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AP 7400 Travel

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 7400)

A. Application

This procedure should be followed when travel is for District employees or individual student travelers. Travel includes:

1. Attendance at workshops, seminars, conventions, conferences, webinars, or other meetings of interest to the District; overnight student travel to conferences; and/or
2. The required use of a personal vehicle in the performance of an employee's duty.

B. Travel Requests

1. Travel for employees or students must be requested using the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A). Travel must be approved by the appropriate administrators prior to the onset of travel and prior to incurring any travel related expenses.
2. A student traveler must include his or her student ID on the SBCCD Travel Conference Request and Claim Form (Subsection A.1).

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SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, including a detailed cost estimate, be prepared if travel involves costs other than mileage or the employee's salary while absent from work. All costs must be included, including those on the Cal-card.

4. The traveler or designee must also prepare a purchase requisition(s) in the District's financial

system to ensure sufficient funds are encumbered for the trip. The traveler or designee should list the purchase requisition number(s) on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A) and then electronically route the form to the appropriate administrator, as defined in this Administrative Procedure, for electronic approval. Before submitting the purchase requisition, the traveler or designee must electronically attach the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, with Section A approved by the appropriate administrator, to the purchase requisition.

Non-Oracle Users: The traveler or designee must submit purchase requisitions to cover 100% of estimated travel expenses. All estimated expenses reimbursable to the traveler must be on a single purchase requisition. Any estimated expenses that will be charged to the Cal-card must be on a separate purchase requisition. If any expenses will be prepaid by the District consistent with Part D of this procedure, the traveler or designee must prepare a separate PR for each vendor.

Oracle Users: The traveler or designee must submit a single purchase requisition in Oracle that covers 100% of estimated travel expenses, including Cal-card expenses.

5. Once submitted, the purchase requisition is automatically routed to the appropriate Responsibility Center Manager(s) for approval and then to Business Services for final approval. Please note: If Board approval is required, Business Services will not approve travel until Board approval is obtained.
6. A request to travel has been completely approved only if an approved purchase order is in place. The traveler must ensure that approved purchase orders to encumber sufficient funds are in place prior to requesting a travel advance or prepayment of expenses and prior to incurring any travel related expenses.

C. Travel Requests - Required Approvals

Travel requests must be approved by the appropriate administrator and documented on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A). The appropriate administrator is:

- For employee travel, the traveler's immediate supervisor
- For student travel, the College President
- For the Chancellor's travel, the Board President or other designated Board Member

Additionally, travel requests must be approved by the Responsibility Center Manager(s) and Business Services. Approvals from the Responsibility Center Manager(s) and Business Services are obtained through the electronic routing of the purchase requisition in the District's financial system.

If total estimated travel expenses exceed \$5,000 per person, or travel is outside the contiguous United States, travel must also have **prior Board approval** in addition to the approvals noted above. Travel approval should be listed under the board agenda conference attendance section.

The Chancellor or designee may approve any exceptions for employees or students. Any exceptions for the Chancellor must be approved by the Board President or designee.

D. District Prepaid Expenses

The following are the only expenses that may be paid in advance by a District check payable to

vendors other than the traveler:

- Conference registration for employees or students.
- Hotel for students only.

Requests to pay travel expenses in advance must be listed on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A). For processing of prepayment, the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A) must be submitted to sbccdapd@sbccd.org (Accounts Payable Department) with the corresponding purchase requisition number, approval by the appropriate administrator, and adequate documentation including:

- Conference literature;
- Conference registration form/brochure or confirmation showing fees if requesting prepayment of conference registration;
- Hotel quotes and hotel confirmation if requesting prepayment of student hotel expense;
- Pro forma invoice or invoice provided by vendor if available.

E. Travel Advance Payable to the Traveler

1. A request for a travel advance will only be considered if estimated travel expenses include reimbursable expenses other than mileage and/or meals.
2. **Non-Oracle Users:** Each traveler must request a travel advance on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section B), electronically sign Section B and attach all required documentation, and email the request to sbccdapd@sbccd.org (Accounts Payable Department).
Oracle Users: Traveler must request a travel advance through the Oracle Expense Module and electronically attach all required documentation to his or her request.
3. All travel advance requests must be accompanied by the following required documentation:
 - Proper approval to travel and PR number (on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, Section A);
 - Conference literature; and
 - Support for all estimated travel-related expenses. This may include conference registration brochure showing registration fees or confirmation; quote for airfare; quote for nightly lodging rate, quote for rental car or shuttle service; MapQuest or Google Maps printout showing total mileage; etc.
4. The travel advance must only be used for reimbursable travel expenses necessary in attending to District business.
5. A travel advance must not exceed 80% of the anticipated expenses unless actual payments have been made and are substantiated in which case a request for 100% will be considered, upon written request.
6. Employees with Cal Cards may not request advances.
7. If travel requires Board approval, no advance request will be processed until approved by the Board of Trustees.
8. All advances must be followed by a resubmission of the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form or by submitting an Expense Report in Oracle within thirty (30) calendar days of the trip end date. If an advance exceeds actual cost, the claimant must reimburse the District upon submission of the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form.
9. If the trip is cancelled, the requestor will return the advance to Fiscal Services within three (3)

business days from the date of cancellation.

10. Employees and students may not have more than two (2) travel advances open at any given time. A travel advance request may be rejected if travel claims from a previous trip have not been submitted in accordance with these procedures.
11. By receiving a travel advance, the requestor authorizes the Payroll Department to automatically deduct the travel advance from the requestor's payroll check or place a hold on the requestor's student records (if applicable) should the requestor fail to return monies owed to the District or fail to submit a completed SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form or Expense Report in Oracle in accordance with these procedures.

