

**POLICY IJOA**      **Board of Education**  
**Las Cruces Public Schools**

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**Related Entries:**            IJOA-R  
**Responsible Office:**      Associate Superintendent for Instruction

**Field Trips & Excursions**

**I.      PURPOSE**

To establish a policy that supports appropriate, carefully planned field trips that lead to new learning and enhances the instructional program.

**II.     BACKGROUND**

Teacher facilitated instruction is the foundation of the educational process, and maximizing instructional time is the primary goal of the Board. The Board supports the use of carefully planned field trips, travel study programs, and student organization trips that are related to the mission of the school-sponsored organization.

**III.    POSITION**

- A.      All student field trips and travel study programs shall directly relate to appropriate learning standards.
  
- B.      Student participation in trips is voluntary, and students may not be penalized based on nonparticipation.
  
- C.      No student may be denied participation in a school-sponsored field trip or overnight trip that directly relates to the instructional program due to financial circumstances.
  
- D.      The superintendent shall promulgate a regulation for the operation of a field trip to ensure that all field trips directly support and enhance the instructional program, the safety of the student, and that parent permission is obtained before the student leaves the school.

**IV.    REVIEW**

This policy shall be reviewed on an ongoing basis in accordance with the Board of Education policy review process.



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*Board of Education, President*

10.16.12

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*Date Approved*

**History:** Formerly Policy 418, Revised August 2007; Revised 10.16.12

**Legal:**