

ANNUAL PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMED CONSENT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES*School Name*

Prince of Wales Secondary

Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

2022/09/06

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The purpose of this form is to inform you about some of the out-of-school activities in the local school community in which your child/ward may participate in during this school year.

The Vancouver Board of Education, School District # 39, and staff of Prince of Wales Secondary recognize that valuable and unique learning can take place outside of the school building. We are therefore encouraged to make use of the total resources available in the local community to meet curricular goals.

During the school year, student groups will engage in walking activities within the local community that take them out of the school building and, on occasion, off the school grounds. These activities may include but are not limited to activities and events such as

- Arbutus Greenway Bike/Walking Path
 - Quilchena Park – Walk to the Park
 - Quilchena Park – Disc Golf
 - Trafalgar Park – community walk
- Science Walks
 - Environmental Enhancement
 - Environmental Clean-Up
 - Music/Art Classes

SUPERVISION:

The classroom teacher will directly supervise walking field trips. Depending on the grade level and the nature of the activity, additional supervision will be provided by teachers, or school aides to meet the supervision requirements outlined in our District Field Trip Policy. At all times, teachers will endeavour to ensure a safe environment or situation during the walking field trip.

RISK REDUCTION:

The risk of injury exists in all student activity. Walking field trip activities are considered low risk for accidents or personal injury to students. The safety and well-being of students is a prime concern and classroom teachers will discuss behavioural expectations with students and take the appropriate safety precautions before embarking on the walking field trip to minimize risk and to enhance the safety of each student. First-aid packs and cellular phones or walkie-talkies are taken or easily accessed on walking field trips in case of an emergency. Student Emergency Procedure Plans/medical supplies will be brought for students with life-threatening medical conditions (e.g., anaphylaxis). Because of the impromptu nature of the walking field trips, the school is seeking, in advance, informed consent for your child to participate in walking field trips within our school community by completing the form attached. These walking field trips are optional. Alternate arrangements will be made for students who do not participate.

I understand the impromptu nature and inherent risks associated with walking field trips and GIVE MY CONSENT for my child to participate in walking field trips within the school community as outlined above. This consent may be withdrawn at any time in writing. Unless withdrawn, this consent is effective immediately and applies until September 30 of the next school year. I am aware of the behaviour expectations of my child while participating in these field trips and that there may be consequences for non-compliance.

I DO NOT GIVE MY CONSENT for my child to participate in walking field trips for the school year. I understand that my child will be placed under the supervision of a Board employee in the school building during the walking fieldtrip.

Student Name (Last, First):

Grade:

Student Number:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of the School Act for the purpose of participating in school trips. If you have any questions about this form, please contact Vice-Principal Mr. Cacchioni dcacchioni@vsb.bc.ca