

EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

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District personnel and officials who incur expenses in carrying out their authorized duties shall be reimbursed by the District upon submission of a properly filled out and approved purchase order/check request. Such expenses must be approved in advance by the building/department administrator and incurred in line with budgetary allocations for the specific type of expense outlined in District guidelines. Grant funds may receive expense reimbursements following this policy or the amount approved by their grant if that amount is higher. Fund 21 expenditures are eligible for expense reimbursements following this policy or following the USGSA rates for the out of state location they are travelling to, whichever is higher.

Expense Guidelines:

Mileage:

Shall be at the rate established by the IRS for school business and conference related travel. Mileage log/map must be submitted with the purchase order showing travel details. Inter-district travel as part of job duties is reimbursable through the District mileage account.

Housing:

Shall be paid at the rate no higher than that established for the hotel hosting the conference or convention but shall only cover the actual costs up to that amount. Housing for school business not related to a conference or convention with a headquarter hotel shall be reimbursed at the actual costs if the hotel reservations have been made through the school district. The district shall reimburse or pay for the costs of school personnel. If additional costs are incurred by a spouse or family member sharing the room that will be at the employee's expense.

No reimbursement shall be paid for housing/hotels or events within 60 miles of the District. Reimbursement for housing/hotels within 60 miles may be considered on a case-by-case basis, with pre-approval of the District Administrator or Designee.

Commercial Travel:

Travel by commercial carrier shall be arranged by the employee and costs reimbursed by the district if it is not paid for by the district. The travel of spouses or other family members can be arranged at the same time; however, the employee must pay for the cost of family members at the time arrangements are made.

General Transportation:

The costs for ground transportation (taxi, bus, rental car) necessary for the employee to participate in school related business or attendance at a conference or workshop shall be reimbursed. Approval of a rental car at school district expenses must be given in advance by the superintendent. Reasonable charges for taxi service (including standard tip not to exceed more than a range of 15% to 20%) are reimbursable. Receipts are required for reimbursement of transportation

Parking:

Receipts from parking facilities must be provided.

Meals:

The cost of meals for employees and Board members only shall be reimbursed at the full cost of the meal, including tip, up to a maximum amount based on the U.S. General Services Administration guidelines. This maximum will be reviewed annually and provided to all district personnel. The maximum can be evenly divided between employees for groups of four (4) or more.

Separate meal maximums for travel outside of the U.S. may be approved by the Director of Business Services.

Employees are to submit check request for the above costs to include receipts. Employees must provide itemized receipts to support claims for reimbursement for meals purchased. Receipts submitted for meals purchased for other individuals while conducting District business must note the name of the individual(s) and the reason for paying the meal cost. For meetings over the meal period, the reason for the meeting must also be indicated. Tips are limited to no more than a range of 15% to 20% of the total bill.

District funds shall not be used for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Other Activities

Social activities such as golf outings, non-educational related tours, etc. that may or may not be part of a professional conference, are the responsibility of the individual and are not reimbursable.

Reimbursements for Administrators, Administrative Support Staff, and Administrative Assistants:

Reimbursements for Administrators, Administrative Support and Administrative Assistants must be submitted through the 775 (Administrative Reimbursements) Budget Group and approved by the Business Office. This ensures independent review and approval of any reimbursement requests.

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163, Board Member Development Opportunities
223, Administrator Development Opportunities
537, Staff Development

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