



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

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THIS FORM 260-2 TO BE FORMATTED BY THE SCHOOL AND COMPLETED BY PARENTS

Consent for Risk Acknowledgement
and Waiver for
International Field Trips
STUDENT

BY SIGNING THIS LEGAL DOCUMENT YOU:

- **INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS ACTIVITY**
- **AGREE TO ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY**
- **INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS FORM**

PREAMBLE

Northern Gateway Public Schools supports international travel as a valuable opportunity for students to develop a deeper understanding of the global society, historical events and the impact those have on our collective development of a world citizen viewpoint. However, there are occasions when international travel must be considered in the light of security concerns that exist in various parts of the world. In these situations it is the wish of the Board of Trustees that all participants in the trip are given the opportunity to decide if they want to continue with their personal commitment to be involved in the event.

To allow all participants to have the background information necessary for that decision the administration of the school, in conjunction with supporting documentation from the trip provider, will provide an addendum to this consent form that outlines the following:

- the complete itinerary of the trip including destinations, accommodation arrangements and "in country travel" structures;
- the current levels of concern around the security of all aspects of the trip and the cancellation cost structure if the decision is made to not participate in the trip.

With that background information this consent form will allow the school to ensure that each participant is fully knowledgeable about the trip and has made a decision that meets their needs and expectations.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In consideration for the participation of _____ (“the Student”), in the field trip offered in conjunction with the _____ program providing for travel to _____ (“the destination”), and all activities associated therewith, scheduled to commence _____, 20____, and terminate _____, 20____, and organized by the _____ School of the Northern Gateway School Division (hereinafter referred to as “the trip”),

I/WE, the Student and the undersigned parent/guardian of the Student, AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

General

1. I/WE approve of and give permission for _____ (the Student) to participate in the trip as part of the _____ education program.
2. I/WE understand that participation in the trip is voluntary.
3. I/WE acknowledge that I/WE have read and understood the Disclosure Information provided by the School Board and dated _____, setting out the particulars of the trip.
4. I/WE understand and agree that the trip starts when I/the Student board(s) a vehicle or aircraft used as a carrier on the trip, and finishes when I/the Student disembarks from a vehicle or aircraft at the time of completion of my/the Student’s participation in the trip.

Assumption of Risk

5. I/WE understand and acknowledge that there are risks and hazards inherent in the very nature of the trip and as a result of my/the Student’s participation in the trip. I/WE have full knowledge of the nature and extent of these risks and acknowledge that by participating in the trip I/the Student may suffer personal injury, death, property damage, loss, delay, inconvenience and the cancellation or early termination of the trip, which injuries and losses are inherent in all activities/travel of this nature.

I/WE understand and are aware that the inherent risks and hazards, to which I/the Student may be exposed while participating in the trip, include but are not limited to the following:

- theft or loss of personal belongings
- higher level of violence and crime than Canada
- diseases which are not common in Canada
- road system or transportation system different than and/or of a lower standard than that of Alberta
- homesickness
- cultural differences
- lower safety standards
- differing weather conditions than I/the Student is accustomed to
- foreign laws, restrictions and regulations
- medical facilities which are of a lower standard than those in Canada
- risks or hazards as a result of past or present military activity, political unrest or terrorist activities

I/WE acknowledge that I/WE have reviewed and understood the most current travel report issued by the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade for the destination, including the risks detailed in the report.

I/WE acknowledge that it is my/our responsibility to obtain and learn as much information as possible about the risks and hazards of the trip and to weigh those risks against the benefits of the trip, before consenting to the participation of the Student in the trip.

I/WE nevertheless freely and voluntarily consent to the participation of the Student in the trip and agree to accept these risks and fully understand that I/WE will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage sustained by the Student.

Acts of God

6. I/WE understand and acknowledge that the School Board, its elected officials and officers, employees, agents, volunteers and representatives cannot accept responsibility for events over which it/they have no control, such as Acts of God, strikes or government restrictions and terrorist activities.

Tour Operations and Trip Cancellations

7. I/WE understand and acknowledge that the School Board, and its employees, agents, volunteers and representatives, (including those employees, agents, volunteers and representatives who will be accompanying student participants on the trip (hereinafter referred to as "teacher/chaperones")), or any of them, are not and do not represent themselves to be professional tour operators nor do they possess any special knowledge or expertise, on which I/WE can rely, with regard to tour operations or traveling arrangements.

8. I/WE understand and acknowledge that the School Board, the Student and participants in the trip may be using the services of travel agents, airlines, common carriers, tour organizers, guides, or other similar agencies not directly controlled by the School Board and that the School Board accepts no responsibility for any acts or omissions of, or for any breach of contract, misrepresentation, negligence or error of, such parties, with respect to all matters in connection with the trip including but not limited to any with respect to the nature or extent of the trip, the lodging, food, transportation or other facilities provided or to be provided in conjunction with the said trip and any acts which may lead to cancellation or curtailment of the trip.
9. I/WE understand and acknowledge that the School Board, may cancel the trip or any portion thereof at any time, for any reason, and that in such event I/WE may not be entitled to a refund of all or any portion of the fees paid by me/us for the trip.

