

SOLANO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION STUDENT FIELD TRIP AUTHORIZATION

(OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA)

<u>No student will be permitted on the Field Trip unless this completed and signed Authorization</u> is submitted to the Supervising Teacher or School Main Office at least 14 days prior to Field Trip. Verbal Authorizations, late Authorizations, or Authorizations not on this form, cannot be accepted.

Student Name:	Address:	
Grade:	DOB:	
School:	Home Telephone:	
Emergency Contact & Telephone No.:		
Field Trip Destination:		
Dates of Trip:		
Supervising Teacher:		
Medical Conditions/Medications:		

By signing below, the authorized Parent or Guardian of the Student planning to participate in the subject Field Trip acknowledges and agrees as follows:

1. Participation in this Field Trip, which will take place partially or exclusively outside of California, is voluntary and is a privilege. I request that the Student be allowed to participate in the Field Trip, under the supervision of the Supervising Teacher/Sponsor and adult chaperones. Transportation, lodging and Field Trip activities will be explained before the Field Trip begins, with all such arrangements and activities deemed acceptable to me and the Student.

2. The Field Trip may be cancelled by the County Office of Education ("COE") at any time, for any good faith reason, specifically including the inability of one or more students to participate due to insufficient funds to pay for the costs of the Field Trip, before the Field Trip commences. The Field Trip may also be interrupted or terminated once it has begun due to unplanned or unforeseen circumstances. There is no recourse or right of action against the COE, its Directors, Officers, teachers, chaperones or agents as a result of such cancellation, interruption or early termination, with such issues determined in the sole and exclusive discretion of the COE, or, once the Field Trip has begun, the Supervising Teacher or the COE.

3. By law, the COE may in no manner financially contribute to the costs of the Field Trip, although the COE is required to ensure adequate funding from external resources to cover the necessary expenses for all eligible Students to participate in the Field Trip, including each eligible Students' transportation, lodging, meals, entry fees, and necessary incidental expenses. The COE will help coordinate efforts to obtain donations from local sponsors or charitable groups. The COE will also authorize fundraising activities in which the participating Students and their parents/guardians are expected to participate in order to raise amounts meeting the necessary costs of the Field Trip. The COE does not, however, warrant or represent that such fundraising activities will result in the collection of the Field Trip's planned costs and expenses. If complete funding is not obtained for all participating/eligible Students, the Field Trip must be cancelled.

4. Required deposits, advance payments for travel, lodging, or other Field Trip activities or pre-paid expenses are nonrefundable unless there has been a prior, express written statement by the COE (not the Supervising Teacher or chaperone) stating a contrary policy for this Field Trip. In cases where the Student has timely provided notice of the Student's withdrawal from a planned Field Trip, and advanced expenses (other than nonrefundable deposits) can be recovered without loss or hardship to other Field Trip participants, such amounts shall be returned to the Student.

5. Transportation will not be provided by COE owned or operated vehicles. Such transportation may include (depending on the particular Field Trip and circumstances) commercial airplanes, busses, subways, taxis, trains, boats, ferries, vans, or other vehicles which do not meet federal, state, local, or COE's safety standards or requirements, and over which the COE has no direct right of control. No warranty or guaranty of safety or suitability exists regarding such transportation.

6. The Student is required to obey all rules and safety requirements of the Field Trip, all COE and School Codes of Conduct, all laws of the State of California (even though the Field Trip will take place outside of this State), and all laws of any other State or Country in which the Field Trip will take place. The Student will always conduct himself/herself with the utmost respect for all persons, entities, and their property. The Student has the duty to take all reasonable and appropriate steps to protect himself/herself from actual or potential harm, and shall take no action threatening his/her safety or the safety of others. The Student must immediately advise the Supervising Teacher, or an adult chaperone, of any fact, circumstance or situation that may present a potential risk of harm or injury to the Student or any other participant on the Field Trip.

7. Because the laws of California and applicable Codes of Conduct will still govern the Student's actions, the Student shall not engage in any activity even if the laws of another state or country would otherwise allow the Student to engage in such activity. This would include, but in no manner be limited to, alcohol consumption or smoking.

8. I understand and agree that failure of the Student to follow these Field Trip rules and safety requirements may result in the Student being sent home from the Field Trip at an earlier than expected date. I will be responsible to ensure that the Student is timely picked up at the point of arrival (nearest airport, train station, bus terminal) at my expense, with the COE determining the most expeditious and appropriate method of returning the Student home in such circumstances. In addition to being returned home early, the Student may also be barred from future Field Trips and face other disciplinary measures.

9. This Field Trip is being conducted pursuant to California Education Code Section 35330, which states that: "All persons making the field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the COE or the State of California for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion." By executing this Field Trip Authorization, I understand and agree that neither I, nor the Student or any other person (parent, guardian, trustee, heir, executor, administrator, assignee), can hold the COE, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers or chaperones liable for any actual or potential claim arising out of, or which is legally or factually in some manner connected with, the Student's participation in this Field Trip. This release of potential claims and waiver of rights is governed under California law, which shall be solely applicable to the interpretation and application of this Field Trip Authorization.

10. Emergency medical information regarding the Student is on file with the COE and is current. (Provide updated information before the trip, if necessary) If an injury or medical emergency occurs during the Field Trip, a Supervising Teacher or chaperone has my express permission to administrator or to authorize the administration of urgent or emergency care, including the transportation of the Student to an urgent care or emergency care provider, and to administer or authorize such other and further medical care, attention, medication (whether prescription or over-the-counter) as may be medically authorized or prudent under the circumstances. In such circumstances, notice to me and/or the Emergency Contact of the injury or medical emergency may be delayed. Therefore, any reasonable or appropriate health care provider has my express authority to conduct diagnostic or anesthetic procedures, and/or to provide medical care or treatment (including surgery and the use of medications), as they may deem reasonable or necessary under all existing circumstances. All costs and expenses associated with such care are solely my responsibility.

Printed Name	Signature	Date	
Date Received by School:		Received by:	