



**Parent/Guardian Permission for Student
Foreign Travel (Including Canada and Mexico)**

Use Outside Continental USA, Alaska and Hawaii
Contract for Release of Liability and Hold Harmless

Student: _____ Teacher: _____

Trip Destination: _____

(Read carefully, understand each detail, and consider consulting an attorney before signing.)

Travel opportunities to other countries can provide unique and important educational experiences for students. Centennial School District J28 (District) offers various educational experiences under circumstances in which the District either sponsors the foreign trip or merely approves the trip but does not sponsor it. Where the District sponsors the trip, care is taken to provide an educational experience that is reasonably safe. In situations where the District approves a trip that is sponsored by another entity parents are advised to carefully evaluate the safety, supervision and environment in order to assure the well being of their child.

Parents should be aware that travel to other countries may not provide common protections found in the United States. There may not be opportunities for District employees/representatives to make the normal assurances regarding safety. The resources to learn of potential hazards may well be available to knowledgeable persons; however, District employees are not expected to, and travelers shall not expect them to, have the skill to develop such information nor to interpret information that is not presented in a style common to our culture. Cultural differences may render plain language communications useless to convey vital information.

All persons wishing to travel out of the country are:

Specifically Warned

1. The risks of international travel are unknown and uncontrollable. Unless specific arrangements are made by travelers, professional experienced guides will not accompany the group.
2. That the District's sole representation and that of its representative(s) is that an educational experience will be pursued. The traveler and their parents accept all risks of travel and their parents accept all risks of travel whether or not described in this document.
3. That the instructors and their assistants (if any) will be the only adults accompanying the group. Parents and student share the responsibility of determining for themselves whether this adult presence is adequate for the circumstances and number of students.
4. That the District will not provide liability, medical or dental insurance. Insurance coverage is the sole responsibility of the student and his/her family.
5. That each participant is personally responsible for his/her individual safety and is urged to be continually on guard for the safety of others in the group and circumstances which could impair that safety.

6. That participants could encounter terrorism, war, bad food, radiation, unlawful or harmful behavior, unsafe buildings, unsafe conveyances, insurrection, natural disasters, bodily harm, illness, death, epidemics, disappearance/kidnapping, traffic hazards, arrest, long-term imprisonment under personally abhorrent and degrading conditions, and similar hazards or sources of personal interference or harm for which the District leadership is not informed through official or trusted information channels and for which the officials or information channels do not provide a means to avoid harm. Each traveler and parent/guardian shall carefully inform himself/herself of hazards as he/she sees them and make his/her own decision on his/her personal safety or that of his/her student and whether he/she wishes to risk participation.
7. That laws regarding the use of tobacco and alcohol by minors and drugs which are illegal in the United States may not be illegal in foreign countries. Also, that there are many legal and cultural differences that may permit behavior in foreign countries that is illegal in the United States. Also, in accordance with the Oregon Department of Education Teacher Standards and Practices Commission rules, any teacher who is responsible for supervising students at anytime and who possesses a valid teaching license within the State of Oregon is bound by Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) rules and regulations in OAR 584-020-000 through 584-020-0045 and OAR 584-050-0002 through OAR 584-050-0070.
8. That the district representative(s) retain(s) the right to terminate the travel and order the group or any group member to return to the United States for any reason whatever, whether or not well-founded including, but not limited to, leadership concerns for personal health or safety, or changed political conditions. The parent/guardian will be responsible for any additional travel cost associated with the unscheduled return trip to the United States.
9. That while out of the United States, the district representative(s) act(s) independently and without supervision, direction or contact from the District Administration.
10. That each participant is responsible for his/her own expenses and costs including, but not limited to, travel, legal, medical, evacuation and every other expense and cost which has not been specifically listed and paid for prior to the beginning of the trip.
11. That the District and its representative(s) take no responsibility for any information supplied to traveler or traveler's family by any travel service or carrier even though conveyed through the District. District has not verified any such information.

Persons who for themselves and parents and legal guardians for themselves and their students who do not fully and unquestionably accept each and every term of this document are prohibited from traveling with this group or executing this release of liability which is a condition to traveling with this group.

Contract for Release of Liability and Hold Harmless

Parent Permission for Foreign Travel

I/we, the undersigned, have personally and carefully read and fully understand the foregoing, are fully knowledgeable, have personally considered all dangers whether or not named herein, and willingly and voluntarily accept all risks and responsibilities discovered or undiscovered.

As parent(s) or legal guardians of _____
or as an emancipated student traveling with the group, I/we the undersigned, hereby release and agree to defend and hold harmless Centennial School District 28J, Multnomah County, Oregon (District), its officers, agents, employees including trip leadership and their assigns from any claims for any person, entity, or estate, in any form that may arise against them by reason of property loss or damage, illness, personal interference, injury and/or death resulting from any cause including, but not limited to, the student or other students having failed to properly carry out instructions from the trip leadership but **excepting** those which occur because the trip leadership negligently failed to take reasonable steps available to the trip leadership to protect the student from an immediate substantial hazard actually known to the trip leadership.

Permission is granted for my child to participate in the following activity:

1. School: _____
2. Department: _____
3. Trip leader: _____
4. Destination: _____
5. Activity: _____
6. Mode of travel: _____
7. Dates: _____

If it is indicated above that my child is traveling by private vehicle on this field trip, I hereby grant permission for my child to travel by private vehicle. I understand that Centennial School District has verified the volunteer parent or staff driver has a valid driver's license and his/her vehicle meets or exceeds the minimum insurance requirements mandated by the State of Oregon.

Please note any medical conditions of which we should be aware:

I hereby give Centennial School District (or its representative designee) authority to seek emergency medical treatment for my child.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Traveling Student

Date