Family Field Trips

Family field trips are designed with two purposes.

1. To build partnerships among schools, teachers, and EL families that help foster learning.
2. To increase awareness among EL families regarding services in the local community.

Family field trips allow parents and EL families to participate in school activities that benefit not only the children, but also the EL families. Field trips within the community allow EL families to gain a better understanding of the community services and how to use those services.

Replication of Program

The steps outlined here will help you successfully replicate this program.

1. Identify locations within the community that provide services for EL families, or could benefit EL families (see “Community Services” for suggested list).
2. Identify resources needed for field trip (e.g., buses if transportation is necessary, permission slips, liability disclosures, chaperone checklist).
3. Advertise field trip in native languages.
4. Complete field trip checklist (see “Family Field Trip Checklist”).
5. Evaluate effectiveness of field trip (see “Family Field Trip Evaluation”).

Community Services

Suggested List of Community Services

- Literacy Volunteers of America
- Local college, adult education classes
- Translation services
- Immigration services
- Churches that offer ESL classes
- Immigrant and refugee offices/centers
- Community centers
- Libraries
Family Field Trip

Location: ______________________________________________________________________

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Goal of field trip for children:  ____________________________________________________

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Goal of field trip for parents/families: _______________________________________________

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Measure of success for children: _____________________________________________________

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Measure of success for parents/families: _______________________________________________

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EXAMPLE:

Location: Local restaurant

Goal of field trip for children: To understand how to order in a restaurant

Goal of field trip for parents/families: To understand how to order, pay the bill, tip

Measure of success for children: Students successfully order

Measure of success for parents/families: Parents successfully order, request check, pay bill, and calculate tip.
Family Field Trip Evaluation for Children

Trip: __________________________________________________________

I learned about: __________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________

Here is a picture of what I liked:

Family Field Trip Evaluation for Parents/Families

Trip: __________________________________________________________

I learned something new on this trip. ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree
I found the information helpful. ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree
I enjoyed this trip. ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree
Going on the trip with my child/children was a good experience. ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree
We will use/visit the field trip location on our own now. ☐ Agree ☐ Neutral ☐ Disagree

If you did learn something new on this trip, please let us know: __________________________________________________________