

MATH AND SCIENCE ACADEMY

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214 OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL BY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to control out-of-state travel by charter school board members as required by law.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Math and Science Academy school board members have an obligation to become informed on the proper duties and functions of a Math and Science Academy school board member, to become familiar with issues that may affect Math and Science Academy, to acquire a basic understanding of school finance and budgeting, and to acquire sufficient knowledge to comply with federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and charter school policies that relate to their functions as charter school board members. Occasionally, it may be appropriate for Math and Science Academy school board members to travel out of state to fulfill their obligations.

III. APPROPRIATE TRAVEL

Travel outside the state is appropriate when the Math and Science Academy school board finds it proper for Math and Science Academy school board members to acquire knowledge and information necessary to allow them to carry out their responsibilities as Math and Science Academy school board members. Travel to regional or national meetings of the National Charter School Boards Association is presumed to fulfill this purpose. Travel to other out-of-state meetings for which the member intends to seek reimbursement from Math and Science Academy should be pre-approved by the Math and Science Academy school board.

IV. REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES

Expenses to be reimbursed may include transportation, meals, lodging, registration fees, required materials, parking fees, tips, and other reasonable and necessary charter school-related expenses.

V. REIMBURSEMENT

A. Requests for reimbursement must be itemized on the official Math and Science Academy form and are to be submitted to the designated administrator. Receipts for lodging, commercial transportation, registration, and other reasonable and necessary expenses must be attached to the reimbursement form.

- B. Automobile travel shall be reimbursed at the mileage rate set by the Math and Science Academy school board. Commercial transportation shall reflect economy fares and shall be reimbursed only for the actual cost of the trip.
- C. Amounts to be reimbursed shall be within the Math and Science Academy school board's approved budget allocations, including attendance at workshops and conventions.

VI. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

The Executive Director shall develop a schedule of reimbursement rates for Math and Science Academy business expenses, including those expenses requiring advance approval and specific rates of reimbursement. The Executive Director shall also develop directives and guidelines to address methods and times for submission of requests for reimbursement.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 124E.07 (Board of Directors)
Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. 1035 (Aug. 23, 1999) (Retreat Expenses)
Minn. Op. Atty. Gen. 161b-12 (Aug. 4, 1997) (Transportation Expenses)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 212 (Charter School Board Member Development)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 412 (Expense Reimbursement)