

SY 25-26 FIELD TRIP UPDATE

PARTICIPATION PATTERNS, STAFF INPUT, AND PROPOSED D34
SIGNATURE TRIP FRAMEWORK



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The Review

01

UNDERSTAND: HOW MANY GRADE LEVEL AND CLASS TRIPS WERE RECORDED BY SCHOOL AND GRADE?

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LISTEN: WHAT DID STAFF IDENTIFY AS THE GREATEST INFLUENCES ON FIELD TRIP PLANNING?

03

ALIGN: WHICH ANNUAL EXPERIENCES SHOULD BECOME D34 SIGNATURE TRIPS?

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IMPROVE: HOW CAN THE DISTRICT STRENGTHEN EQUITY, CLARITY, AND LONG RANGE PLANNING?

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Goal: Every Student participates in a field trip!

95.5%
Grade Participation

Universal Student Access

Every grade level from Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade participated in a structured field trip experience designed to complement classroom learning.

Experiential learning trips enhanced engagement, boosted retention of core academic concepts, and fostered social-emotional development among students.

SY 25-26 Field Trips at a Glance

**79 Trips
Taken**

**44
Locations**

**Pre-K-8th
Grade
Represented**

Primary Focus

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STEM/Nature &
Science

Fine Arts and
Literacy

Specialized & Life
Skills

End of Year & SEL
Celebrations

Field Trips by School and Grade

School Year 2025–2026

School	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MKM	5									
Hillcrest		2	2	4	3	3	4			
Oakland		1	1	2	2	3	4			
W.C. Petty		0	2	1	1	3	5			
AUGS								14	16	20

Color intensity reflects the number of field trips.



Teacher Field Trip Survey

In collaboration with AEEA, a field trip survey was developed and released in October 2025. The survey asked the following questions: What factors influence your decision to take a field trip? & Which field trip should continue annually as a Signature Trip for your grade?

Strong majority: 81% cited cost

Majority: 63% cited curriculum alignment

Half: 50% cited transportation

Nearly half: 44% cited timing and tradition

Most: 78% supported the master list or expressed no preference



D34 Signature Trips

Annual experiences intentionally aligned to each grade level.



Early Learning



Elementary Schools



Middle School

	MKM	Hillcrest	Oakland	W.C. Petty	AUGS
Pre-K	 Stade's Farm and Market				
K		 Green Meadows Farm	 Lake Villa Library	 Fire Station	
1		 Discovery Museum	 Marriott Theater, Lincolnshire	 Marriott Theater, Lincolnshire	
2		 Milwaukee Public Museum	 Discovery Museum	 Milwaukee Public Museum	
3		 AUGS Concert	 Racine Zoo	 Milwaukee Public Museum	
4		 Discovery World	 AUGS Concert	 Discovery World	
5		 Kristof's Entertainment Center	 Challenger	 Chicago Public Museum	
6					 Action Territory (EOY)
7					 Camp Henry Horner
8					 Illinois Holocaust Museum and Camp Timber Lee



Signature trips are grade-specific annual experiences. When another grade visits the same destination, learning goals should be distinct and developmentally appropriate.

Questions