

Revision to Board Policy 09.36

Support for Regional, State, and National Competitions

Support for school-related trips shall be provided for students representing the District in regional, state, and national academic or extra-curricular competitions, provided they qualify through a recognized competitive process approved by the Superintendent and advance to the next level by placing at lower competitive levels (e.g., district, regional, state).

District transportation (bus or fleet vehicle) shall be provided for competitions taking place within a radius of 200 miles. In cases requiring alternate transportation, the Board shall determine if funds are to be allocated on a per-pupil basis, using the following guidelines:

201 to 500 mile radius - \$50 per pupil

501 to 1000 mile radius - \$100 per pupil

1001 to 1500 mile radius - \$150 per pupil

1501 or greater mile radius - \$200 per pupil

All radius distances for transportation and support allocations shall be calculated based on ground travel mileage.

Students who achieve a qualifying score, but do not advance through placement are not eligible for district trip support. Students who advance through individual or team placement (e.g., top finishers at regional competitions) are eligible for transportation support based on the radius guidelines provided above.

For expenses related to the overall cost of travel beyond transportation allocations (e.g., meals, additional lodging, entry fees), the club, school, or department must have a plan for covering these costs. If the group does not have sufficient funds to support the travel expenses, additional fundraising efforts may be required to cover the costs.

In addition to the funding above, the district will provide for the cost of the school bus driver when buses are utilized. The district will also provide travel reimbursement (per board policy) for a sponsor/coach to travel with students meeting the eligibility requirements above.

The district is not responsible for travel support in cases where a parent or guardian rejects district transportation.