

## STUDENTS

### Extra-Curricular Travel

In determining whether or not to approve trips for extra-curricular activities which are non WIAA sanctioned events, district administration will consider the following components of the trip.

- A. Time out of School – Protecting instructional time is a primary district concern. Trips that involve the loss of multiple days of class time will generally not be approved. Trips that minimize the loss of class time by using the weekend and part of a Friday or Monday may be considered.
- B. Cost – Trips that are excessively expensive will generally not be approved. Since students often have to fundraise in the community to secure the funds for the trip, administration will consider the impact of that fundraising on the community when determining whether or not to allow the trip. When fundraising is not involved, administration will still consider the impact on families and their finances when determining whether or not to allow the trip.
- C. Distance – Trips that take students long distances from Kennewick will generally not be approved. Since travel takes time, minimizing travel reduces the need to miss school. Also, since travel across the country can be expensive, the distance of the trip and its associated costs will be considered. In addition, since administration may have to travel to the location of the event in the event of a disciplinary, medical, or other situation needing administrative assistance, trips that take students to places that are difficult to get to quickly will generally not be approved. For example, a trip to Denver would have a greater likelihood of approval than a trip to Tallahassee since there are direct flights to Pasco from Denver, but not from Pasco to Tallahassee.
- D. Other Comparable Activities – Trips to events where there are similar or comparable geographically closer events will generally not be approved. If there is a competition within the state or northwest that is similar in nature to one a considerable distance away, administration will expect the activity to pick the closer event.

Legal Reference: RCW [28A.160.010](#)  
[28A.600.200](#)

Operation of student transportation program  
 Interschool Athletic and Other  
 Extracurricular Activities for Students

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