

FORT LA BOSSE SCHOOL DIVISION

TITLE - **FIELD TRIPS-FOREIGN TRAVEL***

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

As the parent/guardian of a student who has expressed an interest in being involved with a foreign travel group it is imperative that, from the outset, you understand that neither your school nor the Board will take any part in either the planning or the conducting of the trip. While the Board recognises the personal and educational values to be gained from foreign travel, it DOES NOT sanction or financially support such endeavours.

The School Division wishes to make it clear that this form of group travel is NOT considered to be an extra-curricular activity. It is viewed, rather, as a trip planned voluntarily by interested youths and supporting adults working at-arms-length from the Board and its schools. It should also be understood that this association of individuals might choose to retain, at their own risk and expense, a travel company to assist in their travel plans and arrangements.

Therefore, please understand that the Division will NOT be involved in any aspect of the planning or organization of the trip including, without limitation:

1. The timing or destination of the tour.
2. The gender, the training, or the number of chaperones working with and/or accompanying the group from Canada.
3. The identity or point of origin of the Canadian travelling chaperones.
4. The company, if any, retained for the purpose of organising the trip or the chaperones and/or the guide(s), which may be provided by that company.
5. The origin(s), gender or number of students travelling with the group.
6. Pre-trip planning, including medical insurance, passports, etc.
7. Expected behavioural guidelines and consequences.
8. Security and communication arrangements.
9. The unsettled political conditions in some foreign countries.

The Division does recognise the inherent educational benefits of travel and it will recognise an absence by a student taking the trip as it would if the student were travelling with his/her own family. The Division's ONLY involvement is to allow, if necessary, the absence from school for any adult staff member who may be travelling with the group.

Yours truly,

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE.

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RECOGNITION OF UNDERSTANDING

Please sign and return this correspondence in its entirety indicating that:

1. You will allow your son/daughter to continue to be associated with the travel group;
2. You understand that neither your school, nor the Division, will be involved in any aspect of the organising or conducting of the trip; and
3. You do not anticipate that either your school, or the Division, will provide any financial support for the trip.

With the full knowledge and understanding that neither the school, nor Fort La Bosse School Division, will take any part whatsoever in any aspect of the foreign travel group planning a trip to

(Destination)

I hereby give permission for _____
(Name of Student)
to continue to be associated with the group.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

NOTE: A copy of this completed correspondence will be returned to you at your request.

