



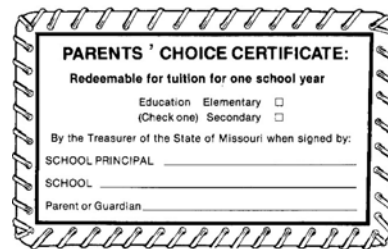
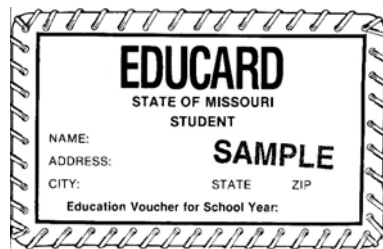
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Field Trips to Missouri's State Capital An Educational Project for Parents' School Choice

HOW TO ARRANGE A FIELD TRIP for elementary and high school students to the State Capital in Jefferson City, MO.

- **SET A DATE FOR THE TRIP.**
- Pick a **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday**. These are the day when the legislators will be in their offices. Although they convene at noon on Mondays while in session, it is best to arrange to meet them on the above days. Many of them leave on Thursday evening so Fridays, are not- good. The Missouri General Assembly convenes every year in January and adjourns May 15. So please schedule your field trip to the State Capital this time frame.
- **Several weeks before the trip** have an informational session with teachers.
- **Hold another meeting** for parents and other interested citizens to "educate" them on the issue of Parents' Rights in Education and School Choice. CEF will supply materials for teachers, parents and invited guests.
- **After teachers are informed**, hold several sessions for all of the students (or the class that will make the trip) to educate them on the issue. At their session distribute materials to bring to Jefferson City and to their parents. Materials to be provided by CEF are the Educard, model letters and study outlines for instruction of students. **To obtain Field Trip packet and materials, please call CEF Office at (636) 686-7101.**



- **EDUCARDS (like credit cards)** are Tuition Vouchers or Certificates to be signed by students, parents and principal. Bring one for every child in the school to your legislators. Inform students of the names of their State Senator and State Representative. In the case of Elementary Schools, the local area or neighborhood defines the district.
- **For high school students** who may come from many different legislative districts, it will be necessary to assign each student to obtain the name and district of their own State Senator and Representative. This is a Valuable learning process for citizenship. CEF will supply rosters of Senators and Representatives.

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- **BRING LETTERS** from parents asking legislators to support and vote for current school choice bills. CEF will supply model letters to help parents. Teachers will talk to legislators to persuade them to vote for this important legislation. Parents and students who are present will add their support also.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- **ABOUT TWO WEEKS AHEAD** of the field trip, the school should send a letter to their State Senator, State Representative and the Governor, to inform them that they will be coming to visit them. It is customary, then, to welcome your class etc. and to recognize them on the floor of the Senate or House. They may also present your group with a certificate of recognition etc. and arrange for you to be in the balcony for the session. You may sightsee the Capitol Building and see, the Governor's office and the Governor to persuade him to support parents' school choice.
- **IT WOULD ALSO HELP** the campaign for passage of the Parents' School Choice legislation if you would send a news release to your local paper, radio and TV media and the St. Louis Review to get some publicity for the cause.
- **AFTER THE FIELD TRIP**, be sure to send letters of thanks to your Senator and Representative for their courtesy. ~ And continue to monitor their action on this issue until the session ends in May.
- **YOU MIGHT WANT TO APPOINT** a School Choice Committee in each class to keep their class informed each week until passage of the legislation. CEF would welcome receiving the name of a Contact Person for your school.
- **LOTS OF OTHER EDUCATIONAL IDEAS** may come to mind for this project which is a good way to teach students how to be good, involved citizens. **This is a hands-on lesson in citizenship.**

CEF WILL BE HAPPY to send speakers to your school, parish etc.
We also have a video presentation available.

THIS ACTION IS URGENT ... DO NOT DELAY ... DO IT NOW!



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