

# School District of South Milwaukee

## Out of State/Country Travel Insurance Acknowledgement Sheet

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Thank you for considering sending your child on an out of state/country school trip with the School District of South Milwaukee. The teacher in charge of the trip has provided you with detailed information regarding the potential dates and cost of the trip. The purpose of this form is to inform you of the importance of considering the option of travel insurance. All trips organized through a travel company offer travel insurance for an additional fee.

Travel Insurance is if in any event that the student or parent/guardian (chaperone) cannot attend the school field trip and have paid for the field trip. Travel insurance can minimize the considerable financial risks of traveling.

Students are encouraged to attend trips to extend their learning and participate in opportunities that they may not otherwise have during their school years. Participation in trips such as this is a privilege and as such your child's academic and student behavior in school must reflect this privilege. This trip places a high level of responsibility on the sponsoring teacher, so if your child would need an inordinate amount of care/supervision, the district can decide that a student may not travel with the group, even as late as the day of the trip. Concerns that may lead to this decision include, but are not limited to:

- Recent and/or recurring medical issues that could be a concern during the trip;
- Inappropriate behaviors that have resulted in school and/or police action;
- Lack of consistent attendance; or,
- Multiple failing grades or lack of academic progress.

In addition, parent (or guardian) chaperones are subject to background checks. The district performs a background check upon the initial commitment and a second background check near the time of the trip. Results of background checks can lead to the parent being refused to attend the trip. Additionally, any concern that the district has regarding a parent's ability to successfully chaperone a trip may lead to the district refusing parent attendance on the trip. Notification could occur at any time up to the time of the trip.

Finally, please note that inappropriate behaviors on the part of the student or chaperone during the trip can lead to the student or chaperone being refused participation for the remainder of the trip. This would result in additional travel costs to the family for alternate arrangements.

If a student or parent chaperone is refused participation on the trip for any reason, the district will not refund the cost of the trip. For these reasons the district strongly encourages parents and students to purchase travel insurance. Your signature on this form acknowledges your understanding of the details in this memo.

Trip Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_