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Lawrence School – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farm School Trip  
Overnight, In-State Field Trip Application

The Farm School

488 Moore Hill Rd, Athol

Group A: February, 2023 – March 1, 2023

Group 2: March 1, 2023 – March 2, 2023

Group 3: March 2, 2023 – March 3, 2023

For review and consideration by the  
Brookline School Committee

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**APPLICATION FOR ALL ~~IN-STATE, OVERNIGHT~~ FIELD TRIPS**

**TRIP LOGISTICS:**

1. Name of Field Trip: **Farm School**
2. Educator Requesting Field Trip Approval: **Megan Hegedus & Christine Moodie**
3. School: **Lawrence** Grade Level: **8th**
4. Have you reviewed the *School Committee Policy I 3 a. for School Sponsored Field Trips*? **Yes**
5. Have you reviewed the document "*Administrative Procedures for School Sponsored Field Trips*"? **Yes**
6. Have you reviewed the document "*Field Trip Planning Guide*"? **Yes**

*These documents can be found in the Staff Portal of the district website ([www.brookline.k12.ma.us](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us))  
in the Office of Teaching and Learning link.*

7. What is your destination? **The Farm School 488 Moore Hill Rd, Athol, MA 01331**
8. What is the date and time you are leaving school? **Group A Tuesday 2/28/23 - Wednesday 3/1/23;  
Group B Wednesday 3/1/23 - Thursday 3/2/23; Group C Thursday 3/2/23 - Friday 3/3/23**
9. What is the date and time you are returning to school? **See #8**
10. Do the dates of the trip conflict with any religious holidays or observances? **none**
11. How many days will students miss from school? **students attend in groups, so each child will miss 2 days of school**
12. How are students being transported (school bus, chartered bus, plane, rail, etc)? **roughly 65, depending on how many are enrolled in 8th grade**

*If students are traveling via bus, please complete the  
Requirements for Field Trip Transportation via Bus form.*

13. How many students will be participating in the field trip? **roughly 65, depending on how many are enrolled in 8th grade**
14. What members of the student body are eligible for the trip? **8th grade**
15. How are students selected to participate in this field trip? **all 8th grade**
16. Where will students be staying? **The Farm School 488 Moore Hill Rd, Athol, MA 01331**
17. What are the names and cell phone numbers of the primary staff chaperones on the trip?  
**Megan Hegedus and Christine Moodie**
18. Other than those listed in #16 above, what are the names and roles (teacher, parent, etc) of other adult chaperones who will be on the trip?  
**Charles Deily (7/8 math teacher)  
Hannah Bjornson (7/8 ELA teacher)  
Kate Hollander (7/8 social studies teacher)  
Lara Miller (7th ELA and social studies teacher)**

**EDUCATIONAL RELEVANCE**

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19. What is the purpose of the trip and how does it relate to Brookline's Learning Expectations (K-8) or BHS Course Syllabi? **Students will study the relationship between organisms in the farm ecosystem. Students will learn about the importance of composting, crop rotation, and soil nutrients. Additionally, this will serve as a SEL opportunity as students will be tasked with chores that require them to work collaboratively.**

20. Describe activities planned before the trip to prepare students: **Students will conduct field studies of the soil in various places around Lawrence to see what makes "good" soil.**

21. Describe activities planned after the trip for students to wrap-up/reflect: **Students will continue to study soil, essential plant nutrients, ecosystem relationships, and will eventually work in the Lawrence garden to tend to the crops.**

ACCESSIBILITY AND STUDENT SAFETY

22. To what extent does the field trip group reflect the diversity of the school population? What efforts will be undertaken to ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, the participants in this field trip reflect the diversity of the school population? **All students will be working together to ensure that the farm chores are completed before making dinner and dining as a group. The students will play collaboratively as well as work collaboratively.**

23. What measures are planned to ensure student safety on the trip, including chaperone coverage, student behavior contracts, etc. **Students will have a chaperone with their groups at all times.**

24. What is the name and location of the medical facility closest to your destination?

25. Will students be swimming? (please note: if swimming is planned, parents must give explicit written permission for their child to swim; students who do not have this express written permission will not be allowed to swim) **Students will not be swimming.**

FUNDING

26. What is the total cost of the trip? Please detail the major components of the trip below and provide a total. (add/edit headings as necessary)

Lodging	4704.00
Travel	bus (need quote from town-years past range from 1600-3100)
Meals	NA
Admissions/Tickets	NA
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$6304-7804</b>

27. How will the field trip be funded? **Each family pays for their student, some of the cost will be covered by the PTO**

28. What accommodations are made for students who cannot afford the expenses of this trip? Are partial and/or full scholarships available? **Students who cannot afford to attend will be covered in full by the PTO**

29. If fundraisers are planned to help lower the cost of the trip for all students, please describe those plans here: **None**

*If you need any assistance as you complete this application,*

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*please contact the Office of Teaching and Learning at 617-730-2432.*

**Signatures:**

Educator Requesting Field Trip Approval: *Megan Hegedus · Christine Moodie* Date: *9/2/22*

Principal: *M. Loney* Date: *9/8/22*