

**PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

CODE: EK

PARENT TRAVEL/CHILDREN RECEIVING SPECIAL SERVICES

Students with identified disabilities are entitled to a free and appropriate public education ("FAPE"), 20 U.S.C.A. §1412; 34 C.F.R. §300.300. FAPE is provided at no cost to the parents or the eligible adult student. 34 C.F.R. §300.13.

Park County School District #6, State of Wyoming, attempts, when reasonably possible, to provide FAPE within schools of the District. However, when FAPE is provided by out-of-district resources, necessary travel to the FAPE delivery site is provided by the District as required. Expenses for necessary travel are provided at no cost to the parents or the adult student entitled to FAPE under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. ("IDEA")

Travel expenses may include round-trip mileage for automobile travel, round-trip airline tickets or round-trip bus tickets. Necessary expenses for food and lodging while traveling may be included as travel expenses. Expenses for such travel normally include expenses for the identified student and one or both parents.

Examples of eligible travel expenses may include out-of-district evaluation appointments or out-of-district residential placements. Eligible travel expenses for a student in residential placement may include travel to place the student in the residential facility or return the student from the residential facility; travel for visits during major vacation periods such as semester break, Christmas, Easter or spring break, and summer vacation; travel for Individualized Education Program ("IEP") meetings; and, other just reasons approved by the IEP Team. 34 C.F.R. §300.345.

Travel expenses shall be considered on a case by case basis and shall be approved for reimbursement prior to the anticipated travel. Parents of students with disabilities or adult students shall meet with the Director of Special Services to consider and to determine necessary travel expenses. The most fiscally responsible and reasonable mode of transportation, food, and lodging shall provide the basis for the expenses to be paid by the district. Pre-approved travel costs shall be designated in a contract between the district and parent or adult student. The district shall be responsible for pre approved travel expenses only. Any unapproved travel expenses shall be the sole responsibility of the parent or the adult student.

Adopted: 12/12/02

LEGAL REF: 20 U.S.C.A. § 1412
 34 C.F.R. § 300.13; 300.300; 300.345

CROSS REFS: Wyoming Department of Education Rules and Regulations
 Chapter 8, Section 20