

0144.11 Reimbursement of Expenses

Reference: MCL 380.1254; MCL 388.1764b

The Board shall pay or cause to be paid the actual and necessary expenses of its members and Educational Service Provider employees in the discharge of official duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board. The expenditure shall be a public record and shall be made available to a person upon request.

The Board shall approve payment of an expense incurred by a Board member only if either (1) the Board, by a majority vote of its members at an open meeting, approved reimbursement of the specific expense before the expense was incurred, or (2) the expense is consistent with the following policy, and the Board approves the reimbursement before it is actually paid:

The following categories of expenses shall be reimbursable:

- Mileage for Board-related activities and meetings, not to exceed the then-current rate established by the Internal Revenue Service;
- Expenses of attending a Board-approved conference, including fees, parking, mileage, meals and housing
- Expenses related to purchase of printed or other materials relating to Board membership; and
- Expenses of attending a community or School-related event, if the individual attends as the designated representative of the Board.

The following categories of expenses shall not be reimbursable:

- Expenses of attending a community or School-related event, if the individual attends as a private citizen;
- Entertainment expenses; and
- The purchase of alcoholic beverages.

A voucher detailing the amount and nature of each expense must be submitted to the School Board for approval at a Board meeting, prior to reimbursement.

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TRAVEL PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT

Travel expenses incurred for official business travel on behalf of the Board of Directors shall be limited to those expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred by the employee in the performance of a public purpose authorized, in advance, in accordance with any applicable 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 School.

Payment and reimbursement rates for per diem meals, lodging, and mileage shall be approved by the Board annually. The Board shall utilize the Federal IRS prescribed mileage rate.

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 will 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.

Conference costs must be appropriate, necessary, and managed to minimize costs to the Federal award.

Travel payment and reimbursement provided from Federal funds must be authorized in advance by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity and must be reasonable and consistent with the School's travel policy and administrative guidelines. For travel authorized by and paid for with Federal funds, the travel authorization must 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 School's travel policy.

All costs incurred with Federal funds must meet the School's cost allowability standards.

To the extent that the School'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 designee), must apply to travel under Federal awards.