



**FIELD TRIP FORM**

In the 2022-23 school year, all Vancouver Public Schools second- through fifth-grade students will participate in a multi-day field trip to the VITA Learning Lab at VITA Elementary School. This unique experience will focus on project-based learning and help students explore their interests.

“Welcome to the VITA Elementary Neighborhood” will be the theme of the field trip.

- Second and third graders will focus on current events in the area.
- Fourth graders will learn about the history of the VITA neighborhood.
- Fifth graders will explore what the future might look like for the community.
- All students will participate in learning walks within a two-mile radius of VITA.

For more information, please see the attached FAQs. Dates and details of your child’s VITA schedule will be shared by their teacher. To view sample schedules and additional details, visit the VITA website at <https://vita.vansd.org/>.

**Consent**

All second through fifth grade students will participate in the VITA learning Lab. All parents who allow their child to participate expressly release and hold harmless the school district, its employees, directors, agents and volunteers from any liability associated with VITA Learning Lab and realize that this activity provides a learning experience for students and allows students an opportunity to apply their classroom learning. Being fully aware of the risks, parents also give consent for their children to participate in the walking field trip activities described above.

**Opt out**

If you **do not** want your child to participate in the VITA Learning Lab, you must return this opt-out form (see below) **no later than Sept. 12, 2022**. Students who do not participate will remain at their school.

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**VITA Learning Lab field trip: 2022-2023 school year**

- No, I do not grant permission for my child(ren) to participate in the VITA Learning Lab.

Child’s name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



### **What is project-based learning?**

Project-based learning:

- Takes place over an extended period of time
- Is based on real-world scenarios and/or tasks
- Involves a variety of subjects
- Ends with a presentation or portfolio of student work

### **Where is VITA Elementary school located?**

VITA is located at 1111 Fort Vancouver Way.

### **How will students be transported?**

Each day students will be bused to and from VITA from their school. Buses will leave their school before 8:45 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m.

### **How many days will students attend VITA?**

Second- and third-grade students will attend eight to 10 days (depending on holidays or student non-attendance days). Fourth and fifth graders will spend one week at their school preparing for the field trip and one week onsite at VITA.

### **Will lunch be served at VITA?**

Yes. Students may bring their own lunch or get lunch from the VITA cafeteria.

### **What if my child has an appointment during the day and I need to pick them up?**

Please notify the VITA office in advance to ensure that your child is not on a walking field trip when you need to pick them up.

### **Who will be teaching my child?**

All students are taught by VPS teachers who specialize in project-based learning.

### **What will students learn at the Learning Lab?**

Lessons will incorporate language arts, social studies, math, technology, social and emotional learning, visual arts, music and communication skills. Visit <https://vita.vansd.org> for more details.

### **How can I see what my child is learning?**

Teachers will share student work on the SeeSaw app (families will be signed up automatically) and/or on VITA's website. Contingent on COVID-19 status and CDC guidelines, we hope to invite families to attend an onsite event at the end of each field trip.

### **What if my child requires medication at school or has special health care needs?**

If your child has a health care plan or requires prescription medication, their classroom teacher and school nurse will make arrangements.

If you have additional questions, contact VITA Principal Jennifer Blechschmidt at [jennifer.blechschmidt@vansd.org](mailto:jennifer.blechschmidt@vansd.org).