

**Commercial Service Provider
Off-Site Experiential Learning Policy – Appendix 23**

Commercial Service Providers include any profit, non-profit agency or First Nation Government that is hired or contracted with to provide services to a school group.

All Commercial Service Providers must comply with the External Service Providers Standards and Procedures contained with this or any other Department of Education policy.

All conditions and agreements with Commercial Service Providers shall be attached and retained as part of the Trip Documentation files. Examples include but are not limited to the Great Northern Ski Society, Battlefields Tours, Whitewater rafting.

The Department may periodically develop standing protocols with a specific Commercial Service Provider that will apply to all school trips using that Commercial Service Provider.

Example

Great Northern Ski Society (Mt. Sima)

It is agreed, in this commercial service provider protocol between the Yukon Department of Education and the Great Northern Ski Society that the parties have agreed to the following:

1. Prior to any school trips to Mt. Sima an educational session shall be provided by the service provider to present an overview to students, teachers and parent volunteers, if available, of the overall geographic layout of the ski hill, prohibited areas and overall rules of conduct and safety.
2. Upon arriving at Mt. Sima all students shall be assessed as to their overall ability (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced) and shall be issued a coloured bib that will provide visual clarity as to their level of expertise.
3. Students will not be permitted to ski or snowboard in areas beyond their level of expertise, unless accompanied by a ski instructor.
4. No students are permitted to ski or snowboard in the snowboard park.
5. No students are permitted to take jumps.
6. The Staff Member in Charge shall remain on site at all times, with a second teacher or parent volunteer shall be required to stay in the ski chalet at all times.