F. Travel Claims

1. Whenever travel is properly authorized and costs are incurred, a claim must be filed showing in detail all actual expenditures. The claim must be submitted with all required claim support including:

- Proper approval to travel and the corresponding PR number(s) (Section A of the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form);
- Conference literature; and
- Itemized receipts or invoices for all actual and eligible expenses. Mileage must be supported by a MapQuest or Google Maps printout showing total mileage.

Non-Oracle User: Each traveler must file his or her travel claim electronically by resubmitting the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form with all required claim support to sbccdapd@sbccd.org (Accounts Payable Department).

Oracle User: Traveler must file his or her travel claim by submitting an Expense Report and attaching all required claim support in Oracle.

2. The traveler must certify that all amounts claimed were actual and necessary, and that only allowable expenses are included.
3. If the traveler paid for another employee's or student's expenses, and the expense is reimbursable, the traveler must obtain a signed waiver from each person for whom the traveler paid for. The signed waivers must be attached to the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form or the Expense Report when submitted.
4. **Non-Oracle User:** After the traveler has completed the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, the form must be reviewed and electronically signed by the traveler's supervisor if the traveler is an employee, or the Responsibility Center Manager if the traveler is a student.
Oracle User: Once an Expense Report is submitted, it will be automatically routed for proper approvals.
5. If total travel expenses (including any advances) exceed the approved cost estimate in Section A, a change order must be requested and approved by the Responsibility Center Manager to increase the purchase order.
6. Claims must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after return from travel. Claims submitted after 30 calendar days may be denied. Traveler shall be reimbursed within forty five days (45) from claim submission.
7. A receipt must be an itemized bill or invoice from the vendor showing proof of payment (e.g. invoice stamped PAID or showing the amount of money received). A photocopy of a cancelled check showing both front and back can also be submitted with the vendor's itemized bill or invoice to prove the vendor was paid.

G. Mileage

Please refer to AP 7450 for mileage rate and calculation.

H. Meals and Incidentals

Reimbursement shall be based on per diem rates for the San Francisco area as established by the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov/perdiem). The applicable GSA per diem rates shall apply for all days of business travel. The rates shall be updated in accordance with GSA per diem adjustments, which normally occur annually. Meals are not reimbursable if provided at the conference or event. Itemized receipts are not required for meals. Cal-card users will be reimbursed for meal expenses that appear on the Cal-card statement up to the per diem rate. Incidentals include fees and tips given to porters, baggage carriers, and hotel staff.

I. Lodging

Travelers are expected to use lodging that is necessary and reasonable, selecting the lowest standard room rates available. Travelers attending a conference should make reservations early enough to take advantage of conference rates.

Lodging shall be reimbursed for authorized overnight travel. Reimbursement shall not exceed the rate for single occupancy lodging. Itemized bills, showing all charges with proof of payment is required. Reimbursable lodging expense include room rental charges, fees and taxes; internet access fees; fax fees and business related phone usage.

J. Transportation

Private or other mode of transportation shall not exceed the lowest cost of air transportation to the same destination. Purchasing refundable airline tickets is prohibited, unless there is a valid business reason and it is approved by a supervisor.

Streetcar, ferry, taxi and bus fares, bridge and road tolls, mileage for one round trip to nearest airport, or parking charges incurred while on approved travel may be claimed for reimbursement when properly itemized. Receipt is required.

Toll fees only payable by Internet must be paid by the traveler and are reimbursable.

Necessary rental car expenses (including fuel and insurance) are reimbursable, not to exceed the costs of Compact class cars, unless there is a valid business reason and it is approved by a supervisor.

Itemized receipts for all transportation expenses are required.

K. Registration/Conference Fees

Event registration fees will only be reimbursed if the event is related to the traveler's employment at the District and for the benefit of the District. Student travel must serve an educational purpose. Itemized receipts are required.

Conference literature must be submitted with the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, or attached to the Expense Report in Oracle. Conference literature must include the cost, dates, location of the event, and the conference agenda, program, or description.

L. Miscellaneous Expenses

Miscellaneous expenses are reimbursable when they are ordinary and necessary to accomplish the official business purpose of a trip. Explanation for these expenses must be attached. Itemized receipts are required. These expenses include reasonable telephone charges, internet charges, and postage, only if necessary for business purposes. These expenses do not include personal expenses such as toothpaste, razor blades, or laundry.

M. Unallowable Travel Expenses

Travel expenses which are not "actual and necessary" shall not be reimbursed. Examples are alcohol; personal domestic ATM/credit card fees; traffic, parking or toll citations; movie rentals; personal phone calls; early check in fees; fees for social/recreational activities; and gratuities in excess of 20%.

No reimbursement for lodging or subsistence shall be paid to an employee for travel to a destination for his/her own convenience in advance of the necessary time of arrival, or if he/she remains at the destination following a meeting/conference.

N. Federal Awards Requirements

The District reimburses expenses for transportation, lodging, and related items incurred by employees who travel on official business of the District. For travel associated with federal awards, costs incurred by employees and officers must be reasonable and otherwise allowable to the extent such costs do not exceed charges normally allowed by the District in its regular operations as the result of the District's written travel policy.

If the District charges these costs directly to a federal award, documentation justify that participation of the individual is necessary to the federal award, and that costs are reasonable and consistent with District's travel policy.

Reference:

Education Code Section 87032

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, 200.474

Attachments

- [AP 2735 Board Member Travel.docx](#)
- [AP 7400 Travel- Comments](#)
- [AP 7400 Travel- Legal Citations](#)
- [SBCCD - Overview for Legal Update 31 Final Version.docx](#)

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