

Appendix D to 6020 Extended Field Trip Procedures

Outdoor Education (Canoeing) Elementary Grades 4-8 and Secondary Grades 9-12

Canoe training and single day canoe field trips which travel within two hours from the arrival of emergency medical assistance and take place in a swimming pool or local bodies of water where there is no evidence of rapids, irregular waves, large waves or strainers, strong eddies, or powerful currents (source: International Scale of River Difficulty).

Swim Test

Prior to the activity, students must successfully complete the following swim test with or without a PDF:

rolling entry into deep water;
tread water for one minute; and
swim 50 m continuously.

The test must be:

administered by a certified aquatic instructor or lifeguard; and
completed within the school year in which the activity is taking place.

In lieu of the completing the swim test, students may provide proof of Bronze Star certification or higher.

Results of the swim test must be documented and communicated to the principal of the school.

Supervision

1 supervisor per 12 students in tandem boats.

1 supervisor per 8 students in solo boats.

1 instructor per 25 students. This individual possesses the required ORCKA or Paddle Canada certifications for canoeing. This role could be filled by a teacher, parent/guardian/volunteer / outside provider.

1 water safety supervisor per 25 students. This individual has the certification to supervise any swimming and wading activities which occur on the field trip.

