

# Field Trip Chaperone Guidelines



Over the years, the teachers have asked us to communicate to chaperones what is involved in escorting McKenzie students on field trips. Here are some guidelines to make the trips safe, educational and fun for all.

- Siblings are not permitted to come on field trips.
- Due to large class sizes filling up the buses, some chaperones may be asked to meet the class at their destinations.
- Each chaperone should assume responsibility for their group as soon as the students leave the classroom, including supervision on the bus. An adult sitting amongst the students helps to keep the noise level moderate.
- Focus on the students in your group. Direct their attention to the presentations or exhibits.
- Help the students focus on the educational goals of the trip by reading information out loud or asking a few questions.
- It is our responsibility to make sure the students remain safe and secure. Please make bathroom, drinking fountain, or other stops as a group. Please bypass gift shops and vending machines. *The teachers asked us to emphasize this.*
- Plan to leave cell phones at home or turn them off.
- Remember to pack yourself a lunch if the class is brown bagging it!
- Most field trips proceed, rain or shine, so please dress yourself and your child accordingly—rain boots for walks outdoors, etc.

If you have any questions, please contact your classroom teacher.