Rules of Conduct, Termination of Participation and Waiver of Refund

10. I/WE recognize that participation in the trip is a privilege and I/WE understand and agree that as a participant in the trip, the Student must abide by all rules, regulations and directions imposed upon the Student by the School Board and its teacher/chaperones, service providers and authorized representatives, and that the failure by the Student to do so may result in the Student's participation in the trip being terminated immediately.
11. I/WE understand and agree that the School Board, its elected officials and officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives, including without limitation its teacher/chaperones, or any of them, shall have no responsibility to or for the Student when: the Student is absent from trip sanctioned activities, such as unauthorized visits to friends or relatives; the Student breaches the regulations and rules of the trip; or, the Student willfully departs the trip without authorization.
12. I/WE recognize that it is the Student's sole responsibility to acquaint him/herself with all such rules and regulations established by the School Board and its teacher/chaperones, service providers and authorized representatives.
13. I/WE also understand and agree that as a result of the Student disobeying any such rules, regulations and directions that the teacher/chaperones may send the Student home at my own expense, and that if the Student is sent home this will also result in a waiver of the right to a refund of any part of the fee paid for the trip.
14. I/We also understand and agree that such termination of the Student's participation in the trip will not relieve me from the obligation to pay any debt that I/WE have incurred with respect to the trip.

Medical/Emergency

15. I/WE declare that the Student is physically sound and not suffering from any condition, impairment, infirmity or illness that would prevent the Student's participation in the trip except as hereinafter stated.

16. I/WE acknowledge that the following is information about the Student that the School Board and its teacher/chaperones, service providers and authorized representatives need to know for purposes of this trip (medical (including but not limited to medication needs, allergies, or medical conditions), physical, emotional or otherwise):

17. I/WE agree that the School Board may, through its teacher/chaperones, agents or employees, secure such medical advice and services as it, in its sole discretion, may deem necessary for the health and safety of the Student in the event of an emergency, and the Student's parent/guardian shall be financially responsible for the provision of such emergency services.

18. I/WE confirm that the following is the emergency contact information for the Student:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Student: _____

Telephone Number(s) for Emergency Contact: _____

Documentation and Insurance

19. I/WE understand that the School Board does **NOT** carry insurance that would cover the Student for participation in the trip or in any other school activity.

20. I/WE understand that it is my/our responsibility to ensure the necessary travel documents (including passport and visa), and insurance, including but not limited to, out-of-country medical insurance, accidental death, disability and dismemberment insurance and travel insurance, are secured prior to the trip.

Miscellaneous

21. I/WE acknowledge that the Student meets all of the prerequisites required for participation in the trip and agree to ensure the student has adequate clothing and equipment to participate in the trip.

22. All students, staff and chaperones must provide proof of adequate immunization, as per recommendations from Alberta Health and Wellness and Alberta Education. Individuals who do not have the required immunization (depending on destination) will not be permitted to travel.
23. I/WE understand that this consent, waiver, and assumption of risk agreement is a legal agreement and I/WE agree to be bound by its terms.
24. I/WE did not rely upon any promises, inducements, representations or agreements including, but not limited to, any oral statements made by or on behalf of the School Board, its elected officials and officers, employees, agents, volunteers, and representatives, or any of them, the effect of which would be to modify or vary the terms of this agreement.
25. I/WE understand that the obligations of the Student and the undersigned parent/guardian set out herein are joint and several.
26. I/WE understand that if any of the terms or conditions of this agreement or their application to any party or circumstances shall be held invalid by any court or other authority having jurisdiction the remainder of the agreement and the application to parties or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected.
27. I/WE understand that this agreement may only be amended or modified if it is amended or modified in writing by the School Board and acknowledged in writing by me.
28. I/WE understand that the headings used in this agreement are for convenience only and are not to be considered a part of this agreement, and do not in any way limit or amplify the terms and provisions of this agreement.
29. I/WE acknowledge and agree that this agreement shall be binding upon and ensure to the benefit of my and the Student's respective heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns.

I/WE, the Student named herein and the undersigned parent/guardian acknowledge that we have read and fully understood this agreement and accept the risks of participating in the trip.

DATED AT THE _____ of _____ in the Province of Alberta, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature of Witness as to the signature of the parent

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Name of Witness as to the signature of the parent

Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Witness as to the signature of the Student

Signature of Student

Name of Witness as to the signature of the Student

Name of Student

This form must be completed in full, signed, dated and witnessed before the Student will be permitted to participate in the trip.

The information collected on this form is collected pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act of Alberta, to be used to organize and coordinate a school field trip. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of the information collected on this form please contact the School Board's FOIP Coordinator by telephone at (780) 778-2800.