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Online Manual: Mayfield Independent and West Point Independent Boards of Education

Employee Handbook: Mayfield Independent Board of Education

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SPGES

If your district has opted to utilize the Superintendent Professional Growth and Evaluation System (SPGES) model, please let your policy consultant know the effective date. This may impact your administrative procedures.

— *Policy Reference 02.14*

SPGES AND EMEETING

Districts subscribing to KSBA's eMeeting service have a tool to track artifacts for SPGES. Standards can be tracked using the Goals feature to link agenda items and attachments to each individual standard. For more information on how to utilize this feature, please contact Kim Barker kim.barker@ksba.org, Garnett Thurman garnett.thurman@ksba.org, or Katrina Kinman katrina.kinman@ksba.org.

— *Policy Reference 02.14*

KENTUCKY ESEA WAIVER EXTENSION APPROVED

The United States Department of Education has approved Kentucky's request for a one-year extension of its Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility waiver. Kentucky's waiver request includes flexibility on several provisions of NCLB. Certain provisions of policies 08.133 and 09.11 and related procedures are waived for the 2014-2015 school year.

— *Policy References 08.133/09.11 and related procedures*

MILEAGE RATE UPDATE

If your district reimburses for mileage at the state rate, be advised that the rate per mile effective October 1 through December 31, 2014 is 46 cents per mile. This information can be reviewed quarterly via this link at the [Kentucky Finance and Administrative Cabinet web page](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: Board member per diems and expenses from KSBA School Law Resources*

Meeting/Training per diems: Under KRS 160.280, board members may receive a per diem for board meetings and required training programs. KRS 160.280(1) provides that a board member may receive a per diem of \$75 for each regular or special meeting attended. This same \$75 per diem is also permitted for training required of board members by KRS 160.180(5) and (6). Under KRS 160.180(5) – (6), board members must obtain a minimum number of hours of training based on the number of years of experience held by the board member. As long as a board member is receiving training required by KRS 160.180(5) – (6), the board member may receive a per diem. In contrast, once the member has obtained the necessary hours required by statute, but elects to receive additional training, the board member may not receive per diem for the additional hours. The board may not compensate a member for lost wages due to attendance at a meeting or training, OAG 85-53. It must be noted that the statute places a \$3,000 cap per calendar year on each member's per diems – and these per diems are combined, for purposes of this limit, whether for attendance at board meetings or required training.

Expenses Incurred: Under KRS 160.280(1), board members may also receive (in addition to the per diems discussed above) reimbursement for their actual expenses in attending regular and special meetings within the district. The statute places a \$3,000 cap per calendar year on each member's in-district expenses. This \$3,000 limit is in addition to the \$3,000 limit placed on per diem payments; see, e.g., OAG 92-136. KRS 160.280(2) states that a board member may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenditures incurred outside the district "in the performance of their duties" and as authorized by the board; this statutory section does not place a cap on out-of-district reimbursement amounts. The board may not pay a travel reimbursement claim of a board member unless the board authorized the expense before the expense was incurred, OAG 76-329.

— *Policy Reference 01.821*

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Dec. 5-6, 2014

KSBA Winter Symposium (Marriott Louisville East)

Dec. 12, 2014

Supervisors of Classified Personnel Training (Embassy Suites, Lexington)

Feb. 27-March 1, 2015

79th Annual KSBA Conference (Galt House, Louisville)

May 7, 2015

Restraint & Seclusion Training (Embassy Suites, Lexington)

May 8, 2015

Ninth Annual Federal & State Law Update: Impact on Your School District (Embassy Suites, Lexington)

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