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6550 - TRAVEL PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT

Travel expenses incurred for official business travel on behalf of the School Corporation shall be limited to those expenses necessarily incurred by the employee in the performance of a public purpose authorized, in advance, in accordance with administrative guidelines. **Travel costs may include the transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items incurred by employees who are in travel status on official business of the Corporation.**

Payment and reimbursement rates for per diem, meals, lodging, and mileage shall be established by the Corporation and approved by the School Board annually. All mileage reimbursements shall be made at the rate established by the Board and documented by submitting a State Board of Accounts approved mileage form. Employees are expected to exercise the same care incurring travel expenses that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business and expending personal funds. Unauthorized costs and additional expenses incurred for personal preference or convenience shall not be reimbursed.

Unauthorized expenses include but are not limited to alcohol, movies, fines for traffic violations, and the entertainment/meals/lodging of spouses or guests.

Commercial airfare costs in excess of the basic least expensive unrestricted accommodations class offered by commercial airlines are unallowable except when such accommodations would 1) require circuitous routing; 2) require travel during unreasonable hours; 3) excessively prolong travel; 4) result in additional costs that would offset the transportation savings; or 5) offer accommodations not reasonably adequate for the traveler's medical needs. Instances of commercial airfare cost in excess of the basic least expensive unrestricted accommodations class must be justified and documented on a case-by-case basis.

The Board does not reimburse for relocation costs.

Travel payment and reimbursement provided from Federal funds must be authorized in advance and shall be reasonable and consistent with the Corporation's travel policy and administrative guidelines. For travel paid for with Federal funds, the travel authorization shall include documentation that demonstrates that (1) the participation in the event by the individual traveling is necessary to the Federal award; and (2) the costs are reasonable and consistent with the Corporation's travel policy.

All travel shall comply with the travel procedures and rates established in the administrative guidelines. All costs incurred with Federal funds shall meet the cost allowability standards within Policy 6110 - Grant Funds.

To the extent that the Corporation's policy does not establish the allowability of a particular type of travel cost, the rates and amounts established under 5 U.S.C. 5701-11, ('Travel and Subsistence Expenses; Mileage Allowances'), or by the Administrator of General Services, or by the President (or the President's designee), must apply to travel under Federal awards.

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