

Field Trip Guidelines at Harvey Browne Preschool

Field trips at Harvey Browne Preschool are taken for many reasons. We are trying to enrich and extend classroom learning while helping children to enjoy a safe and happy experience outside the classroom. It gives children an opportunity to ride a school bus, which national statistics show is the safest transportation on the road. It gives children another opportunity to increase their feeling of competence as they journey into new adventures. As children learn they are able to try new experiences outside the family structure, they can gain a feeling of independence and confidence which in turn increases self-esteem.

In order to achieve all this, we will need help from parents on field trips. The teachers and parents at Harvey Browne Preschool believe that field trips will be safer and more beneficial if all parents who attend field trips understand what their role on the field trip is and how they can most help the teacher and the children. Because we know that like us, you want what is best, several parents and teachers have worked together to develop guidelines that we believe will make the field trip experience a good one for all the participants. On certain field trips, for many reasons including safety, space, and the above stated goals, the teachers will limit the number of parents that will be able to go on a field trip. Please respect the limit that is set by the teacher. We will do our best to see that parents are allowed to go on at least one field trip or be involved in special class activity once during the year. We want you to be involved and we will continue to try to offer many opportunities for parent involvement. Please understand that in order to allow all parents to have a chance to participate and to give your child a chance to achieve the feeling of independence, increased confidence, and self-esteem, you will probably be limited in the number of field trips in which you can participate.

Here are the guidelines for all field trips:

- Please arrive 10 to 15 minutes early so the teacher can let you know exactly what your responsibilities are during the trip. All adults attending field trips will be given children that they will be closely supervising.
- In order to give your full attention to the children you are supervising, it is imperative that you do not bring siblings on a field trip.



- In order to give your full attention to the children you will be supervising, please do not bring a cell phone. In the case of an emergency, one teacher will have a cell phone where you can be contacted. Please leave the school number 895.2577 for an emergency and we will then be able to contact you on the trip.
- In order for all the children to receive the full benefit from the field trip, which is enriching and extending class activities, please allow the teacher to remain in charge of the group at all times. This allows the teacher to make sure all the children remain safe and fully benefit from the field trip experience.

Thank you so much for your involvement and your cooperation. As we work together in partnership, we can enhance and enrich the journey of learning for every child.

Barbara Bailey and the Faculty of Harvey Browne Preschool

Harvey Browne Preschool Field Trip Permission Slip

I request that Harvey Browne Preschool allow my child _____
to participate in _____.

I give permission for my child _____
to attend _____ on _____.

I hereby release and save harmless the school of Harvey Browne Preschool and any and all personnel of Harvey Browne Preschool from any and all liability for any injuries, loss or other claims arising out of or resulting from this trip.

Parent signature _____ Date _____.

Guidelines developed by faculty and parent representatives at Harvey Browne Preschool, November 2000.