

Reimbursement for Travel Expenses

Travel Request

Travel requests must be approved by the staff member's immediate supervisor prior to submission to the superintendent. Out-of-district travel must be approved by the superintendent and/or designee.

The travel request must show meals, lodging, transportation, registration and any other estimated expenses for which reimbursement will be requested upon completion of travel and the budget category to which reimbursement is to be charged.

Reimbursement of Claims

Certified claims must be submitted to the district business office no later than the 10th of the month prior to the regular board meeting.

A mileage report is to be submitted each month for reimbursement of mileage in a personal vehicle inside the district. The report must show each point of departure and destination.

A statement of expenses is to be submitted for each trip for which reimbursement is being requested.

Reimbursable Expenses

Lodging	GSA or Conference Rates	Itemized receipt required
Meals	Federal Per Diem (Spokane Area) *Breakfast rate is grandfathered in	No Receipt required
Airline, Train, Bus Fare	Tourist rate	Cancelled ticket serves as receipt
Taxi, Parking, Toll		Receipt preferred
Mileage — personal car	<p>Inside the district: Reimbursement allowed only when approved in advance by the staff member's supervisor. When travel is a necessary part of performing one's work, the staff member may receive blanket approval for the year.</p> <p>Outside the District: Reimbursement allowed only in connection with an approved travel request and when there is evidence that a district vehicle was not available for use on the day of travel. Reimbursement will be at the rate paid to state staff.</p>	

- A. **Hotel and Motel Expenses:** Individual receipts are required from each staff member who obtains reimbursement from the district. When two or more people share a room, the room will be registered to all of the occupants. Each person will obtain and pay a bill for the share of the room charge when possible. If the hotel or motel will not provide that service, the person paying the bill and requesting reimbursement will note on the receipt all other staff members who shared the room. Hotel or motel charges are not to be billed directly to the district.
- B. **Airline Tickets:** Receipts for airline tickets will be reimbursed by the district.

Travel Expense Advance

Purpose:

Employees traveling on official district business may receive a travel expense advance to defray the employee's reimbursable meal expenses while traveling away from the school district.

Limitations and Requirements:

A minimum of \$75 of meal per diem is required before advanced travel shall be considered.

Requests for advance travel meal expense shall be limited to only meals that are not provided during travel and based on the current meal per diem rates set by the District.

Travel itinerary must be provided showing conferences dates, agenda, hotel and flight information.

Advanced travel requests must be received by the Business Office ten (10) days prior to travel date. Requests received less than ten (10) days prior to travel may be approved by the Superintendent or designee under extenuating circumstances.

Tonasket School District has the right to withhold all funds payable to or to become payable to any employee to whom an advance has been given from their paycheck.

Non-reimbursable Expenses

The following expenses are not reimbursable:

- A. Alcoholic beverages, meals or snacks other than regular meals;
- B. Personal telephone calls, postage, and memberships;
- C. Mileage to and from home;
- D. Mileage for school levy promotions and other nonofficial school functions;
- E. Entertainment;
- F. Expenses for travel extending beyond the time required for the meeting or business, unless it is in the district's financial interest to extend the travel over a Saturday night or such other rate advantages; and
- G. Expenses incurred by non-employees traveling with the staff member, including room surcharges.

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