



Northern Gateway
Public Schools

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THIS FORM 260-3 TO BE FORMATTED BY THE SCHOOL AND COMPLETED BY

Consent for Risk Acknowledgement
and Waiver for
International Field Trips
CHAPERONE

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 CHAPERONE’S PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY**
- **INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS INCLUDED IN THIS FORM**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

In consideration for the participation of _____ (“the Chaperone”), 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, the Chaperone, AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

General

1. I understand that participation in the trip is voluntary.
2. I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Disclosure Information provided by the School Board and dated _____, setting out the particulars of the trip.

3. I understand and agree that the trip starts when I board a vehicle or aircraft used as a carrier on the trip, and finishes when I disembark from a vehicle or aircraft at the time of completion of my participation in the trip.

Assumption of Risk

4. I understand and acknowledge that there are risks and hazards inherent in the very nature of the trip and as a result of my participation in the trip. I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of these risks and acknowledge that by participating in the trip I 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 understand and am aware that the inherent risks and hazards, to which I 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 Chaperone 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 acknowledge that I 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 acknowledge that it is my 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 in the trip.

I nevertheless freely and voluntarily consent to participating in the trip and agree to accept these risks and fully understand that I will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage sustained during the trip.

Acts of God

5. I 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

6. I 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 can rely, with regard to tour operations or traveling arrangements.
7. I understand and acknowledge that the School Board, the Chaperone 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.
8. I 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 may not be entitled to a refund of all or any portion of the fees paid by me for the trip.

Rules of Conduct, Termination of Participation and Waiver of Refund

9. I recognize that participation in the trip is a privilege and I understand and agree that as a participant in the trip, I must abide by all rules, regulations and directions imposed upon me by the School Board and its teacher/chaperones, service providers and authorized representatives, and that the failure by me to do so may result in my participation in the trip being terminated immediately.
10. I 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 me when: I am absent from trip sanctioned activities, such as unauthorized visits to friends or relatives; I breach the regulations and rules of the trip; or, I willfully depart the trip without authorization.

11. I recognize that it is the Chaperone'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.
12. I also understand and agree that as a result of the Chaperone disobeying any such rules, regulations and directions that the teacher/chaperones may send me home at my own expense, and that if I am 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.
13. I also understand and agree that such termination of my participation in the trip will not relieve me from the obligation to pay any debt that I have incurred with respect to the trip.

Medical/Emergency

14. I declare that I am physically sound and not suffering from any condition, impairment, infirmity or illness that would prevent my participation in the trip except as hereinafter stated.
15. I acknowledge that the following is information about me 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):

16. I 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 Chaperone in the event of an emergency, and the Chaperone shall be financially responsible for the provision of such emergency services.
17. I confirm that the following is my emergency contact information for the trip:

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to Chaperone: _____

Telephone Number(s) for Emergency Contact: _____

Documentation and Insurance

18. I understand that the School Board does **NOT** carry insurance that would cover the Chaperone for participation in the trip or in any other school activity.
19. I understand that it is my 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

20. I acknowledge that I meets all of the prerequisites required for participation in the trip.
21. I acknowledge that 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.
22. I understand that this consent, waiver, and assumption of risk agreement is a legal agreement and I agree to be bound by its terms.
23. I 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.
24. I understand that the obligations of the Chaperone set out herein are joint and several.
25. I 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.
26. I 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.
27. I 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.
28. I acknowledge and agree that this agreement shall be binding upon and ensure to the benefit of my respective heirs, successors, personal representatives and assigns.

I, the Chaperone named herein, acknowledge that I have read and fully understand 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 Chaperone

Signature of Chaperone

Name of Witness as to the signature of the Chaperone

Name of Chaperone

This form must be completed in full, signed, dated and witnessed before the Chaperone 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.