

Field/Sports Trips

Policy No. 305.4

General

The Board of Education, School District No. 91 (Nechako Lakes), recognizes the value of sports and educational field trips and supports their inclusion in the educational programs offered in the district.

The Board considers risk assessment to be a major consideration in approving field/sports trips. It is the role of the teacher and the principal/vice principal to ensure that activities are programmed appropriately. Further, the school has a significant duty to clearly communicate to parents what the activities are and what levels of risk can normally be expected in each activity. It then rests with the parents to decide whether their child will participate.

The Board expects field/sports trips to be organized in a manner that avoids unnecessary risk, mitigates risk and addresses the safety and well-being of the students.

Helmets **are required** for elementary aged students involved in ice skating. CSA helmets are **strongly recommended** for all students involved in alpine skiing and **required** for high-risk activities where head injuries can occur, including snowboarding, dirt biking, kayaking, rollerblading, etc.

The Board considers chaperones to be part of a school group and therefore chaperones will adhere to the policy for the age of the group involved.

At all times, staff, students and volunteer supervisors are expected to act as ambassadors for their school and the school district.