

Ventura Missionary School

Field Trip Driver Policies and Procedures



*Thank you for your willingness to drive our students on their field trips.
Our students' education is definitely enhanced through field trips.*

- Let the students in your car know your **rules for eating**. Let them know they need to keep their **volume** down for safety reasons. Also, for safety reasons they should **never communicate with another vehicle** by yelling, by hand motions or gestures, or by written signs.
- **Do not chat on your cell phone** while you are driving our students for obvious safety reasons. Of course, you may need to call the teacher or another parent driver in regards to directions or time issues.
- While in the car, please make sure the **music** you play is **appropriate**. When in doubt, be conservative!
- Due to issues regarding appropriate **DVDs**, they (even G or PG) will **no longer be allowed** in the vehicles. Thank you for adhering to this policy.
- While on the field trip you are a **chaperone**, not merely another participant. Please **model appropriate field trip behavior** for our students and assist the teacher in enforcing these behavior expectations:
 1. Be **attentive to the docents** – gather around in a group, give the docent eye contact, and listen to the docents (never talk while they are speaking).
 2. **Raise hands** to ask questions.
 3. Show your appreciation at the end of your tour by **applauding** as directed by the teacher.
- Your **enthusiasm** will be contagious. Even if you think the docent or tour is less than thrilling, thank you for modeling respect and attentiveness to our students.
- **Do not make unscheduled stops** on the way back to school (**you are liable** if something happens during an unscheduled stop).