

## EDUCATIONAL NONSCHOOL-SPONSORED TRIPS

The Board does not and cannot prohibit students from participating in nonschool-sponsored trips sponsored by individuals or organizations as long as the trips do not interfere with the student's daily attendance and participation in the regular school curriculum. The Board, however, does not sponsor such trips or assume any responsibility for them; further, the Board of Education does not and cannot warrant, guarantee, or take any position as to the reliability of an individual or organization which sponsors and solicits students to participate in nonschool-sponsored trips or the quality of such trips. Such nonschool-sponsored trips are not school sponsored activities; students who participate in them, and parents who authorize student participation, take full responsibility for any consequences that arise from such participation.

Teachers employed by the Board and who solicit students to participate, in nonschool-sponsored trips and/or any other activities related thereto, sponsored by themselves or other individuals or organizations are acting outside the scope of their employment or official responsibilities as teachers of the Gallipolis City School District.

Teachers who intend to engage in such activities on behalf of themselves or other individuals or organizations must first advise the administration in writing of their intention to do so and sign an acknowledgement that:

1. their participation in such trips and/or all other activities related thereto is outside the scope of their employment or official responsibilities as teachers of the Gallipolis City School District; and
2. the Board will not indemnify them or furnish their defense for any liability incurred as a direct or indirect result of their participation in such trips and/or any other activities related thereto.

Such teachers must also advise those students that the trip is not a school-sponsored activity, that they are acting outside the scope of their employment or official responsibilities as teachers of the Gallipolis City School District, that the Board accepts no responsibility, and that the Board of Education does not warrant, guarantee or take any position as to the reliability of the individuals or organizations sponsoring the trip or the quality of such trips. The teachers must also have students who participate in the trips, or their parents or guardians if the students are minors, sign an acknowledgement, supplied by the administration, that they have been advised of this policy and that they have read and understand this policy, or alternatively, supply the administration with a list of those students who will be participating in any nonschool-sponsored trips so that this policy can be disseminated to them.

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