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# THORP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400

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Dear Parents:

Thorp School District Students will participate in field trips as part of the school program throughout the year.

Field trips grow out of the instructional program and serve to stimulate and add meaning and depth to classroom study. Field trips are a part of our regular classroom work and will be under the same careful supervision which your child has while at school.

### Transportation

Whenever possible, the children will walk on these trips; however, school vehicle (bus, nine-passenger van, or SUV) transportation will be used when distance warrants it. The use of staff driven private vehicles is discouraged per district policy. It is expected that students will attend and return from field trips in designated district vehicles. In special circumstances, a parent/guardian may elect to transport their student to and/or from the field trip. If the student is transported via means other than arranged by the school, the parent/guardian must release the District from any and all liability that may arise as a result of this alternate means of transportation. *Only parents/guardians are allowed to sign out their student from a field trip, and they must sign out with the bus driver or advisor prior to taking their student from the premises.*

           I understand that if I elect to transport my student to/from a field trip, that I am releasing Thorp School District (please initial) from any duty or liability with respect to the transportation of my son/daughter to and/or from the field trip.

### Parent Chaperones

Parents and guardians that have been cleared as volunteers may chaperone field trips. It is expected that chaperones will contact their child's teacher/advisor in advance with their intent to chaperone, and will have submitted their volunteer paperwork to the District Office *at least 3 business days in advance* in order to attend. Once volunteer paperwork is completed and the volunteer is cleared, they are eligible to volunteer the remainder of the school year.

Unless otherwise arranged with the superintendent's permission, school-aged siblings are not allowed to attend field trips unless their class/club is also attending. Siblings 18 years of age and older must be cleared volunteers.

### Potential Personal Safety Risks

I acknowledge that field trips may include risks not typically encountered at school. These risks may include, but are not limited to: risks associated with outdoor activities, bodies of water (lakes, streams, etc.), and exposure to animals (wild and domestic).

I understand the school district will make every reasonable effort to provide a safe environment during the field trip. As the parent/guardian of the below-named student I understand that there are inherent risks associated with participation in these activities including physical injury and/or other consequences. Advisors and teachers will do their best to identify unusual risks associated with each field trip and notify parents in an itinerary prior to each field trip. I acknowledge that school rules apply on all field trips.

*The Thorp School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Coordinator, Civil Rights Coordinator and Section 504 Compliance Coordinator, Mel Blair, (509) 964-7139, PO Box 150, 10831 N Thorp Hwy, Thorp, WA, 98946, blairm@thorpschools.org.*



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Field trips involving overnight or out-of-state travel will require a separate permission form and acknowledgement.

### Emergencies

As a parent, or legal guardian, I authorize Thorp School District to secure emergency medical care as needed. I understand every effort will be made to contact me to explain the nature of the problem prior to any involved treatment. In the event it becomes necessary for the school district staff-in-charge to obtain emergency care for my student, neither s/he nor the District, assumes financial liability for expenses incurred because of the accident, injury, illness and/or unforeseen circumstances.

I understand that information provided on my student’s most recent Health Inventory, and or Medication at School documentation may be shared with school district staff or supervising volunteers as needed to protect the health and safety of the student and to plan for a safe environment conducive to learning. I understand it is my responsibility to notify the school if there are changes in my child’s health.

My child's teacher or principal, if in their judgment feel it is necessary that he/she be attended by a physician during the-field trip, has my permission to authorize the administration and performance of all needed medicines and surgical treatments and administration of any anesthetics which in the judgment of the attending physician may be considered necessary or advisable.

I understand that my insurance company and/or I will be obligated to pay the fees in accordance with the regular rates and terms of the attending physician or medical institution attending my child for an accident or illness occurring during a field trip.

You will be notified in advance of the field trips and their specific purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to participate in all in-state, day field trips connected with the school program for the 2023-2024 school year.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information from pages 1 and 2 of this document.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

The above agreement is for the protection of your child in case an emergency occurs during a field trip and treatment can be obtained as soon as possible. It is our policy to contact parents as soon as possible when an accident or illness occurs. Please list telephone numbers where you could be reached during the day and if they are different on the day of an out of town field trip, please notify the teacher.

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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