



TAKLA NATION

HEALTH ■ PROSPERITY ■ TRADITION

TAKLA NATION School and Youth Trips Policy

Policy Statement

Takla Nation Chief and Council recognizes the value of sports, educational and cultural field trips for children and youth and supports their inclusion in the programs offered by Nus Wadeelzuhl Community School and other departments of Takla Nation.

In lieu of Takla Nation-specific procedures, Takla Nation adheres to the Administrative Guidelines for Field/Sports Trips as approved and published by School District 91 Nechako Lakes. It is the responsibility of Takla Nation senior administrators to interpret the published SD 91 guidelines in the context of Takla Nation-authorized field trips.

All chaperones involved with NWCS and other Nation-authorized field or sports trips will be selected, governed by and paid honoraria as outlined in the Takla Nation Volunteer and Honoraria Policy. There are no exceptions to this requirement. No unapproved individuals are allowed to participate or travel with children and youth on Nation-authorized trips.

Rationale

This policy and the related guidelines are designed to ensure positive, safe experiences for children and youth, and to manage risk and liability for the Nation.

Principles

- The Nation expects trips to be organized in a manner that avoids unnecessary risk, mitigates risk and addresses the safety and well-being of the children and youth;
- The Nation considers chaperones to be part of a group and therefore chaperones will adhere to the specific guidelines for the age of the group involved;
- At all times, staff, students and volunteer supervisors are expected to act as ambassadors for the Nation.

Scope/Limitations

The Nation considers risk assessment to be a major consideration in approving field trips. It is the role of the teacher and the principal in the case of the School, and the appropriate administrator for all other departments to ensure that activities are programmed appropriately. Further, the School and departments have a significant duty to clearly communicate to parents or guardians what the activities are and what levels of risk can normally be expected in each activity. It then rests with the parents or guardians to decide whether their child or youth will participate.

At any time, parents or guardians of children or youth participating in Nation-authorized trips may identify and express concerns about policy and guideline interpretation or implementation. These concerns can be identified to:

- The trip organizer
- The supervisor of the organizer
- The senior administrator responsible for the department
- Chief and Council

Additional protocols and requirements for selection and payment of volunteers are detailed in the separate Volunteer and Honoraria Policy.

Definitions

Children and Youth: Participants under the age of 19 and including any individuals with special needs who participate in field trips.

Field Trips: For School-organized trips, anything that takes students off the School property. For trips organized by other departments, all activities outside a regular meeting space are considered field trips.

Takla Nation: The elected Chief and Council.

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