



BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: Dr. J. Hairston, Superintendent
SUBJECT: Recommended Statement Regarding Field Trips and Foreign Travel
ORIGINATOR: Christine Johns, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE

PERSON(S): Phyllis Bailey, Executive Director, Special Programs, PreK-12

RECOMMENDATION

That the statement regarding field trips and foreign travel be approved for immediate implementation.

This statement rescinds the ban on foreign travel that was in place for the school year 2001-2002. All proposed foreign travel trips will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will undergo a detailed six-month review process.

Appendix I – Statement Regarding Field Trips and Foreign Travel

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**RECOMMENDED STATEMENT REGARDING FIELD TRIPS
AND FOREIGN TRAVEL**

After careful review, the Board of Education of Baltimore County is authorizing the planning of foreign travel trips for the school year 2002-2003. This decision has been reached based upon safety precautions and other measures which have been put in place by the travel industry, as well as procedures which have been incorporated into revised Policy and Rule 6104.

The specific procedures in the revised rule call for a detailed, six-month approval process as well as a requirement for periodic review of the United States Department of State's Public Announcements regarding foreign travel throughout the entire approval process. Safety conditions shall be considered carefully before proceeding in the approval process. Any trip may be denied or permission withdrawn if the situation warrants. All proposed foreign travel trips will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Day field trips will continue to be reviewed and approved by the local school principal. Overnight field trips will continue to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through a sixty-day approval process.

As a reminder, the Board of Education of Baltimore County shall not be financially liable due to losses resulting from changes to or cancellations of domestic or international field trips.