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District Sponsorship of National Competitions

The school district may provide the use of and fuel for a school district vehicle(s) or its cost equivalency for airline tickets in transporting a qualifying student(s) and sponsor(s) to a national competition for approved school activity groups or programs held in the contiguous 48 states. For the 2023-2024 year and subsequent years, unless amended by the board, approved groups and programs include and are restricted to FCCLA, FFA, Journalism, National History Day, Powerlifting, SkillsUSA, and Speech. The sponsors of additional groups or programs wishing to be considered under this provision must submit a request directly to the board at least six months prior to the date of the anticipated national competition. The board reserves the right to approve or deny any application. Unless otherwise authorized by the board, a state-level qualifying competition shall be used in determining an individual's or group's qualification for any national or international competition. Each qualifying group is limited to one approved competition per school year.

Other sponsor expenses for approved groups or programs: The district may pay travel and other reasonably related expenses for a school district sponsor(s) to accompany the qualifying student or students if sponsor attendance is required or deemed necessary for supervision.

Other student expenses for approved groups or programs: All associated costs of attendance (meals, airline tickets, entry fees, etc.), except as provided for in the first paragraph of this policy, are the responsibility of the student(s) and will not be funded by the school district.

Travel requests shall be submitted to the activities director on the appropriate district form 40 days prior to, or as soon as possible, to the anticipated competition date. When possible, out-of-state and/or overnight travel requests shall be approved in advance by the board of education. In the event the board is not able to meet before a decision needs to be made, the superintendent is authorized to make a decision per the terms of this policy.

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