



DEARBORN HEIGHTS MONTESSORI CENTER
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FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES (Private car transportation)

Field trips are a valuable part of each child's school experience. On a field trip, children share a common learning or recreational activity. Such activities teach a number of social and academic lessons, and serve to build community with other class members in a setting away from the school building.

Thank you for helping our class on this field trip. Please remember you have come on this trip to enjoy time with your child and his or her classmates. To ensure a safe experience we ask that you observe the following:

1. Field trips are a privilege—children need to be on their best behavior. Please encourage and help them in this endeavor.
2. If children do not follow your directions, please inform the classroom teacher of their behavior.
3. Please remain with the group, and stay through the entire event so the children will benefit from full participation.
4. Remember that children must be supervised at all times. Please use extra caution in parking lots and open areas. Hold hands in parking lots. Children may not be left unattended.
5. Cell phones are for emergency use only and should not be used while driving.
6. All children must be seated in rear seats. Child restraints (car seat, booster seat, and/or seat belt) must be used in keeping with Michigan law.
7. No smoking is allowed in the car while children are present. We are required to provide a smoke-free environment.
8. Please drive directly to and from the destination. Stops for errands are not appropriate; staff and parents are awaiting your arrival.
9. Please do not make changes in arrangements (sending children in another car, or going directly home) without informing the teacher.
10. Be sure you have a child information card for each child in your vehicle, and be sure each child is wearing an identifying nametag.
11. Please do not purchase food or souvenir items for the children. We appreciate your generosity, but it is not part of the planned experience.
12. Field trips are only for DHMC students. They are special learning opportunities which are incorporated into your child's curriculum.

We very much appreciate your time and cooperation. We hope these guidelines support a safe and enjoyable experience for all.