

## 6103: SNOWBOARD/SKI TRIPS (AP)

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### **POLICY**

**The Board of Education believes Snowboard and Ski Trips provides students with an opportunity to learn new skills; get physical exercise and experience the beauty of British Columbia's mountains.**

**The Board also believes students and parents must be well informed of the trip details and the inherent risks of the sport which can be severe.**

**The Board requires all school administrators and teachers organizing Snowboard and Ski Trips adhere to the Parental Consent and Waiver Form included in the Regulations section of this policy. This form requires parental written confirmation that they have been well informed of the Field Trip details and that they are fully aware of the danger and risks to their child and by doing so, parents waive their right to sue the Board of Education for any mishaps or accidents arising from their child's participation on the Snowboard or Ski Trip.**

AP 6103: APPENDIX I - SNOWBOARD/SKI TRIPS PARENT CONSENT AND WAIVER

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Name of student: \_\_\_\_\_ (“my child”)

Name of school: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this agreement I hereby give my consent to allow my child to participate in this school trip and confirm that I understand the following:

Students will be going to \_\_\_\_\_ (location), and will be away from the school from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (times) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

They will be travelling by \_\_\_\_\_

On this field trip, approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (number) students will be skiing and/or snowboarding.

The students will be supervised by \_\_\_\_\_ (number) teachers while on the bus and by ski hill employees while on the hill.

We expect there will be \_\_\_\_\_ adult volunteers while on the hill.

**I understand that participation in this trip is optional and if my child does not attend he will be required to attend school and will be provided with other classroom activities.**

There will be charges for the trip as follows:

Transportation & lift fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Equipment rental: \_\_\_\_\_ Helmet/ wrist guard rental: \_\_\_\_\_

Other charges:

I will be responsible for any costs associated with my child’s attendance on the trip, including the cost of any equipment rented by my child and not returned, and any other costs which arise during the trip or are caused by or associated with my child’s attendance on the trip, including any extra costs to send my child home.

The students will be supervised by at least 1 adult for every 10 students.

Lessons are mandatory; Beginner skiers will be required to take a lesson prior to being permitted free time to Ski/Board in the afternoon, however, Advanced skiers may be required to have their lessons after lunch.

At least one supervisor will be stationary at the bottom of the hill and others will be skiing the runs to observe students. The level of direct adult supervision will vary and may be quite low. It may be likely that a supervisor would not see a particular student throughout the day. While on the hill supervisors/volunteers will have the authority to discipline students and to immediately revoke skiing/boarding privileges of students who do not follow the guidelines outlined to them.

Students will be required to check in at one of the designated check-in points throughout the day.

My child has no illnesses, allergies, disabilities or special needs that may require special attention, except as described here:

I am aware that my child's participation in this trip entails certain risks and dangers to my child which cannot be eliminated, and that skiing and snowboarding has an inherent risk of personal injury, including but not limited to: sprains, strains, fractures, head/ brain injuries, paralysis, internal injuries and death, and property and equipment damage or losses resulting from the activities.

In addition to the risks described above, other risks and hazards may include, but are not limited to: Motor vehicle accidents occurring on the way to or from the hill; Rock fall and avalanches; Weather and snow conditions including unforeseen, inclement or intemperate weather; Hypothermia; Frostbite; Equipment failure or defects (skis, boards, bindings, t-bars, lift chairs, gondolas, etc. ); Collisions with other skiers or snowboarders or with other objects such as trees, signs, snow grooming equipment, and lift towers; Poor grooming or design of hill, runs or jumps; Poor or inadequate instruction or supervision; Falls; Injuries as a result of consumption of or exposure to food and drink; Injuries occurring while using chair lifts, t-bars, etc.; Delays in obtaining medical treatment or appropriate medical treatment; Injuries when attempting to perform jumps or tricks; The possibility that my child may not heed warning or safety instructions or restrictions; given to participants, thus putting himself/ herself at greater risk.

I will supply suitable clothing for my child's participation in all activities associated with the field trip, including: sufficiently warm clothes, including a hat, mitts or gloves, warm jacket, ski/snowboarding pants, goggles. I accept full responsibility for any inadequate clothing or equipment which I provide. I am aware that I should contact the school for further information if I am unclear about what clothing or equipment is required for the activities or the possible weather conditions.

My child and I are aware that my child must wear a helmet while skiing or snowboarding and wrist guards if snowboarding.

All students must attend the Information Meeting and view the Ski Safety video. Parents, especially volunteers are encouraged to attend the Information Meeting.

My child and I have read and understand that the school's Code of Conduct, Alpine Responsibility Code and Lift Ticket Waiver are in effect during this trip as outlined in the Information Meeting.

My child and I are aware and understand that my child will remain within the ski area boundaries, will not enter Black Diamond runs or carry out any aerial or extreme skiing.

If renting equipment my child's height and weight are: Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

**My child will be skiing.** (Circle if appropriate)

I will supply suitable equipment including ski boots, poles, skis and helmet: YES or NO

If **NO**:

I will be required to rent the following equipment for my child from the hill:

Skis: YES      Boots: YES      Poles: YES      Helmet: YES

**OR**

**My child will be snowboarding.** (Circle if appropriate)

I will provide suitable equipment including snowboard, boots, helmet and wrist guards: YES or No

If **NO**:

I will be required to rent the following equipment for my child from the hill:

Snowboard & boots: YES      Helmet: YES      Wrist guards YES

**Accidents are common. They can be the result of the nature of the activity and can occur with or without any fault on either the part of the student, or the school board or its employees or agents, or the facility where the activity is taking place. By allowing my child to participate in this activity, I am accepting the risk of an accident and injury occurring, including death, and agree that the activity is suitable for my child. In permitting my child to attend this trip, I am not relying on any oral or written representation or statements made by the School Board and its servants, agents, employees, or authorized volunteers, to induce me to permit my child to take the trip, other than those set out in this document.**

## PARENTAL/ GUARDIAN WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I agree that in consideration of School District 70 offering my child, (name) \_\_\_\_\_, an opportunity to participate in the trip I waive any and all claims I may have, and release from all liability and agree not to sue the Board of Education of School District 70 and its officers, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives, for any personal injury, death, property damage or loss as a result of or arising from my child's participation in the trip, arising out of any cause whatsoever, including negligence. I understand that this waives my right to sue on my own behalf, not the right for myself or a guardian ad litem to sue on my child's behalf.

I am 19 years of age or more and have read and understand the terms of this document and understand that it is binding upon me, my heirs, executors & administrators.

NOTE: This form must be signed by ALL custodial parents or guardians of a child who is under the age of 19 years.

Date: _____	
_____ Signature of Witness	_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian
_____ Printed Name of Witness	_____ Printed Name of Parent/Guardian
_____ Address	_____ Address

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<p><b>Student Acknowledgment:</b> I understand that there are inherent risks involved with skiing and snowboarding. I have discussed my parent's expectations, the school's expectations and the hill's expectations for my behaviour while on the trip with my parents. I agree to follow the instructions of teachers, instructors and volunteers, abide by the school's code of conduct and the hill's code of conduct during this trip. I agree to wear a helmet at all times while skiing or snowboarding. I agree to wear wrist guards while snowboarding.</p> <p>_____ <b>Student Signature</b></p>
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