Field Trips

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Schools should follow the rules and procedures outlined in Chancellor’s Regulation A-670 in conjunction with the guidance below.

For the 2021-22 school year, schools may take field trips across New York City and tristate area settings under the conditions that:

- Students and staff remain in stable groups; and,
- Make every effort to keep students from interacting with the general public at trip sites.

Examples of permitted trips include:

- Walks around the neighborhood;
- Visits to parks, zoos, botanical gardens; and,
- Visits to cultural institutions (e.g. theaters, concert halls, dance centers, and museums).

NEW! Beginning March 7, face coverings will become optional, indoors and outdoors on NYC public school grounds and on school buses, for all K-12 students and staff with a few exceptions. Please note that while wearing a face covering will no longer be required, anyone who chooses to wear a mask may continue to do so. For more information, please visit the updated Face Coverings InfoHub page. Should a trip venue require face coverings, DOE students and staff must follow the guidelines of venue.

As of January 27, At this time, out-of-tristate area school trips and all overnight trips are permitted for students who are fully vaccinated. International trips continue to be prohibited. Future trip guidance is subject to COVID-19 positivity rates, variants, and continued CDC guidelines.

Trips to Indoor Locations Subject to Vaccination Mandates

- The DOE does not require vaccination for participation in field trips. However, when arranging field trips for students who are of vaccine-eligible age, schools should be aware that all participants are subject to any COVID-19 restrictions and policies put in place by the venue. Schools should check with all venues in advance to ensure all students are in compliance. If a venue requires proof of vaccination for entry, and all students who would otherwise participate are not vaccinated, the trip may not take place during school hours. However, a school may organize an after-school trip to such a venue for students participating in an extracurricular program that requires vaccination.
Transportation

- Beginning on March 28, schools will be able to book yellow school busing for field trips during the school day for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Schools must use the Field Trip System to schedule field trips. Visit the Field Trips section of Transportation Resources for Schools InfoHub page for more information.
- Schools may still use charter coach buses and public transportation for travel.