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The Importance of Field Trip Policies & Procedures

As we slowly move out of the Winter season and prepare for warmer weather, this can often be a time when teachers and educators make plans for field trips or field studies for students – both in the local community or further away.

Most districts have clear policies and/or administrative procedures in relation to expectations for field trips – including an approval process, and chaperone ratio among other factors. Members are reminded to ensure that they are familiar with these procedures and policies, and that they are consistently followed. Principals are ultimately responsible for the safety and supervision of students at school-related events – both on and off school property. There is language to this effect in both the School Act and in the Professional Standards to which all Principals and Vice-Principals are held.

If members find themselves in a challenging situation, or have received a complaint against them alleging a breach of policy or procedure, they are strongly encouraged to contact the Member Support Services team for support at mssinfo@bcpvpa.bc.ca