

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS  
EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

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**Note:** For guidance regarding employee expense reimbursement, including per diem reimbursement, and income tax issues, see the *TEA Financial Accountability System Resource Guide*, Section 1.7.4.7 Employee/Board Member Travel and Business Expenses.

For provisions related to reimbursement of expenses for transportation, lodging, subsistence, and related items incurred by employees related to a federally funded grant, see CBB(LEGAL) at Travel Costs.

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**Travel Services**

An employee of a district who is engaged in official business may participate in the comptroller's contract for travel services. *Gov't Code 2171.055(f)*

**Classroom Supply Reimbursement**

If funds are specifically appropriated or TEA identifies available funds, TEA shall establish a reimbursement program under which TEA provides funds to districts for the purpose of reimbursing classroom teachers who expend personal funds on classroom supplies.

A district shall match any funds provided to the district under the reimbursement program with local funds to be used for the same purpose. A district may not use funds received under the reimbursement program to replace local funds used by the district for the same purpose.

A district shall allow each classroom teacher in the district who is reimbursed under the reimbursement program to use the funds at the teacher's discretion, except that the funds must be used for the benefit of the district's students.

*Education Code 21.414*