

HEALTH SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION FIELD TRIPS

Field trips can be one of the most valuable experiences for students, but advance planning is critical to the success of this educational tool. The ideal field trip is comprised of 11-12 students per site visited. Arranging for three or four sites simultaneously helps accommodate larger groups. The following checklist will be helpful:

A. Planning

1. call or visit site to plan and get commitment for the field trip
2. determine the number of students, distance from school, cost factor
3. calculate time at each site and total travel time
4. decide if a meal or snack will be part of the field trip; determine site

B. Transportation - determine the means of transportation based on district policy

1. school bus/school van
 - a. budget for cost of driver/per mile cost, etc.
 - b. request as far in advance as possible
 - c. develop a time schedule - including driving time, stops, lunch
 - d. provide maps, addresses and phone numbers of sites
2. charter bus
3. private vehicles - either parent or student driven

C. Recruit Chaperones

1. teachers, counselors, administrators, parents
2. for each chaperone provide
 - a. roster of student on the trip (alphabetical)
 - b. permission slips for students
 - c. chaperone nametag
 - d. name, address, phone number of site and contact name
 - e. itinerary including departure and arrival times, mea;/snack information

D. Student Preparation

1. inform students of the field trip opportunity and detailed plans
2. parent permission slip (per district policy)
3. student nametag
4. discuss expectations for behavior and dress code
5. discuss any assignments or journaling required before or after the trip

E. Send follow-up thank you letters, and include a small gift for the facility contact if possible. Let them know that you are interested in planning another field trip in the future!

FIELD TRIP POSSIBILITIES

Acute Care Hospital/County Hospital/VA Hospital
Ambulance Service/Local EMS System
Assisted Living Facility
Blood Bank
Burn Center
Cancer Clinic/Center
Care Flight
Cardiac Rehabilitation
Children's Hospital
Clinical Laboratory
Community Health Clinic
Coroner's Office/Medical Examiner
Dialysis Center
Health Maintenance Organizations
Hospice Center
Local Community college/University - Allied Health Programs
Long Term Care Facility
Medical Supply
Operating Room (evening tours)
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing
Prosthetics and Orthotics
Public Health Office
Radiology Laboratory
Research Facility
Surgical Center
Veterinary Clinics/Hospitals
Wellness/Fitness Clinic