

**FUNDING FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Individual students or teams who qualify for participation in national competitions may be eligible for partial funding of the trip by the school district if the following four criteria are met:

1. The national competition is a logical extension of, and related to a school sponsored activity or organization.
2. Qualification for national competition is the result of successfully achieving first place or being a gold medal winner at a similar state or regional competition.
3. The national event takes the form of a competition, not a demonstration, exhibition or invitation.
4. The amount of lost class time is reasonable in relation to the learning experience associated with the competition.

The amount of financial support provided shall depend on the number of students attending, the expenses associated with the competition and the funds available for such purposes.

Any solicitation of private funds to support national competition shall be approved in advance by the school principal.

Approval of participation in such national competitions shall be done with full knowledge as to whether financial reimbursement is being requested. As a general rule, the district will pay registration fees and 50 percent of transportation/hotel/meal expenses.

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