

The Board of Education School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) recognizes the value of students being involved in both curricular and extra-curricular events and/or trips that foster a sense of school community, spirit, and belonging. This policy is intended to provide guidance for school staff, students, parents, and community members in the Sea to Sky School District, when planning for such events and/or trips.

SANCTIONED EVENTS

Sanctioned events are those events or trips which are endorsed by the Board of Education. Inherent in being endorsed, sanctioned events must have received approval by the principal or vice-principal of the school or by senior district staff. In order for an event to be approved, all pertinent laws, Board policies, regulations, and procedures must be adhered to. The school principal or vice principal or senior district staff must be apprised of all proposed activities and sign off on any necessary paperwork. The organizers of sanctioned events will generally have access to use school communication systems (e.g. email, school newsletters, bulletin boards) for advertisement and communication, and, to hold meetings and fundraising events on School District property without rental bookings or fees.

NON-SANCTIONED EVENTS

Non-sanctioned events or trips are those which are not endorsed by the Board of Education. Any activities not approved by the principal or vice principal of the school or by senior district staff, are considered to be non-sanctioned events and the Board will not assume any responsibility for them.

Advertisement about activities of this nature will not be permitted on School District No.48 property. The use of school communication systems (e.g. email, school newsletters, bulletin boards) shall not be used for communication in relation to such events or trips. Meetings, fund raisers, or other proceedings related to non-sanctioned events or trips will not be permitted on School District property or will require a rental booking and fee payment for use of the rented facility.

SCHOOL GRADUATION EVENTS

School sanctioned graduation events are activities which have received principal or vice principal or senior district staff approval and are fully endorsed by the Board of Education. Inherent in being approved as sanctioned events, the previously noted details for sanctioned events apply.

Non-sanctioned graduation events are activities related to school graduation which are not endorsed by the Board of Education. The principal or vice principal or senior district staff have determined that the related activities do not adhere to all pertinent laws, Board policies, regulations, and procedures, and/or the activities may have severe consequences that flow from the inherent risks of the activity and the probability of occurrence of these risks cannot be reasonably eliminated.

DRY GRAD EVENTS

Dry Grad events are separate from school sanctioned and non-sanctioned graduation events in that they are related specifically to the ordinarily received funds via the BC Liquor Board corporate social responsibility programming. Senior district staff sign off on receipt of these funds annually, committing to the use of these funds for safe, alcohol-free activities. Schools wishing to receive this funding are to create a school based Dry Grad Committee to oversee event planning and appropriate use of this money. These funds will then be distributed to each school.

Additionally, each school based Dry Grad Committee, under the advisement of the school principal, shall determine annually whether or not they wish for their Dry Grad events to be sanctioned or non-sanctioned. If electing to have the Dry Grad events as Board of Education sanctioned events, the Dry Grad Committee must appear before the Board, no later than November of each school year, to request the Board's endorsement of the proposed activities. All Dry Grad events and activities will remain non-sanctioned until the Board has made a decision each year regarding their endorsement. All criteria outlined above in this policy for sanctioned and non-sanctioned events will apply to Dry Grad.

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