The superintendent/president shall establish procedures that regulate the use of district funds for student travel and attendance at conferences and other activities that are performed as a class assignment or co-curricular activity.

Field trips are viewed as an extension of the classroom, and they must be approved in advance by the appropriate dean and/or superintendent/president and be supervised by district faculty or staff members.

The district may pay for expenses of students participating in a field trip or excursion with auxiliary, grant, or categorical program funds if the funds are used consistently with the funding source. The expenses of instructors, chaperones, and other personnel traveling with students may also be paid from district funds. Students and staff shall at all times adhere to the standards of conduct applicable to conduct on campus.

If a trip destination for a class field trip or a student organization activity is outside the state of California, the written approval for the trip must be obtained from the appropriate vice president and/or the superintendent/president. In addition, the director of risk management must be informed in writing. Detailed guidelines for field trips will be maintained in district administrative procedures.

Travel to restricted states (AB 1887) is not permitted with state categorical funds and other funds unless it meets allowable exceptions and is approved by the division vice president and superintendent/president. Although AB 1887 does not apply to the California Community Colleges, as explained by the California Attorney General’s Restricted Travel List Memo, state categorical funding cannot be used for travel to states subject to California’s ban on state-funded and state-sponsored travel. States that are currently subject to California’s ban on state-funded and state-sponsored travel are listed on the California State Attorney General website. MiraCosta College is honoring the legislation by voluntarily imposing the travel restrictions and allowable exceptions described in AB 1887.

See Administrative Procedure 4300.