

TRAVEL EXPENSES

The Board of Education recognizes that district employees may incur expenses in the course of performing their assigned duties and responsibilities. To ensure the prudent use of public funds, the Superintendent or designee shall establish rules to keep such expenses to a minimum while affording employees a reasonable level of safety and convenience.

(cf. 9250 - Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits)

The Board shall authorize payment for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by any employee performing authorized services for the district, whether within or outside district boundaries. (Education Code 44032)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for the approval of travel requests and the submission and verification of expense claims. He/she also shall establish reimbursement rates in accordance with law and Board policy.

An employee shall obtain approval prior to traveling. The employee's senior manager may approve travel requests in accordance with the adopted budget and upon determining that the travel is authorized or assigned by the employee's supervisor, is necessary to attend a conference or other staff development opportunity that will enhance employee performance, and/or is otherwise necessary to the performance of the employee's duties. Travel expenses not previously budgeted may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the employee's senior manager if he/she determines that the travel is essential and that resources may be obtained or redirected for this purpose.

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

All out-of-state travel for which reimbursement will be claimed shall be approved in advance by the branch head.

Reimbursable travel expenses may include, but are not limited to, costs of transportation, parking fees, bridge or road tolls, lodging when district business reasonably requires an overnight stay, registration fees for seminars and conferences, telephone and other communication expenses incurred on district business, meals and other necessary incidental expenses.

The district shall not reimburse personal travel expenses including, but not limited to, tips or gratuities, alcohol, entertainment, laundry, expenses of any family member who is accompanying the employee on district-related business, personal use of an automobile, and personal losses or traffic violation fees incurred while on district business.

TRAVEL EXPENSES (continued)

Except as otherwise provided, reimbursement of travel expenses shall be based on actual expenses as documented by receipts.

Authorized employees shall be reimbursed for the use of their own private vehicles in the performance of assigned duties, on either a mileage or monthly basis as determined by the Superintendent or designee. (Education Code 44033)

The mileage allowance provided by the district for employees' use of their private vehicles shall be equal to the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.

Vehicles should be shared whenever possible to minimize travel costs. No employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for automobile travel when he/she is transported free of charge or by another employee who is entitled to the expense reimbursement.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

- 42634 Itemization of expenses
- 44016 Travel expense to employment interview
- 44032 Travel expenses
- 44033 Automobile allowance
- 44802 Student teacher's travel expense

Management Resources:

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PUBLICATIONS

Per Diem Rates (For Travel Within the Continental United States), Publication 1542

WEB SITES

Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.gov>

U.S. General Services Administration, Per Diem Rates: <http://www.gsa.gov/perdiem>

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