Conference-Convention-Meeting Travel

The Business Office will be responsible for creating travel policies and procedures which will be posted on the Employee Portal.

1. Pre-travel arrangements
   a. An employee desiring to attend conferences/conventions/meetings/seminars must receive prior approval from his/her immediate supervisor.
   b. The Business Office Purchasing Department may make arrangements for transportation and make direct payment for tickets.

2. Travel policy
   a. The District will reimburse the employee for authorized travel expenses, meeting registration fees and meals; as outlined by the posted travel policies and procedures. Hotel accommodations are not reimbursable for a one-day meeting if the meeting site is less than 160 miles from the District. Authorization for overnight stay for early meetings will be subject to review per incident, unless unforeseen circumstances arise. If expenses are not authorized to be charged to a purchasing card, the employee will pay for all expenses while attending the meeting, but will seek reimbursement immediately upon his/her return from the convention meeting.
   b. The Purchasing Card holder will be responsible for assuring travel expenses charged to a purchasing card must meet District Policies and Procedures.
   c. Reimbursement will be made upon completion of the “Request for Travel and Expense Reimbursement” form by the employee with all dated and itemized receipts attached.
   d. The rates for meal reimbursements are calculated as follows:
      • Meal reimbursements for in-state travel will be set at 80% of the standard rate set by the Federal General Services Administration (GSA), rounded up to the nearest dollar.
• Meal reimbursement for out-of-state travel will be set at the standard rate set by the Federal GSA. Rates will be posted annually by the Business Office. The Travel Policy and Procedure Guidelines can prescribe circumstances for adjusted meal reimbursement rates.

e. The District will only reimburse employees, other than the Superintendent of Schools and Cabinet, for attendance at an approved conference or convention held outside of the state of Wisconsin once during any budget year. The Superintendent of Schools may authorize exceptions to this policy.