

Parent/Caregiver Field Studies Informed Consent Form

This is an important document. Please review the contents of this Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk form carefully prior to providing permission for your child to participate in this excursion. Clarify any questions or concerns with the Educator in Charge before signing it.

School Information

Educator in Charge: _____ Administrator: _____
To the Parent/Caregiver of: _____ Grade/Division: _____

Field Studies Information

Form distributed on: _____ to be returned by: _____

**Please note that if this form is not returned by the date indicated, your child will not be permitted to attend.*

Date of Field Study: _____

Destination/Activity: _____

Series of activities to be undertaken (Specify Program):

Purpose or Educational Goal:

Itinerary/Activities:

Departure time & location: _____

Return time & location: _____

Method(s) of Transportation: _____

Total Number of Supervisors Planned: _____

Supervisory Arrangements: _____

Program/Activity Information

Cost to Student: _____

What to Bring: Comfortable, closed toe athletic shoes. Appropriate clothing for the mountain weather (layers and a light rain jacket are recommended). Packed lunch, snack, and water bottle. Students will not have access to the cafeteria to purchase food. Students on the lunch program will receive a sandwich, fruit, and juice box from the school cafeteria.

Other Considerations:

Please note: Submission of this permission form commits the student to the cost of the trip. As reservations and payments are made on the student's behalf, no refunds will be available once forms have been submitted. Students who register for the trip remain responsible for the full fee, even if they choose not to attend later. Please contact C. Bell-Irving (cbellirving@vsb.bc.ca) if there are any questions or concerns.

Parent/Caregiver Consent

I, _____ (name of Parent/Caregiver) give permission for
_____ (name of Student) to participate in the field study described above.
I understand that my child may be exposed to risk or injury due to accident while participating in this activity.
Signature of Parent/Caregiver: _____

Student Information

School Cash Online Receipt Number (if applicable): _____
Parent/Caregiver Contact Number: Day: _____ Night: _____
Emergency Contact Name: _____
Emergency Contact Number: _____

List any specific medical/physical conditions that may affect participation in the stated program/activity (e.g., recent illness or injury, recent hospitalization or surgery, chronic conditions, phobias, etc.):

Specify any conditions or requirements for program modification or specific activities your child should not participate in:

List any allergy information (e.g., specific drugs, certain foods, insect stings, hay fever):

Carries Epi pen? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Inhaler? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Medical Alert Bracelet? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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Date of last Tetanus shot: _____

Prescribed medication(s) taken at this time (name, reason, dosage, storage, potential side effects/treatment of such):

Other Health/Medical/Dietary Concerns/restrictions:

If applicable: Swimming and water-based activities are sports with physical demands and inherent risks which are beyond the control of school staff. Swimmers and their parents/guardians assume these risks. For the purpose of this outing, my child's swim classification is: (select only one).

☐ Non-Swimmer ☐ Basic ☐ Intermediate ☐ Advanced

**No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in this program because of an inability to pay the fee, as the VSB Financial Hardship Policy. Please contact the Educator in Charge or Administrator in confidence to discuss options. Please note the VSB Financial Hardship Policy only applies to Field Studies Categories 1 through 4a.*

INFORMED CONSENT and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK: The purpose of this form is to inform you about a proposed field studies involving our child, and to seek your support and permission for your child to participate. Field Studies are part of the school program, and they provide students with valuable learning experiences. However, should you not wish for your child to participate in this activity, school staff will assign the student other learning activities at the school. If you have any concerns or do not wish for your child to attend the event, please notify the Educator in Charge. Alternative arrangements may be made for your child at the school.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES: The board will make every reasonable effort to ensure or ascertain that:

- a. The staff, volunteers and/or service providers involved are suitably trained and qualified.
- b. The students are adequately supervised over all aspects of the program/activity.
- c. The locations used are appropriate and safe for the activities and group.
- d. Equipment used has been inspected and deemed appropriate and safe.
- e. A Safety Plan is in place to identify and manage known potential risks.
- f. An Emergency Plan is in place to deal with an injury or illness to any of the students.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS: All students are expected to follow the District Code of Conduct and School Code of Conduct. Please note that unsanctioned swimming in hotel pools or outdoors is not permitted. As well, students are not permitted to access hotel hot tubs, saunas, or other amenities which are not part of the field studies.

POTENTIAL KNOWN RISKS AND SPECIAL SAFETY INFORMATION: The purpose of this section is to detail and reinforce with parents/caregivers all potential known risks of participation in the field study to ensure parents/caregivers are providing informed consent. Safety issues and precautions which have been discussed with students should also be referred to. Students are expected to wear helmets for cycling, rollerblading, downhill skiing, snowboarding, skating, rock climbing, and white-water activities. Students are expected to wear a properly fitted Personal Flotation Device in or around the water when participating in water-based activities other than swimming. While students may be engaged in water-based activities, recreational swimming is not permitted as part of this field study. Swimming may only occur when it is a pre-approved activity, with informed consent and under the supervision of a qualified lifeguard within a clearly designated area.

This field trip is taking place at a public venue and external media may be present. During this time, photographs, video recordings and audio recordings may be taken. The media captured could be used in various formats, including but not limited to, TV, social media and the web.

CONSENT and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK: While school staff will take reasonable steps to prevent injuries to students, some degree of risk is inherent in the nature of this activity and may occur without fault on the part of the student, school board, its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing your child to participate in this activity, you are agreeing that the activity described above is suitable for your child, and that there is a risk of injury associated with the activity.

- My child has been informed that they are to abide by the rules and regulations, including directions and instructions from the school's and/or service provider's administrators, instructors, and supervisors over all phases of the program/activity.
- In the event my child fails to abide by these rules and regulations, disciplinary action may require their exclusion from further participation, or that I be contacted to have them picked up, unless I have specified other transport arrangements.
- I acknowledge that the trip supervisors may secure transport to emergency medical services as they deem necessary for my child's immediate health and safety, and that I shall be financially responsible for such services.
- Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment of Responsibility for Medical/Dental Expenses: All medical and dental expenses, including but not limited to treatments, consultations, and insurance claims, are the sole responsibility of the parent/guardian. This includes any costs associated with injuries or health concerns that may arise during this activity or while your child is under our supervision.