

<b>STUDENT SERVICES</b>	<b>6000</b>
<b>EXTENDED FIELD TRIP POLICY</b>	<b>6020</b>

1. Rationale

Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) recognizes the importance of out of classroom experiences for students. Extended field trips can expand and reinforce concepts learned in the classroom, provide for new and unique learning experiences not available in the classroom, and make learning experiences more interesting and relevant for students. Activities outside the classroom foster a love of lifelong learning by providing opportunities for belonging, well-being, engagement, and expression. They assist students in developing positive attitudes; encourage students to problem solve as they consider the environment around them; and ensure a deeper understanding of community.

2. Policy

It is the policy of LDSB to support the participation of students and teachers in approved extended field trips.

Overnight programs at Kingfisher Lake Outdoor Education Centre, under the auspices of Kingfisher staff, are considered to be extended field trips under the terms of this policy.

3. Guiding Principles

3.1 Extended field trips are valuable learning experiences with curricular relevance and tied to the learning from the classroom.

3.2 Student participation in all extended field trips is voluntary and subject to parental approval.

3.3 Field trips are intentionally planned to include all students. Every effort will be made to ensure equitable inclusion. Consideration will be given to all accommodations appropriate for the student.

This decision will be made by the principal in consultation with the classroom teacher and parent/guardian. The school in partnership with the parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional supervision or care required for individual children.

3.4 The principal, in consultation with the teacher and the parent/guardian, may exclude a pupil from participation in a particular trip. An alternate program will be provided at the school for such occasions.

3.5 Written parental/guardian informed consent and agreement to all conditions specified is required for all students under age eighteen participating in extended field trips.

3.6 It is the principal's responsibility to ensure that suitable supervision and safety measures are provided. Safety and well-being shall be given the highest priority for all stakeholders.

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