

## MCS WEEKLY UPDATE WEEK ENDING 11/22/2019

Each week I write an email to the faculty, staff and Board of Education to update them on the events of the last week and to keep them "in the loop" on important issues that impact MCS. In order to foster even greater communication and transparency for the great work that is done at MCS, I will be sending a weekly update out to the larger Milford community to keep you "in the loop" as well. Here is my update for the week ending 11/22/2019:

#### **ON BEING THANKFUL**

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving, I believe it's important to reflect on those things that we are truly thankful for. I'm thankful for each day that I get to spend with our incredible staff. They are upbeat and work tirelessly to bring their best each day so that we can best serve our students. I'm thankful for the students who fill our hallways with laughter and remind me each day what we are working so hard for. And I'm thankful for being part of a community that values education and supports our school.

#### **THANKSGIVING HATS - PREK**

This week, Mrs. Accordino worked with our PreK students to create Thanksgiving hats out of construction paper. Attached is a picture of Mrs. Wood's class.

#### DIDGERIDOO DOWN UNDER

On Monday, November 18, 2019, students in grades PK-5 were able to see a live performance of *Didgeridoo Down Under* which presented music from Australia. Students were able to participate in playing the didgeridoo, an instrument made from the hollowed out limb of a eucalyptus tree. Photos are attached.

#### MCS SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit week will begin the day students return from Thanksgiving Break.

Monday (12/2): Dress in Your Favorite Decade Tuesday (12/3) Dress Like a Tourist Wednesday (12/4): Dress as a Funny Meme Thursday (12/5): Dress as your Idol Friday (12/6); Class Colors. (PK-5 Rainbow)

The week will end with the Anton Remy Tournament that kicks off on Friday, December 6th. Come out and support our student athletes!

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION OPPORTUNITY

Celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing your time with The United Way and our community to distribute food to those less fortunate. Volunteers aged 12 and over are needed. Distribution takes place at the Northern Eagle Beverage Distribution Center in Oneonta starting at 10:00 and continuing until around 1:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

## POLICY UPDATES

At the Board of Education meeting on December 12, 2019, the Board will read and review two policies. The updated policies are attached.

- **Policy #4531:** This policy was originally named "Field Trips" back in 1986; however, in 1994 it was over-written and renamed "Permission to Leave School Premises". The regulation retained its title of "Field Trips". The Policy is being amended back to its original title. The items in the regulation have been incorporated into the policy. The exhibit has been revised to match the document that staff have been using for the past two years.
- **Policy #4533:** This policy was originally named Policy #4531: "Permission to Leave School Premises" and dealt only with SIP research projects. Because the policy overwrote the original "Field Trip" policy, it is being given a new number. The policy is also being updated to allow both SIP research days and college visits to be considered "excused" absences as long as the student seeks permission two days in advance.

I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with the joy of family and friends.

Mark

# PRE K STUDENTS CREATE THANKSGIVING HATS

Students in Mrs. Accordino's art class created Thanksgiving Hats out of construction paper. Pictured below are the students in Mrs. Wood's class wearing the hats they created.



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TO: Policy Committee

FROM: Mark Place, Superintendent

DATE: November 22, 2019

RE: Policy Items for 12/12/2019 Board Meeting

The Policy Committee met on 10/28/2019 to consider the policy changes listed below. The marked up former documents and the new policies are attached.

POLICY NUMBER	REGULATION	EXHIBITS	POLICY NAME	Notes
4531		X	Field Trips	<b>Renamed and Revised:</b> This policy was originally named "Field Trips" back in 1986; however, in 1994 it was over- written and renamed "Permission to Leave School Premises". The regulation retained its title of "Field Trips". The Policy is being amended back to its original title. The items in the regulation have been incorporated into the policy. The exhibit has been revised to match the document that staff have been using for the past two years.
4533		X	SIP Research Days and College Visits	<b>Renumbered, Renamed and Revised:</b> This policy was originally named Policy #4531: "Permission to Leave School Premises" and dealt only with SIP research projects. Because the policy overwrote the original "Field Trip" policy, it is being given a new number. The policy is also being updated to allow both SIP research days and college visits to be considered "excused" absences as long as the student seeks permission two days in advance.

#### FOR BOARD CLERK

#### **REVISED POLICIES:**

Policy #4531: Permission to Leave School Premises Renamed: Field Trips

Policy #4531-E1 Field Trip Checklist and Forms

#### **NEW POLICIES:**

Policy #4533: SIP Research Days and College Visits Policy #4533– E1: SIP Research Days and College Visits Permission Form

## FIELD TRIPS

## 'RULES & REGULATIONS

The following regulations are set to implement the planning of field trips as part of, and directly related to, classroom learning activities.

