

Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

The actual and necessary expenses of a director, administrator, staff member or designate of the district incurred in the course of performing services for the district, whether within or outside of the district, may be reimbursed in accordance with the approval and reimbursement procedures of the district. All individuals requesting reimbursement for travel expenses shall be responsible to minimize district expenses for travel to the extent possible.

The superintendent shall develop procedures designed to ensure that authorized travel utilizes economical means and that public funds are used judiciously, for only reasonable and necessary expenses.

For purposes of this policy, travel expense includes amounts paid for use of personal automobiles, other transportation, and actual expenses or reimbursement in lieu of actual expenses for meals, lodging and related items that are necessary while in the conduct of official business of the district. A staff member or district officer may be reimbursed for gratuities not exceeding customary percentages for the cost of meals as well as reasonable amounts for services such as baggage handling when the costs are incurred while the individual is engaged in district business or other approved travel.

Reimbursement for travel expenses will be made pursuant to the federal internal revenue code and Internal Revenue Service regulations.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.050	Reimbursement of expenses of directors, other school representatives, and superintendent candidates —
	42.24.090	Advancing anticipated expenses Municipal corporations and political subdivisions — Reimbursement claims by officers and employees
	Ch. 3, Sec. 4, Page 1	School Accounting Manual

Management Resources:	<i>Policy News</i> , April 2005	Credit Card Policy Updated
	<i>Policy News</i> , December 1999	IRS rules impact travel reimbursement