

## DOWNHILL SKIING / SNOWBOARDING EXCURSIONS PLANNING FRAMEWORK

### Background

#### 1. Statement of Purpose:

- 1.1. School excursions for downhill skiing/snowboarding activities are intended to:
  - 1.1.1. Provide students with a positive, safe, growth-oriented winter sports experience
  - 1.1.2. Enhance individual skiing or snowboarding skills
  - 1.1.3. Develop student knowledge of safe and responsible conduct for the sports of skiing and snowboarding
  - 1.1.4. Develop appropriate student attitudes that respect mountain conditions and the safety and well-being of self and others while skiing or snowboarding

#### 2. Planning Framework:

- 2.1. When planning for downhill skiing/snowboarding excursions, schools will ensure that:
  - 2.1.1. Parents receive a briefing document containing both general information about downhill excursions and particulars of the planned excursion as part of the consent form package;
  - 2.1.2. [Form 260-2: Field Trip Activities Consent by Parent/Guardian and Acknowledgement of Risk](#) form includes a space where parents can indicate the current skill level/lesson level of their child (beginner/intermediate/advanced);
  - 2.1.3. Principals, in cooperation with the ski resort operator, hold voluntary briefing sessions for parents prior to completion of permission forms;
  - 2.1.4. The RESPECT video be viewed by all students prior to the start of each ski day and that safety instruction form part of in-class preparation;
  - 2.1.5. The adult supervisor ratio not be greater than 1:15;
  - 2.1.6. The lead supervisor carries a cellular phone throughout the day and that resort officials are provided with the cellular number;
  - 2.1.7. Students are aware that use of the half pipe, terrain park and out of bounds areas is prohibited on school excursions, and that willful failure to follow this rule will lead to the immediate loss of skiing/snowboarding privileges;
  - 2.1.8. Student participation in ski school lessons is mandatory and regulated, that those lessons will be scheduled based on skill levels, and that instructors be directed to restrict lift access (passes) as appropriate;

2.1.9. Helmet use for both students and supervisors is mandatory and this requirement shall be discussed at the parent briefing and included in the parent information package.

2.1.10. Indication of the interest in renting a helmet be part of the registration process for the ski program.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 65, 75, 85 School Act  
Motor Carrier Act  
Motor Vehicles Act  
Collective Agreements

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