

# FORT HANCOCK ISD

## PROCEDURES: TRAVEL CHECKLIST

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To ensure compliance with this Board Policy, the following checklist has been developed to aid the traveler. In addition, training for travelers shall be provided on an annual basis during face-to-face training sessions or by providing training resources on the district's website.

### **Traveler Checklist:**

#### **Preparation:**

- Obtain Travel Authorization/Settlement Form
- Review Travel Guidelines, Rates & STMP
- Obtain copy of training/conference brochure to verify the registration fee and **deadline(s)**
  - o **Travelers may be held personally liable for late registration charges.**
- Verify that funds exist in your campus and/or department budget

#### **Before the Trip (as applicable):**

- Submit a travel request for the use of a district vehicle
- Submit the preferred flight information and estimated charges
- Submit a completed copy of the travel event registration form and Schedule of Events.
- Submit a copy of the preferred hotel with the estimated charges
- Submit a copy of the rental car reservation confirmation with the estimated charges (including fuel)
- Submit documentation for anticipated taxi and/or shuttle costs
- Submit the Meal Calculation worksheet for anticipated meal per diems
- Submit a Mapquest printout with the anticipated total miles to be driven to/from the travel event
- Submit a Travel Authorization/Settlement form to your supervisor, as applicable.
  - o All overnight trips for staff and/or students require a Travel Authorization form
  - o Non-overnight trips for students that include a request for meal per diems require a Travel Itinerary form.
- Submit a Purchase Order/Fund Request for all anticipated travel expenditures.
  - o A separate requisition is required for each vendor. For example, if a traveler's anticipated expenses include a flight (paid by Amex), registration (payable to TECA), lodging (payable to Citi-Bank's travel card), and meals (payable to the traveler), 4 separate requisitions should be submitted to each vendor, i.e. Amex, TECA, Citi-Bank, and the traveler.
  - o Registration, flight, and lodging requisitions may be submitted for multiple travelers attending the same event. The name of each traveler must appear on the requisition.
  - o All requisitions must reflect the event, city of travel, date(s) of travel, traveler(s) and budget code(s).
  - o Administrators should sign the form and forward to the Superintendent for final approval.
  - o After Superintendent approval, the original form shall be approved by the Finance Officer for payment of a travel advance or issuance of a check.

**Note: All Pre-Trip activities must be completed before a check or cash can be issued by the Business Office. Please plan ahead to ensure that all deadlines are met.**

#### **During the Trip:**

- In the event that the trip is extended due to extenuating circumstances such as weather or other delays, contact your immediate supervisor and the Business Office to request additional funds and an extension in the authorized travel dates.

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### **After the Trip (as applicable):**

- ❑ Complete and submit a Travel Settlement form **within 5 days of the trip**
  - Attach receipts for all transportation (taxis, shuttles, rental cars, etc)
  - Attach the hotel receipt (Occupancy taxes for Texas hotels will not be reimbursed)
  - Document the “actual cost of work-related meals on the settlement form and return excess funds, if any within 5 days of the travel event
  - Attach registration receipt
  - Attach parking receipts
  - Travel expenditures shall not exceed the district travel rates
- ❑ Submit the Travel Settlement Form
- ❑ Submit any excess funds if a travel check was issued to the traveler (a receipt will be issued by the business office
- ❑ Submit any requests for reimbursements for travel expenditures that could not be made, or were unanticipated. A check will be issued to the traveler after review and approval of the Travel Settlement form.
  - Administrators should review and sign the Travel Settlement form and forward with all supporting receipts to the Business Office for verification and approval to ensure that the traveler complied with the district travel guidelines prior to approval of the Travel Settlement form.

**ENJOY YOUR TRIP!!!**