

# MIDDLETOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

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204.1. EDUCATIONAL TRIPS	
1. Purpose	The State Board of Education provides that upon receipt of a written request from the parent or guardian of a student involved in an educational trip, the student may be excused from school attendance provided that student will be under the direction and supervision of an adult acceptable to both the Superintendent and the student's parents.
2. Authority	The Board of School Directors recognizes the value of educational trips in enhancing and enriching the school experience for the children of this school district. The district may excuse students from school attendance to participate in non-school sponsored educational trips at the expense of the parents or guardians, if the following requirements are met.
3. Guidelines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A written request shall be made by the student's parent or guardian five (5) days prior to the trip. The request must indicate the educational objectives and value of the trip.</li> <li>2. The student has a regular pattern of attendance and is in good academic standing with the school district.</li> <li>3. Two (2) educational trips may be permitted each school year for a combined maximum of five (5) school days.</li> <li>4. The school district recognizes the importance of final examinations as a review of the year's learning. Therefore, educational trips will not be approved during the final two (2) weeks of the school term, if a final exam is scheduled. Educational trips will not be approved during the days of scheduled PSSA testing.</li> <li>5. The student is responsible for all classroom work that is missed and must contact the teachers prior to the trip to schedule the make-up of assignments.</li> <li>6. Students not complying with this policy will be subject to unexcused or illegal days of absence and will forfeit make-up privileges.</li> </ol>