

WORK-RELATED TRAVEL

The District will reimburse employees for all reasonable and necessary travel expenses which are directly related to the performance of their assigned duties and which are properly authorized in advance of making travel arrangements.

The District will not reimburse or otherwise pay any expenses that violate commonly accepted standards of sound judgment.

The Superintendent or their designee shall develop procedures for travel requests and reimbursement. Reimbursement shall be made only for expenses actually incurred, paid, and authorized under this policy and related procedures.

This policy shall not apply to work-related travel by a District employee for business associated with an employee bargaining group, nor does it apply to coaches, advisors, athletic directors, etc. who receive extra-duty stipends while traveling with students for games, events, etc.

Reference(s): NRS 281.160-169.

WORK-RELATED TRAVEL - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. Prior Approval

- a. Employees needing to travel to conferences or meetings outside of the District must submit a Travel Request form for approval by their site administrator or supervisor at least four (4) weeks prior to traveling.
- b. If the estimated travel expenses on the Travel Request form is greater than \$6,000 or the travel is more than 650 miles from the District Office, then Board approval is required.
- c. Cabinet level approval is required for all travel requests requiring Board approval.
- d. After Cabinet approval, the request form is then forwarded to the Superintendent or designee and then the Board.
- e. Any exceptions to the District Travel Policy and accompanying administrative regulation must be approved in advance by the Superintendent/designee.

2. Advance Payment of Expenses

- a. Only airfare, lodging and conference registration fees are eligible for payment by the school/District prior to traveling.
- b. All other eligible costs incurred are reimbursed after the travel is completed and once authorized on the proper form.

3. Lodging Expenses

- a. Lodging will be reimbursed at the rate set for State employees and officials as determined by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and state policy which references the US General Services Administration (GSA).
- b. To be reimbursed for lodging personally paid by the employee, receipts must be provided and reimbursement will be at the pre-approved rate.
- c. Employees are encouraged to utilize double occupancy when appropriate. If an employee chooses single occupancy they are responsible to pay the difference above GSA rate. If the District paid for the lodging in advance, the difference will be deducted from the per diem reimbursement upon return.
- d. Upon approval of the Superintendent, exceptions to the rate of reimbursement for lodging can be made for the following conditions:
 - Lodging is procured at a prearranged place such as a hotel where a meeting, conference or training session is held; or
 - Costs have escalated because of special events; lodging within prescribed allowances cannot be obtained nearby; and costs to commute to/from the nearby location exceed the cost savings from occupying less expensive lodging.

e. Lodging incidentals such as movies, mini-bar/fridge, etc. will not be reimbursed.

4. Meal Expenses

a. Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and incidentals are reimbursed on a per diem basis. The District will pay the prevailing per diem rate as allowed for State employees and officials for meal/incidental expenses when District employees are on an authorized business trip. No receipts are required for these reimbursements.

b. No reimbursement shall be allowed for any meal which is provided or made available to an employee as part of the cost of a meeting, class, or other function, regardless of whether the employee partakes of the provided meal or purchases the meal elsewhere.

c. In order to be reimbursed for meals, travel must begin or end as follows:

- *Breakfast:* Leave before 7:00 a.m. and returns after 9:00 a.m.
- *Lunch:* Leave before 11:30 a.m. and returns after 1:00 p.m.
- *Dinner:* Leave before 5:30 p.m. and returns after 7:00pm.

d. For same day work related travel, meals will only be reimbursed if travel exceeds 100 miles from the normal work site and if staff are away from their normal work site longer than 12 hours.

5. Mileage Expenses

a. Mileage is reimbursed at the per mile rate set by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- A District vehicle should be used when traveling for District related business and employees should carpool.
- An employee using his own personal vehicle when a District vehicle is unavailable will be reimbursed at the standard mileage reimbursement rate. Verification of unavailability of a district vehicle from the transportation department is required.
- An employee who chooses to use his own personal vehicle for the employee's convenience will not be reimbursed for mileage or vehicle use.

b. Only actual miles driven will be reimbursed. A mileage log or a detailed map should be included to justify miles traveled.

c. Mileage begins from the normal work site or the traveler's home whichever is closest to the destination.

d. When the cost of mileage for an employee to attend a conference exceeds the cost of airline transportation, the District will provide reimbursement for the lesser amount.

6. Rental Car Expenses

a. Rental cars must be approved in advance on the Travel Request form. Employees must use the vehicle for District related business only and have receipts to be reimbursed for rental cars.

b. Rental insurance should be declined from the rental company as District employees are covered under the District insurance policies.

7. Other Expenses

a. Necessary business expenses will be reimbursed with valid receipts. Examples of other expenses can include, but is not limited, to the following:

- Parking charges,
- Internet charges if required for business purposes, or
- Ground transportation

8. Incidental Expenses

a. Incidental expenses are reimbursed with the daily per diem rate set by GSA as defined by the Federal Travel Regulations. Examples include the following:

- Fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, bellhops, and hotel maids.
- Transportation between places of lodging or business and places where meals are taken, if suitable meals cannot be obtained at the site.

9. Unallowable Expenses

a. The District will not reimburse fines or parking tickets, towing or impounding fees, traffic violations, alcoholic beverages, personal entertainment, tobacco or smoking products, or extravagant costs of any kind.

b. The District discourages combining personal travel with business travel due to the public's perception regarding use of District funds. Employees must clearly disclose any personal travel and/or annual leave to be taken in conjunction with District travel. An employee's family or guest may accompany the employee on District business provided travel is not in a District vehicle. The District will not, however, pay any additional expenses so incurred.

10. Reimbursement

a. A Travel Claim form and all required receipts must be submitted to the Business Office for payment.

b. Monies will not be issued from student funds to reimburse schools for travel expenses of employees.

c. Employees should submit travel expenses within five (5) working days following any trip.

11. Travel Report

a. A Staff Travel Report must be completed within two weeks of returning from a conference and will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.

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- b. It should be neatly typed, grammatically correct, and give a detailed description of the overall conference and how it will positively impact student learning/achievement.