

Activity/Athletic Trips

The Edmond Board of Education recognizes the importance of learning experiences available throughout the total school instructional program. Therefore, in addition to classroom instruction, the Board also supports and encourages worthwhile programs of activities and athletics. Under proper supervision and guidance, these programs are an integral part of the total endeavor of the District.

Out of State Trips

- A. Trips to other states or countries will be considered for high school (9-12) students and organizations who have earned the right to represent the school at national or international contests or events. The criteria for earning the right to represent the school in any activity or contest must be submitted in writing by local school sponsors to the Superintendent of Schools. Trips to other states may be approved by the Superintendent of Schools with trips to other countries approved by the Board.
- B. In approving out-of-state/country trips, the following factors will be considered:
 - 1. Funding availability
 - 2. Time and effort required to raise funds
 - 3. Benefits of the program
 - 4. Success at state contests
 - 5. School time to be missed
 - 6. Other reasons for justification of trip; i.e., lack of state competition, etc.
- C. Funding for out-of-state trips will be provided by the organizations or individuals. The Board of Education does not encourage national competition below the high school level. In the event an out-of-state/country trip is authorized for an activity group, the following guidelines will be observed:
 - 1. Transportation must be by approved commercial vehicles (bus, train or air); regular school bus with state approval; personal vehicles provided by parents when authorized by school officials.
 - 2. Bids on transportation contracts must be coordinated through the business office and ratified by the Board of Education.
 - 3. All costs for the trip must be paid by the activity group, with proper accounting through the school activity fund.

4. Parental authorization forms and appropriate release forms are to be on file with the building principal.
5. Fund-raising projects related to the trip are to be approved in advance.
6. Absence from classroom time will be severely limited. Trips requiring absence of more than three days' classroom time will be discouraged.
7. School District vehicles will not be allowed to take trips greater than a 350-mile radius from Edmond.