**GRCC \*\*\* Field Trip Expectations Agreement 2018**

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) and \*\*\* expect all students to conduct themselves with maturity and respect for others and to behave in a manner that will allow us to be welcome at field trip and lodging sites in subsequent years. It is your responsibility to know and adhere to GRCC’s Student Code of Conduct. Additionally, you will abide by all rules applicable to conduct in a classroom environment and all field trip activities. Failure to do so jeopardizes field trips for future students. You are the representatives of the college and your program on this trip. A student or students violating these rules or the student code of conduct may be asked to leave the field trip and return home at the student’s own expense.

1) Safety is our greatest concern. Always consider the potential impact and consequences of your actions to both yourself and to others. Remember that you are part of a group and that safety of the group is paramount. Effective communication is essential, immediately notify the field trip leader of any safety concerns. Listen carefully to and abide by all safety instructions. Never leave the group without specific permission from the field trip leader. Rationale: A field trip with no injuries or damages is a good field trip.

2) All field trips are dry trips – this means no alcohol consumption during the trip. Rationale: Drinking on field trips can result in excessive drinking and under-age drinking. The latter is illegal and the former can lead to inconsiderate and irresponsible behavior and can put field trip participants at risk. In addition, the consequences of excessive drinking can lead to a lack of participation in field trip activities (see rule # 3 below).

3) Participants are required to participate in all activities associated with the field trip. Permission for exceptions to this rule must be obtained in advance from the field trip leader. This also means that participants will abide by the structure and timing of the trip set by the field trip leader. Rationale: Field trip activities are specifically designed to enhance student learning and comprehension. Non-participation means missing out on critical material for learning and safety instructions and can damage group morale.

4) The field trip leader will make the final decision on whether any proposed activity is appropriate or not, and participants will abide by that decision. Rationale: Because we are traveling as a group, group needs outweigh the desires of individuals. Leaders will take into account safety factors as well as interests and abilities of those in the group in making the decision.

5) When students return from a field trip, all participants will be responsible for helping to clean the vehicles and any equipment and help return equipment it to its proper spot. No one should leave at the end of the trip until the instructor indicates that this work is complete. Rationale: The college and rental agencies will be more likely to support future field trips if participants demonstrate responsible behavior regarding rental vehicles and equipment.

I have read the GRCC \*\*\* Field Trip Expectations Agreementand agree to abide by the rules outlined therein.

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