

# Portland Public Schools

## Parent/Guardian Permission for Student Travel

### Foreign Travel (including Canada and Mexico) Use outside continental USA, Alaska and Hawaii

#### Contract for Release of Liability and Hold Harmless

(Read carefully, understand each detail, and consider consulting an attorney before signing.)

District-sponsored travel opportunities to other countries can provide unique and important educational experiences for students. It is the practice of Portland School District No. 1 (District) to provide educational experiences under circumstances in which the District can take responsibility for assuring the student and parent community a reasonably safe environment using measurement capabilities and safety standards which meet State and Federal laws and regulations, meet the most current informed recommendations of reasonable investigators and meet the standards of care established by our court system. In situations in which this expectation cannot be met, programs and opportunities are not ordinarily offered by the District.

District-sponsored travel opportunities to other countries may not provide common protections. There may not be opportunities for District employees/representatives to make the normal assurances regarding safety. The resources to learn of potential hazards may well be available to knowledgeable persons; however, District employees are not expected to, and travelers shall not expect them to, have the skill to develop such information nor to interpret information that is not presented in a style common to our culture. Cultural differences may render plain language communications useless to convey vital information.

**All persons wishing to travel on a District-offered out-of-country educational experience are:**

#### **SPECIFICALLY WARNED**

1. That risks of international travel are unknown and uncontrollable. Unless specific arrangements are made by travelers, professional experienced guides will not accompany the group.
2. That the District's sole representation and that of its representative(s) is that an educational experience will be pursued. The traveler and his/her parents accept all risks of travel and his/her parents accept all risks of travel whether or not described in this document.
3. That the instructors and their assistants will be the only adults accompanying the group. Parents and students have the responsibility of determining for themselves whether this adult presence is adequate for the circumstances and number of students.
4. That the District will not provide liability, medical, and dental insurance. Personal insurance coverage is the sole responsibility of the student and his/her family.
5. That each participant is personally responsible for his/her individual safety and is urged to be continually on guard for the safety of others in the group and circumstances that could impair that safety.

**Participants could encounter:**

- terrorism
- spoiled food
- radiation
- unlawful or harmful behavior
- unsafe buildings
- war
- insurrection
- natural disasters
- arrest, bodily harm
- illness, death
- disappearance
- traffic hazards
- epidemics
- long-term imprisonment under personally abhorrent
- dangerous and degrading conditions
- similar hazards or sources of personal interference or harm for which the District leadership is not informed through official or trusted information channels and for which the officials or information channels do not provide a means to avoid harm

Each traveler and parent/guardian shall carefully inform himself/herself of hazards as he/she sees them and make his/her own decision on his/her personal safety or that of his/her student and whether he/she wishes to risk participation.

6. That the District representative(s) retain(s) the right to terminate the travel and order the group or any group member to return to the United States for any reason whatever, including, but not limited to, leadership concerns for personal health or safety, or changed political conditions.
7. In unusual circumstances, it could be that while out of the United States, the District representative(s) may have to act independently and without supervision, direction, or contact from the District.
8. That each participant is responsible for his/her own expenses and costs including, but not limited to, travel, legal, medical, evacuation, and every other expense and cost that has not been specifically listed and paid for prior to the beginning of the trip.
9. That the District and its representative(s) take no responsibility for any information supplied to traveler or traveler's family by any travel service or carrier even though conveyed through the District. District has not verified any such information.

Persons, who for themselves, and parents and legal guardians, for themselves and their students, who do not fully and unquestionably accept each and every term of this document are prohibited from traveling with this group or executing this release of liability which is a condition to traveling with this group.



**[Please sign on page 3]**

I/we, the undersigned, have personally and carefully read and fully understand the foregoing, are fully knowledgeable, have personally considered all dangers whether or not named herein, and willingly and voluntarily accept all risks and responsibilities discovered or undiscovered.

**CONTRACT FOR RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
AND HOLD HARMLESS  
(Foreign Travel)  
Parent Permission for Foreign Travel**

As parent(s) or legal guardians of \_\_\_\_\_ or as an emancipated student traveling with the group, I/we, the undersigned, hereby release and agree to defend and hold harmless School District No. 1, Multnomah County, Oregon (District), its officers, agents, employees including Trip Leadership and their assigns from any claims from any person, entity, or estate, in any form that may arise against them by reason of property loss or damage, illness, personal interference, lodging, injury and/or death resulting from any cause including, but not limited to, the student or other students having failed to properly carry out instructions from the Trip Leadership but **excepting** those which occur because the Trip Leadership negligently failed to take reasonable steps available to the Trip Leadership to protect the student from an immediate substantial hazard actually known to the Trip Leadership.

Permission is granted for my child to participate in the following activity:

School: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trip Leader: \_\_\_\_\_  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_  
Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mode of Travel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

***If it is indicated above that my child is traveling by private vehicle on this field trip,*** I hereby grant permission for my child to travel by private vehicle. I understand that Portland Public Schools has verified the volunteer parent or staff driver has a valid driver's license and his/her vehicle meets or exceeds the minimum insurance requirements mandated by the State of Oregon.

Please note any medical conditions of which we should be aware:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

_____ Parent/Guardian Name	_____ Phone	_____ Emergency Contact Name	_____ Phone
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I hereby give Portland Public Schools (or its representative designee) authority to seek emergency medical treatment for my child.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian                      Date                      Signature of Parent/Guardian                      Date

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Signature of Traveling Student                      Date