

LOW RISK FIELD TRIP ANNUAL CONSENT FORM

I/We understand that the Elk Island Catholic Separate Regional Division No. 41 (the “Division”) arranges for students/children in the Division to participate in field trips, which, in the opinion of the Division, have definite educational, athletic, or cultural value and are considered in the category of **low risk** activities. These day trips are very common and happen quite regularly throughout the school year. This form is not intended to request your approval for field trips that are considered high risk activities. A separate permission form will be sent home for high risk field trips.

I/We understand that any medical information requested would be collected for the purpose of student safety during field trips, including student athletic events (which are generally considered to have an inherent element of risk of injury despite all safety precautions).

I/We, being the custodial parent(s) or guardian(s) of _____ (the “student”) consent to the student participating in any such field trips arranged by the Division, and we authorize the participation by the student. It is understood that my/our consent and authorization are subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Division will be responsible for any injuries and damages suffered by the student while participating in any such field trip that arises **as a result of the negligence of the Division.**
- (2) The Division, through the relevant school, will advise me/us in writing of the following particulars of any field trip two weeks, if possible, and at least three school days, at minimum, prior to the intended date of the field trip:
 - (a) destination;
 - (b) arranged supervision;
 - (c) date(s) and time(s);
 - (d) transportation plans;
 - (e) associated risks that should be highlighted regarding the field trip;
 - (f) costs, if any; and,
 - (g) a telephone number through which additional information on the field trip may be obtained.
- (3) I/We have the right to advise the Division, through the relevant school, in writing, at least two school days before the commencement of any particular field trip, that I/we do not consent to the student participating in the field trip, in which event my/our consent and authorization will be considered as withdrawn for the particular field trip and the student shall not be allowed to participate in such field trip.
- (4) I/We have read, as per the reverse, the students’ responsibilities and have discussed these with my child and I will comply with the parents’/guardians’ responsibilities.
- (5) This consent, authorization and waiver shall be in effect for the current school year only.

DATED at _____, Alberta this _____ day of _____,

Signature of Custodial Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Students' Responsibilities

Each student participating in a field trip shall:

- comply with the requirements of the school's student code of conduct;
- be prepared for the particular type of field trip (i.e: wear appropriate clothing and footwear to be prepared for possible seasonal weather variances);
- advise the field trip leader of any health concerns or dietary restrictions;
- be accountable to the field trip leader and all supervisors;
- participate in a responsible and cooperative manner during the trip;
- complete all academic activities related to the field trip before, during, and after the trip in a satisfactory manner; and,
- adhere to the Code of Conduct as follows:

Code of Conduct for All Field Trip Participants

All field trip participants shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the school's code of conduct, the Division's values, and in a manner befitting representatives of the Elk Island Catholic School Division. Field trip participants shall be aware of local laws and customs that may impact their conduct and decisions while at the destination.

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or unprescribed prescription drugs, or the misuse of prescription drugs by all participants (field trip leader, supervisors, students) is strictly prohibited at all times during the duration of the field trip, and applies to all field trips regardless of the circumstances, the age of the participants or local laws, customs and culture, and shall apply to the field trip leader and supervisors, whether or not students are present. The purchase and/or possession of any prohibited or restricted items are not permitted. Refer to Policy IFC.

Parents'/Guardians' Responsibilities

Parents/Guardians are responsible for:

- returning the signed authorization form to the school by the required deadline;
- advising the school of any health concerns or dietary restrictions;
- ascertaining if the level of risk associated with the trip is appropriate for their child;
- their child's transportation to and from the school or meeting place for field trip departure and arrival;
- attending any parent/guardian information meetings regarding the field trip, if applicable;
- ensuring their child is appropriately dressed for seasonal weather conditions, and that the child brings the required equipment, food, drink, etc; and,
- reinforcing with their child the importance of appropriate behaviour while on the field trip.