## **CONFERENCE/TRAVEL EXPENSES POLICY**

Travel expenses incurred for official business or professional learning that include travel on behalf of the Board of Education shall be limited to those expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred by the employee or Board of Education Member in the performance of a public purpose authorized, in advance, in accordance with administrative guidelines.

Payment and reimbursement rates for per diem meals and lodging will be in accordance with Administrative Guidelines. The District shall establish mileage rates not exceeding the Federal IRS prescribed mileage rate.

Employees are expected to exercise the same care incurring travel expenses that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business and expending personal funds. Unauthorized costs and additional expenses incurred for personal preference or convenience will not be reimbursed.

Unauthorized expenses include, but are not limited to: alcohol, movies, personal care items, fines for traffic violations, and the entertainment/meals/lodging of spouses or guests.

Travel payment and reimbursement provided from Federal funds must be authorized in advance and must be reasonable and consistent with the District's travel policy and administrative guidelines. For travel paid for with Federal funds, the travel authorization must include documentation that demonstrates that (1) the participation in the event by the individual traveling is necessary to the Federal award; and (2) the costs are reasonable and consistent with the District's travel policy.

All travel shall comply with the travel procedures and rates established in the Administrative Guidelines. All costs incurred with must meet the cost allowability standards within Administrative Guidelines.

To the extent that the District's policy does not establish the allowability of a particular type of travel cost, the rates and amounts established under 5 U.S.C. 5701-11, ("Travel and Subsistence Expenses; Mileage Allowances"), or by the Administrator of General Services, or by the President (or his/her designee), must apply to travel under Federal awards. (2 C.F.R. 200.474)