- 1. All field trips and trip arrangements must be submitted on a specific form, obtainable in the main office and have the approval of the Superintendent or his designee at least two weeks prior to the scheduled trip.
- 2. All field trips must be supervised by a teacher or teachers.
- 3. Each child who goes on a field trip must have written parental permission and emergency medical information which will be retained by the teacher until all have returned from the trip.
- 4. Students going on field trips should be counted as present and permitted to make up any regular school work that has been missed.
- 5. Children of pre-school age may not accompany parents when the parents serve as chaperones on a field trip.
- 6. Because field trips are an extension of regular classroom activities, proper behavior is expected at all times and no tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs may be used by those participating in such trips.
- 7. The teacher in charge is responsible for the accounting for and conduct of all pupils on and off the bus.
- 8. Pupils may be asked to pay all or part of the expenses of field trips but studnts will not be excluded from participation because of individual student expense.
- 9. School bus transportation will be used when arrangements can be made to do so without disrupting regular school bus schedules.
- 10. Each field trip should be evaluated by teachers and administration.
- 11. Field trip participants found in violation of these rules and regulations are subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Adopted: June 9, 1986

This policy was originally named "Field Trips" back in 1986; however, in 1994 it was over-written and renamed "Permission to Leave School Premises". The regulation retained its title of "Field Trips". Policy 4531 is being amended back to its original title. The items in the regulation have been incorporated into the policy. The exhibit has been revised to match the document that staff have been using for the past two years.



# MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY# 4531 FIELD TRIPS

The Board of Education believes that field trips are an integral part of the educational experience for students at Milford Central School.

Prior to making any field trip commitments and/or reservations, all requests for field trips must be submitted on district-created forms at least ten (10) school days prior to the field trip and be approved by the Principal and the Superintendent. Factors relevant in consideration of approval of such trips should include the relationship to the curriculum, availability of transportation, and the cost involved.

Participation in field trips shall be limited to students who are enrolled in the Milford Central School District. Students participating in a field trip must provide written consent from their parent/guardian along with emergency contact information. This consent shall be collected on district-created forms. Students participating in field trips will be considered "present" for attendance purposes.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

All students shall have an equal opportunity to participate in field trips that are part of the educational program. With few exceptions, students should not be asked to pay for field trips. No students shall be denied an opportunity to attend such field trips due to an inability to pay the costs associated with such trips.

## CHAPERONES

A lead chaperone will be identified for each field trip. The lead chaperone will be responsible for accounting for all individuals on the field trip manifest.

All field trips must be chaperoned by adults with consideration given to the need for both male and female chaperones. It is recognized that the adult/student ratio required may vary based on the age of the students and the nature and destination of the trip. The appropriate ratio for each trip will be determined by the principal/superintendent in coordination with the sponsoring teacher.

On overseas trips, chaperones shall be responsible for maintaining a copy of the passport of each student participating in the trip.

When parents serve as chaperones, children of pre-school age may not accompany them on the trip.

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILTIES

Field trips are an extension of regular classroom activities and as such, students participating in field trips are subject to the school's *Code of Conduct* during the entirety of the field trip.

If a field trip occurs during the school day, students who do not participate will be expected to be in school and will be assigned appropriate work for the day(s).

Adopted: February 9, 1994 as "Permission to Leave School Premises" Renamed "Field Trips" and Revised:

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Dear Parent/Guardian:		these forms were incorporated into the new Exhibit 4531 - E1	
Your child's class has schedule	ed a field trip activity to:		
on	The group will be	leaving school at	
and plans to return at	on		
The group is going to be transp	ported by means of		
Please sign and return the form	n below immediately.		
Sincerely,			
Teacher			
FIEL	D TRIP CONSENT I	FORM	
I hereby give permission for my	y child		
to participate in a school spons	ored educational field trip	to	
I understand that my child will I	eave on	at	
and is expected to return on _	at _		
Is you child expected to take a	ny medication on the trip?	If so, what is it and who is	
expected to administer this me	dication?		
Is your child allergic to anything	g? If yes, wh	at?	
Should emergency medical ser	vices be required for your	child during the trip, medical	
personnel will be contacted imi	mediately.		
Parent/Guardian signature	Date		
Telephone number where pare	nt/guardian may be reache	ed in case of an emergency on	

the field trip day.

