

Parent Responsibilities for Field Studies

Parents who accompany students on field studies as drivers or chaperones are expected to understand that these excursions are an extension of the classroom and are intended to foster education, not entertainment. Parent volunteers should support the school's purpose for the outing by helping to maintain an atmosphere that is orderly, encouraging, and conducive to learning.

Parents serving in this role are responsible for exercising appropriate authority over conversations and behavior in their vehicle and at the location visited. They should follow the teacher's directions carefully and support all classroom expectations during the excursion, recognizing that students remain under school conduct standards throughout the field study.

To preserve the educational purpose of the outing and to foster relationships within the class, younger siblings should not attend field studies. Parent drivers must not talk or text on a cell phone while the vehicle is in motion and students are in the car.

Parent drivers and chaperones are also asked to refrain from playing videos in the car, playing music that fosters unhealthy relationships, making unplanned stops, or detouring from the route or directions provided by the teacher. These expectations help ensure student safety, maintain consistency, and preserve the instructional focus of the excursion.

All volunteer drivers must submit a copy of their driver's license, proof of insurance, and complete a background check before serving in this capacity. Parents who chauffeur or chaperone students away from campus must also have the Medical Emergency Consent forms for all students in their vehicle; these forms are kept in the school office and are provided by the classroom teacher.