

## Planning for Learning on a BISD Field Trip

Any learning experience must be tied to the BISD grade level curriculum and include pre, during, and post activities. Here are some suggested activities:

### **Preparing students before the trip:**

1. Discuss the purpose of the trip and how it related to the standards.
2. Introduce vocabulary words that will be used by docents during the field trip.
3. Show photographs or posters of the field trip site or related exhibits that will be viewed.
4. Explore the Website of the location you will be visiting.
5. Discuss with students how to ask good questions and brainstorm a list of open-ended observation questions to gather during the field trip.

### **Activity suggestions that might be appropriate during the trip:**

1. Students complete sketch pages with partial drawings of objects found in exhibits for students to complete the drawings based on their observations.
2. Students complete field notebooks for recording answers to prepared questions.
3. Students complete hand drawn postcards to write near the end of the tour that will summarize the field trip visit.

### **Follow up activities after the trip:**

1. Provide time for students to ask questions, record key words, ideas and phrases as journal entries.
2. Provide time for students to share general observations and reactions to the field trip
3. Create a classroom bulletin board displaying materials developed or collected while on the field trip
4. Develop a classroom museum that replicates and extends displays students observed on the field trip.
5. Develop a vocabulary list based on field trip observations
6. Complete math problems related to the actual field trip
7. Have the class compose and send thank-you letters to the field trip site host, chaperones, school administrators and other persons that support the field trip. Include favorite objects or special information learned during the field trip.
8. Create a short news report about what happened on the field trip. Publicize the trip via class Web page.

## **Suggested Field Trip Sites K-2**

- Birdville Environmental Study Center
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Casa Manana
- Colleyville Nature Center
- Dallas Heritage Village
- Dallas Museum of Art
- Dallas World Aquarium
- Elm Fork Education Center at University of North Texas
- Farm or Orchard
- Fire Station
- Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
- Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge
- Fort Worth Stockyards
- Fort Worth Zoo
- George W. Bush Presidential Library
- Green Meadows Farm
- Grocery Store
- Hall of State at Fair Park
- Legoland Discovery Center
- Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area
- Local business (ex. Petco)
- Local College
- Log Cabin Village
- Municipal Building
- Museum of the American Railroad at Fair Park
- National Cowgirl Museum
- Perot Museum
- Petco
- Polar Express
- Public Library
- River Legacy
- Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden
- Service Learning Field Trip (ex. Retirement community, Pet Store, etc.)
- Stephen Fite
- Tarrant County College (for musicals)
- University of Texas at Arlington Planetarium

## **Suggested Field Trip Sites 3-5**

- “A Little Washington in Big D” Education in Action
- “Water Rocks!” Education in Action
- Austin - Capitol and Bob Bullock Museum Education in Action
- Trails, Rails and Cowtown by Education in Action
- Birdville Environmental Study Center
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)
- Colleyville Nature Center
- Dallas Heritage Village
- Dallas Museum of Art
- Dallas World Aquarium
- Elm Fork Education Center at the University of North Texas
- Fort Worth Botanic Garden
- Fort Worth Museum of Science and History
- Fort Worth Nature Center and Refuge
- Fort Worth Stockyards
- Fort Worth Zoo
- George W. Bush Presidential Library
- Kimbell Art Museum
- Lewisville Lake Environmental Learning Area (LLELA)
- Log Cabin Village
- Museum of the American Railroad at Fair Park
- National Cowgirl Museum
- Perot Museum
- Rainforest Cafe
- Rory Meyers Children’s Adventure Garden
- Sixth Floor Museum at Dealy Plaza
- Science Camp
- Tarrant County College (for musicals)
- Texas Civil War Museum
- Trinity River Audubon
- Sid Richardson Museum
- UTA Planetarium
- “Water Rocks” Education in Action