

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 719  
PRIOR LAKE - SAVAGE AREA SCHOOLS**412 TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT****I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to identify school district business expenses that involve initial payment by an employee, and qualify for reimbursement from the school district, and to specify the manner by which the employee seeks reimbursement.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools that all school district business expenses to be reimbursed must be approved by the supervising administrator. Such expenses to be reimbursed may include transportation, meals, lodging, registration fees, required materials, parking fees and other reasonable and necessary school district business-related expenses. Alcoholic, cannabis, or tobacco-related products are excluded from reimbursement.

**A. REIMBURSEMENT**

Requests for reimbursement must be itemized on the official school district form and are to be submitted to the designated administrator. Itemized receipts for lodging, commercial transportation, registration and other reasonable and necessary expenses must be attached to the reimbursement form.

Automobile travel shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate set by the school board. Commercial transportation shall reflect economy fares and shall be reimbursed only for the actual cost of the trips.

**B. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTIVES AND GUIDELINES**

The superintendent shall approve a schedule of reimbursement rates for school district business expenses, including those expenses requiring advance approval and specific rates of reimbursement. The superintendent shall also develop directives and guidelines to address methods and times for submission of requests for reimbursements. Guidelines will be reviewed by the school board and available in the business office. All expense reimbursements shall comply with Minnesota Statute.

**Legal References:** MN Stat. § 15.435 (Airline Travel Credit)  
MN Stat. § 471.665 (Mileage Allowances)  
MN Op. Atty. Gen. 1035 (Aug. 23, 1999) (Retreat Expenses)  
MN Op. Atty. Gen. 161b-12 (Aug. 4, 1997) (Transportation Expenses)  
MN Op. Atty. Gen. 161B-12 (Jan. 24, 1989) (Operating Expenses of Car)

**Cross References:** [Policy 214 \(Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members\)](#)

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