

Field Trips

The teacher will send a permission form home with each child before the field trip is scheduled. Parents/guardians must sign this slip (front and back) and send it back to school. A child will not go on a field trip unless the parent or guardian has signed the permission form relieving the teacher and school system of responsibility in case of accident. Telephone permission is not acceptable. The permission form cannot be replaced by any other permission form.

Cost: The Major cost of a field trip is the rental of the bus to transport the children. Parents are asked to pay directly for their child to participate in field trips. Sufficient notice of date, place and cost will be given so parents can plan ahead.

Information Regarding Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Section 504 and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) are Federal Laws which prohibit discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance. The Acts define a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. Has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity (major life activities include activities such a caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, learning and working).
2. Has a record of such impairment: or
3. Is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504 and the ADA, the Albuquerque Public Schools recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices in the school system.

The school district has specific responsibilities under Section 504 which include the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the child is determined to be eligible under Section 504 to afford access to appropriate education services. If a parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to: 1) Inspect and review his/her child's educational records; 2) make copies of these records; 3) receive a list of all individuals having access to those records; 4) ask for explanation of any item in the records; 5) ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading or violates the child's rights; and 6) a hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment. If there are questions, please feel free to contact Jim Hall, District 504 Compliance Officer/ADA Coordinator for the school district at phone # 842-3743