

550 SPRING GROVE SENIOR TRIP POLICY (LOCAL POLICY)

Each year the Senior Class of Spring Grove Public Schools participates in an educational trip to Washington DC. The seniors pay for their trip from trip dues collected as early as their 7th grade year and finalize with an extensive fundraising campaign including Senior Raffle and concession stand proceeds from GBB and BBB games. Under the direction of head senior advisor(s), the seniors are in-serviced on trip highlights, logistics of traveling as a group in a large city as well as expectations of behavior as ambassadors of our school at our Nation's Capital. The following policy has been set up to insure that the trip for all our students is a safe and rewarding experience.

General Comments:

- 1) Class dues are \$50/year beginning in 7th grade, and continuing each year through 12th grade.
- 2) A 10% late fee will be assessed if dues are not paid within the school year. All class dues are due by November 1 of senior year. Additional late fees will be assessed per month until paid in full.
- 3) An attempt will be made to refund paid senior class dues to the student if a student chooses not to attend the trip, provided funds are available. November 1 is the deadline for notifying the school district if a student is not planning to attend the senior class trip. If notification occurs before November 1, the student will receive their paid class dues. If notification occurs after November 1, an attempt will be made to refund the student's paid class dues.
- 4) Chaperones for the senior class trip will be parents of seniors. A minimum of 3 adults will chaperone (including the trip advisors).
- 5) The age of majority for most purposes in Minnesota is 18 years of age. All students, regardless of age, are governed by the rules for students provided in school district policy while on the senior class trip.
- 6) Students will be required to make a \$150 down payment for emergency transportation home two weeks before the trip. This deposit is refunded within one week of returning from trip if not used. If used, students are responsible for the remainder of the ticket as well as the chaperone's travel expenses.

Eligibility: A student from Spring Grove Public Schools will not be allowed to travel with their class to Washington DC if any of the items listed below occur:

- 1) School district is notified of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drug possession/consumption charge by the student 8 weeks prior to the trip departure. This notification may occur by either notification from law enforcement or the conclusion of an investigation by the school district.
- 2) Student receives two (2) alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drug possession/consumption charges in their senior year (senior year constitutes as end of last day of junior year to trip departure.)

3) The K-12 Principal, reserves the right to remove any senior from the trip if he/she believes the behaviors at school have been flagrant in nature in the time leading up to the trip. Notice of this occurring would be given in writing to the student and parents involved.