

SCHOOLS

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Parent Access to School Sponsored Field Trips

The Administration and School Board of the Pontotoc County School District believe in the value and importance of field trips as a worthwhile means of learning (see *Board Policy IFCB Field Trips and Excursions*). In order to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken for the safety of our student participants, the Pontotoc County School District consulted with teachers, parents, school resource officers, and school administrators in setting the following administrative procedures to begin with the 2023-2024 school year:

- Parents and/or outside guests are not allowed to attend school sponsored local field trips. An exception to this rule may occur for situations involving students with special needs/circumstances that may require additional care, in which case parents will be specifically requested and approved to attend by the school principal.
- For overnight or out-of-state field trips, parents may be requested to participate in order to provide additional supervision.

Parent Access to On-Campus Events/Activities

The Pontotoc County School District strongly believes that families and communities are our valued partners in the education of our students. As such, the PCSD will seek to encourage parental involvement in on-campus events that are organized and managed by the schools. Where possible, the PCSD may use the Hall Pass Visitor Management System for immediate background checks in order to ensure the safety of students and staff. Additionally, schools have been asked to provide multiple on-campus parental involvement opportunities for our parents and community. These events may include but are not limited to the following:

- Parents will be encouraged to attend celebrations, programs, or other grade level specific activities hosted by the school. For these events/activities, parents will be notified and invited in advance by the school or teacher.
- Parents will be allowed to eat breakfast or lunch with their child for birthdays or reward-based celebrations such as student of the week or student of the month. Administrators may also approve breakfast or lunch requests for other special circumstances. Requests to eat breakfast or lunch at the school must be made in advance and approved by the school administration, and schools may set aside particular areas for dining.