# FIELD TRIP PLAN

-	pare and submit to Principal a	and Superintendent at lea	ast two weeks prior to	planned
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Dest	tination:			
Dep	arture date:	Time:		
Retu	ırn date:	Time:		
Num	ber of students participating			
Staf	f participating:			
Purp	oose of this trip:			
	Notify cafeteria if class wil	I not be here for breakfa	st or lunch	
	Check with nurse for:	first aid kit student information she medications	ets	
	Make name tags available			
	Class list to bus driver			
	Class list to office			
	Bring "emergency closing"	papers		
Sign	ature of Principal:			Cae
Sign	ature of Superintendent:			[∄e
			Comments:	



# MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXHIBIT# 4531-E1 FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST AND FORMS



Field trips are an integral part of the educational experience for students at MCS. As such, the District has set aside monies to allow the instructional staff to request funding for field trips. With few exceptions, students should <u>NOT</u> be asked to pay for field trips. Field trip requests must be submitted at least ten (10) school days in advance.

#### **PROCESS:**

Obtain and complete the "Field Trip Request Form". \*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* In the part where it asks "Purpose of this field trip", you will need to specifically link your answer to instructional objectives. Field trips will only be approved if they can show a direct connection to the instructional program/curriculum.

If your field trip does **not** require any funding, you may submit your proposal without a meeting.

If your field trip **does** require funding, a meeting with the Superintendent is required to discuss the cost and the objectives of the trip. The Superintendent will discuss the requisition process with you during this meeting.

#### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

**MEALS:** Will the trip span over the course of a meal period? Please consider that approximately 50% of our students are eligible for free and reduced meals. Coordination and planning with the cafeteria manager is key.

**COORDINATING:** Is there another grade level or class that would also benefit from attending? For example, a high school class may be at the mastery level for visiting a museum, but an elementary class could participate in the same field trip but with a different set of objectives.

**TRANSPORTATION:** You will need to coordinate with the Director of Transportation as to whether there are already any field trips on that day or events that would prevent having enough buses/drivers.

**COMMUNICATION:** The main office can send robocalls out to parents/guardians to remind them about permission slips or general reminders prior to the trip. Use this to your advantage to streamline communication.

FREE FIELD TRIP CHECK LIST			FIELD TRIP WITH COST CHECK LIST		
	Completed the Field Trip Request Form		Completed the Field Trip Request Form		
	Submitted to Superintendent's/Principal's Secretary		Submitted to Superintendent's/Principal's Secretary		
	Field Trip approved by Superintendent & Principal		Scheduled Meeting with Superintendent		
	Completed Transportation Request Form if MCS is		Field Trip approved by Superintendent & Principal		
	transporting		Completed Transportation Request Form if MCS is		
	No less than 24 hours prior to departure, written parental		transporting		
	consent has been obtained for all students.		Obtained requisition forms from the Business Office		
	Registered with the destination.		Completed requisitions and submitted them to the Business		
	All Employee Chaperones entered field trip in AESOP.		Office		
	Completed "Field Trip Task List" signed off by		No less than 24 hours prior to departure, written parental		
	Superintendent's/Principal's Secretary		consent has been obtained for all students.		
	Manifest filed with main office and bus driver before		Registered with the destination.		
	departure		All Employee Chaperones entered field trip in AESOP.		
	-		Completed "Field Trip Task List" signed off by		
			Superintendent's/Principal's Secretary		
			Manifest filed with main office and bus driver before departure		



# MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FIELD TRIP REQUEST FORM

Form must be turned in at least ten (10) school days in advance.



REQUESTOR INFORMATION					
Name of Person Submitting Request					
Today's Date					
	FIELD TR	IP INFOR	MATION		
	Grade Level (s)		Subject Area(s)/Focus		
Grade Levels & Subject Area Information	□ PK □ K □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 □ 4 □ 5	□ 6 □ 7 □ 8 □ 9 □ 10 □ 11 □ 12	<ul> <li>Art</li> <li>CTE</li> <li>College &amp; Career</li> <li>English</li> <li>Foreign Language</li> <li>Math</li> <li>Music</li> </ul>	□ Social Studies	
Total # of Students Participating					
Destination					
Physical Address of Destination					
Phone Number of Destination					
	DEPARTURE		RETURN		
Time and Date Information	DATE TIME				
Chaperone(s) [List all]					
Purpose of this Field Trip You will need to specifically link your answer to instructional objectives. Field trips will only be approved if they can show a direct connection to					
the instructional program/curriculum.					

