

WILSON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Sponsored Trips

The Wilson Area School District will authorize certain multi-day overnight trips during the academic year and/or school holiday periods as an extension of the curricular or co-curricular programs. The following parameters will apply to any such trips:

1. The primary focus of the trip should be the opportunity to learn, apply, or extend knowledge and skills.
2. The trip destination must be financially manageable. Funding may come from a fund-raising support organization, from the district, and/or from the students/families who take the trip.
3. The trip should be to a location that can be effectively supervised. The site should have sufficient additional activities planned to maintain positive student focus with the goal of safe and productive use of both instructional and non-instructional time.
4. Travel arrangements should be with a reputable company with a good history of safety and success with such student outings. Bargain carriers should be avoided if they increase safety concerns.
5. Adequate numbers of chaperones should accompany the students. All chaperones should be members of the sponsoring body, district employees, or approved parent volunteers. Chaperones should present their clearances to the appropriate principal in advance of the scheduled trip. The Board of School Directors will formally approve the chaperones who are recommended by the Administration at their regularly scheduled meetings, in order to extend liability protection to both the organization and to the individual chaperones.
6. Time away from school should be minimized. A maximum of one or two days of school may be missed only if legitimate alternative education experiences are provided.
7. The principal and/or Superintendent will approve all other trip particulars relating to student safety, well-being, and value of alternative educational experiences.