



## **Act One 2019-20 Field Trip Registration FAQs**

Learn more about the Act One registration process for the 2019-20 school year. Please contact us at [fieldtrips@act1az.org](mailto:fieldtrips@act1az.org) or 602.559.5725 with any questions you may have.

### **Q: How does the Act One registration process work? What's the timeline for this year?**

The online registration form will be available starting on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. Teachers will fill out the online form with information about their school and their top three field trip choices. Instead of granting field trip requests in the order they are placed, Act One will begin to sort requests on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> after registration has been open for 3 full days. Teachers can still place requests after this time, but requests made in the first 72 hours will have priority over requests placed later.

### **Q: How are field trip requests sorted by Act One?**

Field trip requests are granted starting with the schools that serve the most students on free/reduced lunch rather than timing. With this method, more teachers are given a chance to submit their requests, ensuring Act One is providing services to the schools with the most need.

### **Q: Why does Act One no longer do first-come, first served for field trip requests?**

As the Act One field trip program has grown, so have our registration numbers! In the 2017-18 school year, more than 27,000 seats were requested by teachers during the first three days of registration. That number grew tremendously last year, with more than 42,000 seats requested in the first 3 days! With this much demand, requests for field trips are only being placed mere seconds apart.

### **Q: Do I need to place my field trip request right when registration opens?**

We understand that the schools and teachers we work with all have different schedules and may not be able to put their requests in at exactly 8:00 AM. It's not fair to expect all the teachers we work with to be free at this time- some of you may be teaching while others might still be driving to work. With this process, teachers will no longer need to rush to their computer when registration opens. However, we do urge you to place within the first 3 days of registration to improve your chances of receiving one of your preferred field trips.

### **Q: What does this process mean for my school?**

What is your school's Title 1 percentage? If you are placing a field trip request for a school with a higher percentage of students on free and reduced lunch, your request will be given higher priority. For example, a school with 88% of students on free or reduced lunch will be given priority over a school with 47% of students on free or reduced lunch. With this model, Act One will ensure that the most underserved student populations will be given a chance to attend a field trip to the arts.

**Q: How do I find out my school's Title 1 percentage?**

Act One tracks Title 1 data through several reliable sources, including the [National Center for Education Statistics](#), Arizona Department of Education and [Read On Arizona](#) (for elementary schools only). To qualify for the Act One field trip program, a school must be designated as school-wide Title 1 with at least 40% of the student population on free or reduced lunch. If your school's data isn't available on of these sites, or you believe the data is incorrect, please contact Act One.

\*Please note that the formula Act One uses to calculate the NCES Title 1 percentage is:

$$(\text{FREE LUNCH ELIGIBLE} + \text{REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH ELIGIBLE}) / \text{TOTAL STUDENTS} \times 100 = \text{Title 1 \%}$$

**Q: Will my school still get to attend an Act One field trip?**

Act One is continuing to grow and is planning to offer more than 50,000 spots in the 2019-20 school year. While we cannot guarantee that your school will receive your top choice of field trip, we will try our best to place your school in one of your three choices, or we will work with you to determine another available field trip option.