

NOTICE OF RISK

Out-of-Province Field Trips

To be reviewed by parents/guardians of individuals (child) under the age of majority.

By submitting Appendix 2, you will assume certain risks and responsibilities. Please read carefully.

As an individual participating in General Field Trip activities, programs, classes, and events sponsored or organized by Ecole Okotoks Junior High School and its affiliated districts, leagues, and teams (collectively the "Organization"), the general field trip activities may include but are not limited to: traveling to the location, events, games, rides (including roller coasters), animal exhibits, orientational or instructional sessions or lessons, and overnight stays (collectively the "Activities"). The undersigned, being the individual and the individual's parent/guardian (collectively the "Parties"), acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this agreement.

Acknowledgment of Risk

1. The individual is participating voluntarily in the Activities. In consideration of that participation, the Parties hereby acknowledge that they are aware of the risks, dangers, and hazards that they may be exposed to, which include, but are not limited to:

A. General Risks

- Exerting and stretching various muscle groups.
- The failure to properly use any piece of equipment or from the mechanical failure of any piece of equipment, resulting in injury.
- Abrasions, sprains, strains, fractures, or dislocations from slipping, jumping, falling, or running.
- Privacy breaches, hacking, technology malfunction, or damage.
- Sickness, nausea, headache, and other sicknesses from participating in rides, animal exhibits, or other Activities.
- Physical contact with other individuals.
- Not wearing appropriate attire or footwear.
- Failure to act safely or within the individual's ability or within designated areas.
- Negligence of other persons, including individuals, employees, or contractors.
- Extreme weather conditions.
- Travel to and from the field trip location.
- Contracting any contagious disease, including but not limited to COVID-19, influenza, or other infections.

B. Out-of-Province Travel within Canada

When participating in an out-of-province field trip within Canada, the risks and hazards may increase due to the following factors:

- **Traveling to another province:** Traveling outside of your home province may involve longer travel distances, different weather conditions, and varying local customs or laws.
- **Health and Medical Risks:** While traveling within Canada, individuals may face regional health concerns or medical needs that are different from what is typically experienced in their home province. Emergency services may differ in availability or response times in other provinces.
- **Safety and Security Risks:** While Canada is generally considered a safe country, different provinces may have varying safety concerns related to geography, weather conditions, or local policies.
- **Weather and Environmental Risks:** Travel to provinces with extreme weather conditions (e.g., snow, storms, floods, or wildfires) can increase physical risks during the trip.
- **Transportation Risks:** Traveling to and within other provinces can include air travel, bus rides, or long car trips. Delays or cancellations, and changes in transportation routes, could cause disruptions to travel plans.
- **Accommodation and Logistics:** Staying in accommodations in other provinces may involve different cultural norms, local practices, or regional differences that could impact the overall experience.

2. **Assumption of Risk**

By acknowledging and agreeing to this document, the Parties accept and assume responsibility for the risks and consequences involved in both domestic and international field trip activities, including overnight travel. The Parties acknowledge that the school and its affiliates cannot fully control or predict all potential hazards but are committed to minimizing risks through careful planning, preparation, and appropriate supervision.

3. **Medical Consent and Emergency Procedures**

In the case of medical emergencies, both domestic and international, the Parties grant consent for medical treatment if necessary. The Parties are encouraged to ensure that all medical information, including allergies and health conditions, is provided to the school and field trip organizers before departure.

4. **Travel Insurance**

The division's **mandatory** Outbound Student Plan Policy covers all out of Province and International field trips. **The division is not responsible for non-recovered funds from coverages that fall outside of the existing policy.** This plan policy should be reviewed with trip participants to determine if additional insurance should be purchased.

<https://www.mshgroups.com/armicoutbound>

5. **Behavior and Compliance with Guidelines**

The Parties agree to comply with the rules and regulations set forth by the Organization and understand that failure to do so could result in the individual being sent home at the expense of the parent/guardian. For international travel, it is essential that the individual follows all local laws and cultural norms.
