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Weekend and Summer Field Trip Credit Policy

Rationale

Forest Charter School believes that learning occurs in many forms and can take place in many locations. To that end, FCS wishes to support its students in participating in these opportunities as well as creating ways to incorporate these experiences into the academic learning while still upholding the expectations of the California Department of Education. In order to clarify the expectations and opportunities around field trips, FCS has adopted the following policy:

Policy

- FCS will not give school credit for field trips occurring outside designated school days as set forth on the Forest Charter School calendar.
- However, educational preparation and follow-up activities occurring during designated school days may earn educational credit.
- Field trip pre and post activities can count for credit as part of a larger class. (e.g. field study research trips as part of a biology class) This process will typically be the case for shorter trips of 1-3 days.
- Pre and post activities for longer field trips (e.g. international trips) can also count as part of a larger class, or, depending on the amount and/or degree of pre and post activities, may count for a stand-alone class such as *Academic Travel*.

NOTE: As of the date that this policy was approved by the Charter Council, weekend and summer field trips are covered by insurance.