations that have been clearly identified by the teacher/trip organizer;
- o The experience shall have educational value in proportion to the time spent traveling and the time spent on the activity;
- o The experience shall promote equity and inclusion, student engagement, community and trust building, citizenship, and/or student leadership opportunities.

Educational field trips are encouraged for all students of all abilities every grade level.

Educational field trips shall promote learning.

## Requirements

The Principal must approve all proposed trips prior to the specific date of departure. A field trip commences

When an out-of-school activity/event includes the span of a weekend, staff to ensure that the itinerary includes a Saturday or Sunday Mass, thereby fulfilling the student obligation. Student/staff participation is required. All participants are to be advised of this requirement in advance of the trip

Out-of-school activities/events must



