



POLICY

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EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

MTC 436

College employees will be reimbursed for certain out-of-pocket costs incurred while traveling for college-related activities. Expenses will be reimbursed only for activities pre-approved by administration.

Only expenses essential to the purpose of the trip will be reimbursed. Expenditures for personal expenses are not reimbursable.

Receipts will be required for all expenses other than meals which will be reimbursed on a per diem basis. This includes receipts for airline tickets, motel and taxi or other airport transportation, and all other expenditures.

Meals included as part of conference registration fees, hotel charges, or any other charge will be paid in lieu of the state rate. Meals for a staff member attending a meeting are not reimbursable unless included as part of a registration fee.

Employees shall only be reimbursed for meals that are associated with an overnight stay and when they are conducting official College business between the times stipulated below:

	Leave Before	Return After
Breakfast	5:31 a.m.	7:59 a.m.
Lunch	11:31 a.m.	12:59 p.m.
Dinner	5:31 p.m.	7:59 p.m.

Meal reimbursements for in-state and out-of-state travel will be based upon travel allowances adopted by the South Dakota State Board of Finance. Lodging for in-state travel will be reimbursed at the state rate; if no rooms are available at the state rate, exceptions will be made. Lodging reimbursement for out-of-state travel will be at actual cost. For individuals with special needs, if an accessible room isn't available at the customary state rate, the individual may be reimbursed up to \$125 for an accessible room (Administrative Rule 5:01:02:14.01).

Mileage reimbursement for use of a personal vehicle will be paid at the rate set by the South Dakota State Board of Finance. However, this rate will only be paid to an employee using a personal vehicle if an MTC vehicle is unavailable. When an employee chooses to use a personal vehicle over an available MTC vehicle, a Voyager card should be checked out from the business office to cover actual gas expenses. If a Voyager card is unavailable, actual gas expenses will be reimbursed by turning in receipts to the MTC business office.

LEGAL REFS.: SDCL 3-9-1; 3-9-2; 3-9-5; 3-9-5.1; 3-9-5.2; 3-9-8 through 3-9-17; 4-7-10.4
Governor's Budget Report, (odd-numbered years)
SD Administrative Rule 5:01:02:14.01

8/26/2024 - Increased reimbursement rate for lodging to align with SD Administrative Rules. Clarified process for reimbursement of gas expenses when using personal vehicles.