

## **412 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to identify school district business expenses that involve initial payment by an employee, and qualify for reimbursement from the school district, and to specify the manner by which the employee seeks reimbursement.

### **II. AUTHORIZATION**

All school district business expenses to be reimbursed must be approved by the supervising administrator. Such expenses to be reimbursed may include transportation, meals, lodging, registration fees, required materials, parking fees, tips, and other reasonable and necessary school district business-related expenses.

### **III. REIMBURSEMENT**

- A. Requests for reimbursement must be itemized on the official school district form and are to be submitted to the designated administrator. Receipts for lodging, commercial transportation, registration, and other reasonable and necessary expenses must be attached to the reimbursement form.
- B. Automobile travel shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate set by the school board. Commercial transportation shall reflect economy fares and shall be reimbursed only for the actual cost of the trip.

### **IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTIVES AND GUIDELINES**

The superintendent shall develop a schedule of reimbursement rates for school district business expenses, including those expenses requiring advance approval and specific rates of reimbursement. The superintendent shall also develop directives and guidelines to address methods and times for submission of requests for reimbursement.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. § 471.665 (Mileage Allowances)  
Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 1035 (August 23, 1999) (Retreat Expenses)  
Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 161b-12 (August 4, 1997) (Transportation Expenses)  
Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. No. 161B-12 (January 24, 1989) (Operating Expenses of Car)

**Cross References:** Lakeview School District Policy 214 (Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members).