



Southern Lehigh School District

EDUCATIONAL TRIP REQUEST

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Absences due to Educational Trips may be excused if approved by the Building Principal **in advance**. Please complete the form on the following page if you are requesting pre-approval for an educational trip. Submit the completed form to the principal no later than **10 days prior to the date** of your planned educational trip. One form must be submitted for each child. When planning an educational trip, we request that you keep the following in mind:

Academic Concerns

Absences from school may have an adverse affect on the academic achievement and grades of students. If your child is experiencing difficulty with course work or receiving poor grades, it is our recommendation that the requested trip be planned on non-school days.

It is the responsibility of the student and parent to notify individual teachers of an anticipated absence and to make up all work and tests missed. The student should see teachers upon returning to insure that all assignments have been completed.

Excessive Absenteeism

Excessive absenteeism generally results in decreased academic achievement. In an effort to prevent this, Southern Lehigh schools will communicate with parents on a timely basis through teachers, counselors, administrators and through letters, electronic communication, and conferences.

The principal/assistant principal reserves the right to require verification of illness by a doctor's excuse or attendance at an appointment/judicial appointment at any time.

Absences in excess of 10 school days in a given school year must be covered by a doctor's excuse or they may be considered unexcused. If an illness is chronic or severe such that extended or frequent absence is anticipated, a doctor's excuse should be presented to the school nurse. This excuse should explain the nature of the illness.

Time away from school for educational trips counts toward the 10 day limit. In exceptional situations, an administrator may waive this limit after a thorough review of all circumstances. (Reference Title 22, Section 11.26; SLSD Policy No. 204 Attendance)

Any unexcused absence may result in the loss of credit for any work missed on the day of absence.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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Student Name

School

Hopewell Elementary School

Grade

Homeroom Teacher

Responsible adult(s) in whose company the student will be:

Date(s) of Absence

From:

To:

Date of Return to School

Destination and educational aspects for trip:

Parent's Name

Phone Number

Email Address

Parent's Signature

Date

THIS FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRINCIPAL NO LATER THAN 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE.

You will be contacted if there is a problem with this request.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

APPROVED

Principal's Initials _____

DISAPPROVED

Principal's Initials _____