

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64** 

**POLICY 412** Student Travel: Educational Field Trips

"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability, Involve community"

Section: Students Dates of Revisions: Date of Adoption and Resolution Number: June 13, 2018 -76/18

## **Rationale:**

The School District No. 64 Board of Education recognizes that valuable learning can occur off- site and that there is educational value in well-planned and properly supervised field trips. Such experiences provide opportunities for students to develop their intellectual, social, emotional and physical capabilities, in the context of curricular and extracurricular offerings.

## **Policy:**

- 1. The board recognizes the benefits of student field trips when such optional trips supplement educational programs for students. Effective learning experiences often result from first hand observation of, or participation in, events or activities that occur out in the community away from the school.
- 2. The board believes it is of paramount importance that field trips are selected, planned, organized, and conducted in the context of:
  - clear benefit to students
  - health, safety and security of all participants
  - risk assessment and management of off-site activities
  - protection of students, employees, volunteers, and the School District.
- 3. The board intends that any fees associated with educational field trips fees should not be barriers to participation, and will ensure that financial assistance is made available, where necessary.
- 4. All persons (teachers and or sponsors) leading student travel activities for curricular and extracurricular purposes, as well as everyone involved in them, will adhere to the procedure established for administration of this policy.