



800.1(7) Procedures

Policy 800.1

Student Participation in Alpine Skiing/Snowboarding

800.1(7.1) Planning a School-Sponsored Alpine Skiing/Snowboarding Trip
Proper planning and preparation can support safe, responsible participation in a school's ski/snowboard education program and make the experience enjoyable for students, staff and volunteers alike.

7.1.1 Arranging Transportation:

Transportation for skiing/snowboarding trips shall be arranged in accordance with Nova Central School District's policies and procedures.

7.1.2 Parental Consent:

A signed parental consent form shall be on file at the school for all students who participate in the skiing/snowboarding trip. All students participating in school-sponsored trips shall provide the school with written permission from their parent/guardian for each trip, on a consent form approved by the district office. It is expected that schools will send an information package or memo home to parents, advising them on the details of the trip and the expectations for students.

7.1.3 Emergency Plan Procedure:

The School Administrator shall ensure that an emergency plan is in place in the event of an accident, bad weather, etc. and that relevant district procedures are followed.

800.1(7.2) Grade and Age Restrictions

School administrators shall determine any grade/age restrictions necessary for their school for alpine skiing/snowboarding trips.

800.1(7.3) Orientation and Instruction**7.3.1 Application**

Each student shall complete an application form provided by the relevant skiing/snowboarding club, outlining its rules. Both parents and students must sign this form.

7.3.2 Orientation/Lessons

- a) Upon receipt of all appropriate equipment, skiers/snowboarders shall be required to have an orientation session and/or lesson, as determined necessary by qualified ski club instructors.
- b) After the orientation/lesson, the instructor will assess the ski level of each student and mark the lift pass designating appropriate slopes. Students shall not go on other slopes without demonstrating their ability to ski with control to the satisfaction of a qualified instructor.

800.1(7.4) Student Supervision

The School Administrator and/or teacher designates are responsible for student supervision and control at all times during an alpine skiing/snowboarding trip.

7.4.1 Supervision Time:

Unless other arrangements are approved by the school administrator, student supervision shall normally include from the time that a student arrives at the school in the morning, prepared to depart on the ski trip to the arrival back at the school following the skiing/snowboarding trip, including any activities in the interim.

7.4.2 Teacher-Student Ratio:

- a) The teacher-student ratio for such trips shall be one teacher for every fifteen students (1:15), except where permission is granted by the *Assistant Director of Programs* for a variation.
- b) In the event that an alpine skiing/snowboarding trip involves fewer than fifteen students, there shall be a minimum of two approved adult supervisors, including at least one teacher supervisor.

7.4.4 Competency:

Teacher supervisors must have a sufficient level of alpine skiing/snowboarding competency to enable them to adequately assess any risks associated with skiing/snowboarding and to terminate the activities if necessary.

7.4.5 Reasonable Supervision:

- a) Teacher supervisors and/or approved adult supervisors shall ensure appropriate supervision on the hill for students at all times.
- b) A teacher supervisor or other approved adult supervisor shall be present in the ski lodge at all times to supervise students using the lodge or to deal with the situation if an injured student is taken to the lodge by an instructor, ski patrol member or other person.
- c) In the event that a student sustains an injury requiring medical attention, an approved adult supervisor shall be available to travel by vehicle or ambulance with the student to seek appropriate medical attention.
- d) **Emergency Transportation:**
The teacher supervisor shall plan to have a separate vehicle available during the alpine skiing/snowboarding trip, in case of emergency.

800.1(7.5) Parent and/or Community Volunteers

7.5.1 Approval of Volunteers

Parent and/or community volunteers shall be approved for school-sponsored alpine skiing/snowboarding trips, in accordance with district policies developed for volunteers

7.5.2 Volunteers vs Teacher Supervisors:

Volunteers shall be in addition to the required number of teacher supervisors, and cannot replace them.

7.5.3 Competency:

Approved adult supervisors who are supervising students on the hill must have a sufficient level of alpine skiing/snowboarding competency to enable them to adequately assess any risks associated with skiing/snowboarding and to terminate the activities if necessary.

800.1(7.6) Student Discipline

- 7.6.1 Teacher supervisors in charge of the trip shall have the immediate authority to veto any activities, to discipline students while on the hill, or to restrict students from participation.
- 7.6.2 All skiers/snowboarders shall be advised of the "Alpine Responsibility Code"
- 7.6.3 The skiing/snowboard instructors, ski patrol members and/or the school representatives have the authority to

suspend skiing/snowboarding and ensure that individual students who are not complying with instructions are excluded from activities.

7.6.4 Instructors and ski patrollers shall be asked to notify a school representative of any infractions.

7.6.5 Teachers and/or approved adult supervisors may remove from the ski hill any student who is in an area marked out of bounds, in wooded areas, on runs beyond their level of competence, or otherwise posing an unreasonable danger to themselves or others.

800.1(7.7) Equipment

7.7.1 Students who participate in a school-sponsored alpine skiing/snowboarding trip must wear helmets at all times while on the hill.

7.7.2 Prior to arrival at the ski club, each student's name, weight, height, shoe size and skier/snowboarder ability shall be pre-recorded on the appropriate form provided by the club.

7.7.3 Teacher supervisors and approved adult supervisors shall ensure that qualified ski club staff members approve all equipment used by each student, including equipment a student may own or borrow.