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District France Field Trip (Grade 11/12) Informed Consent March 13 – March 23, 2019

May 31st, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The written, informed consent of parents/guardians is required for participation of students in all Multiple-Day and/or Out-of-Province field trips in North Vancouver School District No.44. The purpose of the Informed Consent document is to provide students and parents/guardians with information that is related specifically to this field trip. The parent/guardian consenting signatures on this document indicate acknowledgement and acceptance of the information contained herein inclusive of risks and potential consequences.

PURPOSE OF THE TRIP:

The North Vancouver School District is offering grade 11/12 French Immersion students registered in Culture et communication 11/12 from across the district the opportunity to travel to France for a unique educational experience. This trip, arranged in collaboration with Explorica (<http://www.explorica.ca>) is rich in linguistic, historical and cultural experiences. The District France Trip next year will take place from **March 13 – March 23, 2019**.

This trip will provide students with the opportunity to develop increased proficiency in French while experiencing a culturally rich, authentic and vibrant environment. Students will be able to deepen their understanding of diversity and culture, and build social connections with other French Immersion students enrolled in grade 11/12 at other schools in the North Vancouver School District.

The 2019 District France Trip will take Grade 11/12 students enrolled in Culture et communication 11 in the North Vancouver School District to the heart of French history and culture. Students will be lodged in hotels in Normandy and Orléans and supervised by North Vancouver School District employees. Students will also have the chance to take part in French classes in a high school in Orléans and connect with French students during a portion of the trip. There will be a private French guide for all planned activities who will converse with students exclusively in French.

Please note: The District France Trip is not required as part of the mandated French Immersion program, but is a valuable enrichment opportunity.

ITINERARY* AND ASSOCIATED RISKS and CONSEQUENCES:

There is a degree of risk in all daily activities. The risk is increased to varying degrees when students are away from the safety and supervision of the school setting. It is impossible to itemize every possible element of risk associated with a field trip. Generally speaking, this field trip may include, but not be limited to the following inherent risks and all risks associated with:

- Group plane and bus travel
- Outdoor activities including cycling
- Walking trips in small groups, partners, and in large groups (e.g. Orléans city centre, Paris tourist sites, Juno Beach, Mont St-Michel, St-Malo)

*The final itinerary for the District France trip is partly weather-dependent and subject to change.

Students and parents/guardians need to be aware that injury can occur from risk, and that injury can range from minor to fatal. Sponsors, chaperones, and students will do all they can to ensure a safe, common sense and controlled experience to reduce inherent risk. By virtue of signing this “Informed Consent” form, you are acknowledging your understanding and acceptance of the inherent risks and possible consequences associated with this field trip.

Students will be briefed on the dangers involved in travel and on appropriate precautions to be taken for each planned activity in the itinerary. (See *Behavioural Expectations* for more details.) Students will be required to complete and sign the *Student Awareness of Risk and Responsibility Form* in order to demonstrate full understanding of the expectations, risks, safety precautions and responsibilities associated with multiple day field trips before being permitted to participate.

TRAVEL/MEDICAL/ACCIDENT/LIABILITY INSURANCE:

Individual student travel/accident/medical insurance is recommended and should be obtained by parents.

LEVEL OF SUPERVISION:

Students will be well supervised during this trip. School district supervisors (chaperones) will accompany students to all venues included in the itinerary and will assume responsibility for the safety and security of the students. The school district supervisors will carry cell phones and will be able to communicate with North Vancouver School District staff, and/or parents/caregivers if necessary. A First Aid kit will be available. There will be at least two employees of the Board accompanying students on this trip with a student supervision ratio ranging from 1:10 to 1:12. Both male and female chaperones will accompany the group on this co-educational trip. Students will spend most of the week in the large group; however, students will also be permitted to travel in small groups or partners for brief periods of time.

SUMMARY OF COSTS:

Total trip costs include: transportation (including air and coach fare), accommodations, most meals**,





tours and activities, guides, entrance to sites and activities, supervisor travel costs.

** Meals en route during travel days will be at the students' expense.

Total *estimated* cost per student for the trip: *Approximately \$3,800/student**

***Actual trip fees will be dependent on the number of students participating and flight costs.

Fund-raising activities may be organized by individual students/parents. The School District is not responsible for fund-raising or individual financial assistance.

TIMELINE AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

June 12 and 26, 2018	Information Meeting
June 27 – Sept 20, 2018	Informed Consent Approval, Student Medical Form, Application/Registration Form due to ESC
Sept 20 – Feb, 2018	Final Payment of Trip due through Explorica
March 13, 2019	Departure
March 23, 2019	Return to Vancouver

MEDICAL/EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

For multiple-day field trips, parents/guardians are required to fill in the separate medical/emergency contact information form. The information provided on the medical/emergency contact information form is critical for guiding appropriate medical responses if needed.

Sincerely,

*Joanne Robertson
Director of Instruction/District French Immersion
North Vancouver School District*

BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS

North Vancouver School District

France Trip Expectations

- For an International trip, students are required to travel with photo identification.
- Students are expected to carry with them the following telephone numbers: the trip supervisors' cellular phone numbers and emergency phone numbers for their own parents/caregivers.
- Students are expected to act in a manner that is responsible and respectful at all times during the France trip and to follow the rules established by the trip supervisors.
- Students are responsible for their own personal belongings (wallets, clothing, back-packs, etc.).
- Students are expected to remain with the large group or with special permission with at least one other student at all times.
- Students who need to be excused from the large group for any reason must do so with the permission of the supervisor.
- Students are not to disturb other hotels guests. This is particularly important in the halls. Students are to be quiet in the halls and in the rooms and to respect the curfew times established by the trip chaperones/supervisors.
- The purpose of this field trip is to provide students with the opportunity to use their French language skills in an authentic French environment. It is therefore expected that students will make every effort to speak French during this trip.
- Students will participate with enthusiasm and interest in all scheduled activities. An open mind to new tastes, sights and experiences is essential for successful travel.
- On a multiple-day field trip, students come under the jurisdiction of the School District Student Conduct Policy for the full duration of the field trip. It is very important for students to remember that when they are on a field trip they are representatives of the North Vancouver School District and are expected to behave accordingly.



North Vancouver School District France Field Trip (Grade 11/12)
INFORMED CONSENT APPROVAL

For: District France Field Trip – March 13 – March 23, 2019

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I, _____, understand that field trips expose the students participating
Parent or Guardian
to elements of risk. I have read the field trip description for the District Quebec Trip and the
planned activities. I am aware of the inherent risks and potential consequences that may occur on
this field trip and of the behavioural expectations of my child while attending this field trip. My
signature here indicates that my child has my informed consent to attend the field trip.

I give _____ permission to participate in the France trip to be held
Name of student
March 13 – March 23, 2019.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

**Please return the following to the Education Services Centre in an envelope Attn: Julie Bertrand
starting Wednesday, June 27th:**

- This *Informed Consent Approval Form*
- Student Medical Form*

***Please note that successful applicants will be required to pay a \$50 deposit through Explorica before
September 20th, 2018.***