

## **Job-Related Expenses**

Expenses which are incurred by professional staff members as a result of authorized travel in and outside of the District will be reimbursed to the extent provided for in these guidelines. Reimbursement is intended to provide for transportation, lodging, and food of reasonable and adequate quality. When traveling on school business, a professional staff member is expected to use the same care in incurring expenses that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business.

## **Authorization**

- A. Travel within or outside the District is to be authorized by the Professional Development Council.
- B. Travel to conventions or conferences away from the District which involve overnight stay will be authorized by the Professional Development Council for approval by the Superintendent. All such requests must be received in the Central Office at least seven (7) days prior to the date a decision is needed. Forms are available in each school office.

## **Procedure**

- A. Each request for travel or conference funds should detail the reasons for the expenditures and should not be labeled in broad general terms.
- B. Under normal conditions, officers and professional staff members traveling on official business shall provide themselves with sufficient funds of their own for ordinary expenses.
- C. Travel should be by the most direct and economical route.
- D. All persons authorized to travel on official business should keep a memorandum and receipts of expenditures properly chargeable to the Board. Professional staff members might find it advantageous to charge as many expenditures as possible on credit cards. The itemized statement may serve as a receipt, with reimbursement available to pay the charges.
- E. For official travel other than by automobile, tickets may be purchased by the District in advance, upon request of the individual involved.
- F. In all instances of travel reimbursement, full itemization of expenditures is required.
- G. Those doing such traveling should be expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that they would in travel on personal business of their own. Excessive and unnecessary travel will not be approved or reimbursed.

## **Reimbursement**

- A. Reimbursement will be at the current rates approved by the Board. Requests for reimbursement will be submitted on Form 3243 F2 provided for that purpose.
- B. Travel outside the School District will be reimbursed at the regular fare rate charged the general public by common carrier, unless travel by private conveyance is more economical, in

which case mileage will be reimbursed at the IRS rate. Taxi fare from home and conference destination to terminal and return is allowable with receipt.

- C. Lodging and meals will be reimbursed at a reasonable per diem rate. All claims must be supported by original receipted bills.
  
- A. Reimbursement for reasonable charges for tolls, lodging, parking, taxis, official telephone calls, and tips will be made upon presentation of supporting receipts.

Meals will be reimbursed at a rate not to exceed \$50.00 per day with (SUPPORT STAFF) allowance for separate meals as follows:

Breakfast.....\$10.00

Lunch.....\$15.00

Dinner.....\$25.00

Exceptions will be made where conference sponsors have agreed to a flat fee for all participants; i.e., American Plan

- E. Registration fees are reimbursable.
- F. Sales tax on hotel bills is reimbursable.

### **Use of Private Car for School Business**

The District has established the following means for providing reimbursement for the use of privately-owned vehicles used in the performance of assigned duties.

- A. All staff will be assigned to a school or office which becomes the home station. It will be the responsibility of each individual to provide his/her own transportation from his/her residence to his/her assigned station and to any other assigned spot to attend meetings for administrative or training purposes.
- B. When an individual's duties require his/her presence at other stations or places within or out of the District, reimbursement for travel may be requested. Such requests will be approved when the travel is scheduled or authorized by the Superintendent.
- C. Regularly scheduled travel will be authorized when requisitioned in compliance with a printed schedule; e.g.: special professional staff members are required to go from school to school on a regular schedule.
- D. Sporadic or emergency travel will be authorized when made in connection with an assignment.
- E. All personnel who are assigned duties at more than one (1) school will be listed by their immediate supervisor. This will not include the drivers to whom school vehicles are assigned. A requisition to cover their estimated travel will be submitted by the individual staff member.
- F. Payments for authorized travel will be made provided itemized daily records are submitted on the proper forms. Persons who travel are advised to keep a daily log of their required business trips.