

Appendix O

Outside Activity Providers

Prior to accessing outside activity providers (i.e. activity providers not affiliated with your school board) for instruction (e.g. climbing activities, trampoline gym) on or off school site, it is important to reference your school board criteria, for example:

Requirements of the educator:

- Seek and receive principal approval via school board field trip procedure form.
- Activity must have a curricular and/or co-instructional relevance for the students and meet the Ministry of Education curriculum expectations for Health and Physical Education.
- Check that the activity provider meets board requirement for third party liability insurance.
- The activity provider must be given a copy of the relevant Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines Generic Section and activity page(s).
- Prior to the activity, the following must be communicated to parents/guardians in writing: the type of activity, risks associated with activity, location, means of transportation used. A signed response must be received giving the student permission to participate.
- Teachers are to be present, through the entirety of the activity, to supervise participants and activity.

Requirements of the activity provider:

- Activity provider is to provide proof of recent criminal reference check.
- Activity provider must provide evidence of knowledge, expertise, certification (where applicable) relating to the activity being instructed upon.
- The activity provider must agree to abide by the requirements of the Ontario Physical Education Safety Guidelines outlined in the Generic Section and activity page(s). In a situation where the activity provider enforces a higher standard, this standard applies.
- Risks associated with the activity must be outlined to the students along with procedures to follow to minimize the risks.