

Lower Merion School District

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Authority

The Board shall reimburse administrative, professional and support employees, and District officials, for travel costs incurred in the course of performing services related to official business as a federal grant recipient.

Definition

For purposes of this policy, **travel costs** shall mean the expenses for transportation, lodging, meals, and related items incurred by employees and District officials who are in travel status on official business as a federal grant recipient.

Delegation of Responsibility

District officials and employees shall comply with applicable Board Policies and Administrative Regulations established for reimbursement of travel and other expenses.

The validity of payments for travel costs for all District officials and employees shall be determined by the Business Manager or their designee.

Guidelines

Travel costs shall be reimbursed on a mileage basis for travel using an employee's personal vehicle and on an actual cost basis for meals, lodging and other allowable expenses, consistent with those normally allowed in like circumstances in the District's non-federally funded activities, and in accordance with the District's travel reimbursement policies and administrative regulations.

Mileage reimbursements shall be at the rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service. Actual costs for meals, lodging and other allowable expenses shall be reimbursed only to the extent they are reasonable and do not exceed the per diem limits established by the Internal Revenue Service.

All travel costs must be presented with an itemized, verified statement prior to reimbursement.

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In addition, if these costs are charged directly to the federal award, documentation must be maintained that justifies that:

1. Participation of the individual is necessary to the federal award.
2. The costs are reasonable and consistent with the school’s established policy.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 516.1, 517

Uniform Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards, Title 2, Code of Federal Regulations – 2 CFR Sec. 200.474