ESTIMATED FIELD TRIP COSTS					
Expense	Estimated Cost	Notes			
Admission Fees					
Food and/or Snacks					
Non-District Transportation					
Lodging					
Total Estimated Costs					

APPROVALS							
POSITION	SIGNATURE	DATE					
Principal							
Superintendent							

#### FIELD TRIP TASK LIST

- □ All teachers (including special area teachers) and nurse have been notified---must include names of students.
- □ Distributed and collected "Field Trip Lunch Form" as needed.
- □ "Field Trip Consent Form" on file for each student participating in the field trip prior to departure.
- □ First aid kit, student information sheets, and medications obtained from nurse.
- □ Name tags available as needed.
- □ "Emergency Closing" papers obtained from main office (Grades PK-5 only)

□ Manifest including names of all students and chaperones physically on the trip submitted to main office and bus driver **PRIOR** to departure.

Superintendent's/Principal's Secretary Signature	Date
(required prior to departure)	

PRIVATE MOTOR COACH TRANSPORATION					
Name of Carrier					
Number of Buses Being Chartered					
Employee to Conduct Pre-Trip Checklist					
VER	HICLE INSPECTION				
□ Windows/Windshield (not broken or cracke	ed)				
□ Interior Lights	□ Unusual oil/grease leaks at wheel seal				
□ Headlights (high beam/low beam)	□ Fire extinguisher (charged)				
□ Taillights / Brake lights	□ Copy of the Annual Safety Inspection (either				
□ Horn	sticker or paper)				
DRIVER INFORMATION					
□ Valid Commercial Driver's License with a P (passenger) endorsement					
□ Valid Medical Certificate (pocket card)	□ Valid Medical Certificate (pocket card)				
Driver's Record of Duty Status (Log Book). Ask the driver if he/she has enough hours remaining to perform					
the trip.	the trip.				
□ Vehicle registration card to ensure that vehicle	Vehicle registration card to ensure that vehicle is authorized to operate in the states of the trip. Make sure that				
the license plate and VIN # matches the registration card.					

# Field Trip---Lunch Order

Your field trip to \_\_\_\_\_\_ will include a lunch. In order to prepare the lunches, the cafeteria staff needs to know what you would like for lunch. Please complete the order form below.

STUDENT NAME	
LUNCH NUMBER	
SANDWICH	<ul> <li>Peanut Butter &amp; Jelly</li> <li>Ham &amp; Cheese</li> <li>Turkey &amp; Cheese</li> </ul>
DRINK	□ Milk □ Juice
	Fruit & Vegetable will be included

 $\Box$  I don't need a school lunch, I will bring my own.

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□ I don't need a school lunch, I will bring my own.



## MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL

FIELD TRIP NOTIFICATION & CONSENT FORM



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's teacher/advisor has scheduled a field trip activity. The specifics of the field trip are below:

Teacher/Advisor			
Field Trip Destination			
		DEPARTURE	RETURN
Time and Date of Field Trip	DATE		
	TIME		
The group is being transported by			

Please sign and return the form below by no later than \_\_\_\_\_



## MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP CONSENT FORM



Student's Name: Grade Level:

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the field trip activity listed below.

Teacher/Advisor			
Field Trip Destination			
Time and Date of Field Trip		DEPARTURE	RETURN
	DATE		
	TIME		
The group is being transported by			

In the event that my child is involved in an accident or incurs an injury during the course of the field trip, I give my permission to the district to take my child to the nearest medical facility if warranted. I also give my permission to the Emergency Room Physician to begin treatment of my child when they arrive at the hospital.

I understand that every effort will be made to contact me if my child does become injured.

Parent/Guardian Signature: Date:

Telephone number(s) where parent/guardian can be reached in case of emergency on the date of the field trip.			
Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Work Phone Number	

If your child is allergic to anything, please note those allergies below



## MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL FIELD TRIP MANIFEST



Lead Chaperone			
Lead Chaperone Cell Phone Number			
Destination			
		DEPARTURE	RETURN
Time and Date Information	DATE		
	TIME		

Number	Student Names (Last, First)	Number	Student Names (Last, First)
1		36	
2 3		37	
3		38	
4		39	
5		40	
6		41	
7		42	
8		43	
9		44	
10		45	
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17		52	
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20		55	
21		56	
22		57	
23		58	
24		59	
25		60	
26			Chaperone Names (Last, First)
27		1	
28		2	
29		3	
30		4	
31		5	
32		6	
33		7	
34		8	
35		9	

Copies of this manifest must be given to the main office **AND** the bus driver **PRIOR** to departure.

## MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL PERMISSION TO LEAVE SCHOOL PREMISES

Notice to Parents/Guardians

From time to time, students may be asked to complete research assignments for their senior interdisciplinary projects. These assignments are considered by the District to be homework and the District does not take responsibility for your child's conduct or safety when he/she is off the school premises either after school hours or on the weekends.

Additionally, some students may request to leave the school premises during school hours to perform research or other tasks for their school projects. In order for the District to allow such early dismissal, you will need to sign the attached permission slip. Once your child leaves the school grounds, the District will not be supervising his/her conduct or safety and the District will not be responsible for your child's return to school or home.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this notice or the permission slip below, please contact the building principal.

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Adopted: February 9, 1994



## MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY# 4533 SIP RESEARCH DAYS AND COLLEGE VISITS

The Board of Education supports students in completing research for their Senior Interdisciplinary Projects (SIP) as well as visiting college campuses as they prepare for post-secondary education.

#### SIP RESEARCH DAYS

The Board of Education will allow each 12<sup>th</sup> grade student up to one (1) school day to complete research for their SIP during the school day and have their absence considered "Excused".

#### **COLLEGE VISITS**

The Board of Education will allow students in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade to visit college campuses and have their absence considered "Excused". The student must provide proof from the college that they attended on the day that is being requested as excused.

#### PERMISSION

Students must complete district-created forms seeking permission at least two (2) days in advance from their parent/guardian, each of their classroom teachers, guidance counselor, and principal.

The District assumes no responsibility for student behavior or safety while they are off school premises for their SIP Research or College Visits.

Adopted: February 9, 1994 as Policy #4531: "Permission to Leave School Premises" Renumbered, Revised, and Renamed: Policy #4532 "SIP Research Days and College Visits":

## P A R E N T / G U A R D I A N PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO LEAVE SCHOOL PREMISES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

I am the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I understand that my child/ward is involved/enrolled in certain courses/projects which may require research or other tasks to be performed off school premises.

I hereby give my permission for my child/ward to leave the school grounds during school hours to complete his/her research or project assignment. I recognize that once my child/ward leaves the District premises either by private/District/public transportation, the District will not be supervising the conduct or safety of my child/ward. I also recognize that the District is not responsible for the return of my child/ward to school or home.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the content of this permission slip.

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

This was the original permission slip. It has been updated with the document on the next page into a single document seeking permission from parents and teachers.

Adopted: February 9, 1994

#### TEACHERS

## PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO LEAVE SCHOOL PREMISES DURING SCHOOL HOURS

There are times when it is necessary for students to be out of school in order to accomplish tasks or research for their classes. Students are expected to have made arrangements for such visits in advance. They are expected to hand in any class work that is due BEFORE leaving the building. In addition, they are expected to hand in any work due the following day without extensions.

Students will ask and receive permission from each teacher whose class they expect to miss, the Principal, the Nurse, and the Guidance Counselor. Permission must be received at least one day prior to the expected absence.

Each teacher is requested to sign below giving permission for the student to miss class. The student must have the teachers' signatures prior to seeing the Principal, Guidance Counselor and the Nurse.

	Date:	
Teachers are asked to treat such absences as f	ield trips.	
Student's name:		
Teachers' Signatures:		
1. 2. 3.	6B. 7. 8.	
4.	9	
5.		
6A.		
Guidance Counselor: Principal:		
Nurse:		

This was the original permission slip. It has been updated with the document on the next page into a single document seeking permission from parents and teachers.

Adopted: February 9, 1994



## MILFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EXHIBIT# 4533 – E1 SIP RESEARCH DAYS AND COLLEGE VISITS PERMISSION FORM

This form must be completed at least two (2) days prior to a student seeking permission for a SIP Research Day or College Visit to be considered "Excused".

STUDENT NAME	
DATE OF REQUESTED EXCUSED ABSENCE	
PURPOSE	<ul> <li>SIP Research Day</li> <li>College Visit</li> </ul>

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

I hereby give my permission for my child to be absent from school for the purpose of a SIP Research Day or College Visit. I understand that the district will not be providing transportation or supervising my child during this time.

SIGNATURE

DATE

STAFF PERMISSIONS		
PRINCIPAL		
SCHOOL NURSE		
SCHOOL COUNSELOR		

TEACHER PERMISSIONS		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PERIOD		
2 <sup>ND</sup> PERIOD		
3 <sup>RD</sup> PERIOD		
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