

Drake High School Global Studies Field Trip in Tahiti (French Polynesia)

Activities Disclosure and Rules of Conduct

The purpose of this notice is to provide families with a description of the anticipated activities their child may engage in while attending the Global Studies field trip to Tahiti (French Polynesia) and the applicable rules of conduct.

A. Anticipated Activities.

The field trip will take place on a tropical island surrounded by open water and coral reefs. While outdoors, students will be exposed to mosquitos, humidity, and tropical sunlight.

Physical activities may include walking on potentially steep, slippery, or uneven trails; exploring waterfalls, rivers, and natural water slides; wading, swimming, and canoeing in natural or man-made pools, bays, lagoons, and sea or ocean; taking ferries in open water to neighboring islands; and plane rides to nearby islands.

While swimming in lagoons, the students may encounter native wildlife, including (among other things) coral reefs, rays, and blacktip sharks.

B. Rule of Conduct.

Parents and guardians must notify District staff and trip supervisors of their student's swimming proficiency prior to departing for Tahiti because swimming capabilities may impact ability to participate in certain water-based activities.

While District staff and trip supervisors will review specific safety rules for each water-based activity before engaging in the activity, per District policy, each activity has its own inherent risks.

Students must wear appropriate swimwear and related safety gear during all water-based activities and parents or legal guardians should consider the activities listed above when packing for the trip.

All swimming is strictly prohibited except for organized group swim activities with the presence of adult chaperones and lifeguard(s).

IN TAHITI/FRENCH POLYNESIA THE PUBLIC BEACHES AND OTHER BODIES OF WATER DO NOT HAVE CERTIFIED LIFEGUARDS.

Confirmation of Receipt.

By _____

Name of parent or legal guardian of student named below

Name of student participating in this field trip: _____