

FIELD TRIPS

I. POLICY STATEMENT:

The St. Johnsbury School District believes that field trips are important components of our students' educational programs. Therefore, the district encourages each teacher to take one or more curriculum-related field trips a year. Field trips are defined as organized tours taken by groups of students away from school grounds. It is recognized that the goals of these trips may be to increase academic and/or social skills.

II. RATIONALE:

It is commonly accepted that many educational goals can be met best through a combination of classroom activities and real world experiences. Field trips provide these experiences. They can serve many functions, several of which are:

- allowing students to observe things they have studied in the classroom;
- allowing students to collect raw material or data that can be examined back at school;
- bringing closure to a lesson or unit of study;
- arousing curiosity and therefore motivating study;
- providing real world chances for practicing social skills.

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