

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE JOB EXPENSES

The Board of Education will reimburse teaching staff members for travel and related expenses provided the expenses are related to and within the scope of the staff member's current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district. All eligible travel and related expenses to be reimbursed by the Board shall be educationally necessary and fiscally prudent.

Any travel and related expenses to be reimbursed to a teaching staff member by the Board shall receive prior approval of the Superintendent and prior approval by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(c)3., all travel and related expense reimbursements shall be in compliance with New Jersey travel reimbursement guidelines as established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02 and NJOMB Circular A-87, including any amendments or revisions thereto. The applicable restrictions and requirements set forth in these NJOMB circulars shall apply and include, but not be limited to: types of travel; travel advances; methods of transportation; routing of travel; mileage allowance; meal allowance; overnight travel; and submission of supporting documentation including receipts, checks, and vouchers.

The use of a teaching staff member's personal vehicle will be considered a legitimate job-related expense if the travel is among schools to which the member is assigned, the travel is authorized by the Superintendent, or the use of the teaching staff member's vehicle for special or emergency purposes is a recognized part of the staff member's job responsibilities. The mileage allowance shall be in accordance with any collective bargaining agreements, individual contracts, or as approved by the Board, as appropriate.

Whenever a teaching staff member's personal vehicle is damaged as a result of a collision or accident in the course of his/her employment, the district shall consider reimbursement of only those costs not reimbursed by the staff member's insurance carrier, but in no case shall the district's share exceed \$500.

Travel and related expenses will only be reimbursed to the teaching staff member in accordance with the provisions of this Policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. Detailed documentation supporting all reimbursed travel and related expenses, including the travel approval requests approved by the Board, travel documentation reports, and receipts shall be maintained in the Board of Education office.

Travel caused by or subject to contractual provisions, other statutory requirements or federal regulatory requirements and travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary or unavoidable, shall be excluded from the requirements of this Policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. The reason(s) for such exception shall be clearly set forth in detailed documentation and approved by Board resolution.

The Board of Education shall establish in its annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement. A Board that violates its established maximum travel expenditures or that otherwise is not in compliance with the travel limitations of N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq., may be subject to sanctions by the Commissioner of Education as authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:4-23 and N.J.S.A. 18A:4-34, including reduction of State aid in the amount equal to any excess expenditure.

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