



PERMISSION FORM FOR WALKING FIELD TRIPS (2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR)

During the school year, your child may be involved in a variety of walking field trips that relate to classroom studies or school activities. Teachers may walk with their classes to various destinations within close proximity to the school. Examples of such field trips may include walks to the library, park, community centre, other school, local business, or to a nearby store. On occasion these walks may be spontaneous, taking advantage of nice weather to engage in a learning opportunity.

The classroom teacher will directly supervise walking field trips. Depending on the grade level and nature of the activity, additional supervision may be provided by teachers, educational assistants, or volunteers. At all times, teachers will endeavour to ensure the safety of students.

Walking field trips are considered low risk for accidents or personal injury to students. However, some degree of risk is inherent in any walk that takes place off school property, and injury may occur without fault on the part of the student, school employee or volunteers. Classroom teachers will discuss behavioural expectations with students and take the appropriate safety precautions before embarking on the walking field trip to minimize risk. First-aid packs and mobile phones are taken on such trips in case of an emergency. Student medical supplies will be brought for students with existing life-threatening medical conditions (e.g. allergies, anaphylaxis).

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

Given the impromptu nature of walking field trips, your child's school is seeking, in advance, informed consent for your child to participate. Rather than sending home a separate permission form for each walking field trip, the consent below will cover your child's walking field trips for the entire school year. By allowing your child to participate, you are agreeing that walking field trips are a suitable type of activity for your child, and that there is an inherent risk of injury associated with such an activity.

Walking field trips are **OPTIONAL**. Alternate arrangements will be made for students who do not participate.

STUDENT NAME: _____ GRADE: _____

____ **I GIVE** consent for my child to participate in walking field trips throughout the school year.

____ **I DO NOT GIVE** consent for my child to participate in walking trips throughout the school year.

PARENT/GUARDIAN (PRINT NAME): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Important: This permission form covers only walking field trips. Parents/Guardians will still receive separate permission forms for any field trips that require vehicle transportation.