



Field Trips

Field trips are an important part of the RMDS instructional approach. In order to ensure the safety of all students on field trips, the school must receive the signed permission slip from parents prior to departure. Any child who does not have a signed permission slip will remain at school. When you join in your child's field trip, you will be expected to function as a chaperone. Chaperones will be selected on a first come/first serve basis. Your child's teacher will share her/his expectations of your duties on the trip. Parents are welcome to come on field trips, but please pay your teacher in advance and provide your own transportation.

As part of our safety measures during field trips, a head-count is taken prior to the start of the trip, and then again, prior to the return to school to ensure that each child is accounted for. If a child is unaccounted for during the field trip, or any other time for that matter, the local authorities (e.g. police) will be notified immediately.

All children under 60 lbs of weight must be transported in a car seat. RMDS does have some car seats to accommodate children. If your child will need a car seat, the RMDS staff will advise you at least 24 hours in advance.

Students who weigh more than 60 lbs must use a seat belt at all times while they are being transported either in a rented van or in the personal car of a staff member. The field trip permission form will indicate which type of vehicle is being used. Staff members are required to furnish proof of insurance, as well as a valid driver's license in order to transport students in their cars.