

NEW YORK CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES  
65 Court Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201

APPLICATION TO ATTEND MEETING, CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION  
OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY

Please read General Rules before completing application. Please print or type.

I. To be Completed by Applicant:

Full Name and Home Address of Applicant (or address to which reply is to be mailed)		Name and Address of Work Location (If Headquarters, include office or bureau and room numbers)																					
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EIS ID #	Social Security #	District #																					
License		Special Assignment (if any)																					
- Regularly Appointed		- Regular Substitute		Note: Not used for per diem substitutes																			
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<input type="checkbox"/> - Without Pay <input type="checkbox"/> - With Pay but Without Expenses <input type="checkbox"/> - With Pay and Payment of Expenses*																							
<p><b>*Note:</b> When payment of expenses is requested, Item (a) must be completed and, if applicable, Item (b) must also be completed.</p> <p>(a) Applicant is to attend meeting, conference or convention as a <u>designee</u> of (as checked):</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Chancellor</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Superintendent</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chancellor</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Head of Office</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</td> </tr> </table> <p>and/or is to participate as:</p> <table> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Speaker</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Panel Member</td> </tr> </table> <p>(b) If reimbursement of expenses is requested, please furnish source of funds</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>District</td> <td>Quick Code</td> <td>Name of Program</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>						<input type="checkbox"/> Chancellor	<input type="checkbox"/> Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Superintendent	<input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chancellor	<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Head of Office	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Panel Member	District	Quick Code	Name of Program							
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Reason for Attendance:																							
<input type="checkbox"/> Member of Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Belongs to Related Organization																					
<p>I hereby apply for permission to attend the above meeting, conference or convention outside New York City for the period and purpose stated and certify that the information shown above is complete and accurate. I understand that I may not claim non-attendance nor absent myself from work unless and until such permission has been granted by the Approving Officer(s) (indicated in II and/or III below) in charge of the school(s) or other centralized activity in which I am employed. (Necessary additional comment may be added below.)</p>																							
Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____																							

II. To be Completed by Appropriate Supervisor (Give Title):

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved for reason(s) indicated: _____
Date: _____	Signature of Supervisor: _____
Title: _____	

III. To be Completed by the Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy in Charge of the School(s) or Other Centralized Activity in which Applicant is Employed:

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved.	Authorization is hereby given to the above-named employee to be absent from duty from _____ through _____ inclusive to attend the meeting, conference or convention indicated in Section I:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Without Pay	<input type="checkbox"/> With Pay but Without Expenses	<input type="checkbox"/> With Pay and Payment of Expenses	Overall Maximum (if any): \$ _____
Upon presentation of this authorization by the employee to the appropriate supervisor, absence will be recorded as non-attendance in the pay status indicated and the authorization will be retained in work location personnel files.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved for the reason(s) indicated: _____			
Date: _____	Authorized Signature _____	Title: _____	
Unit if Not District: _____			

The OP-221 Application Can Be DOWNLOADED As Follows:

DFO: [www.nycenet.edu/dfo](http://www.nycenet.edu/dfo) (Click on SOPM, Scroll to Travel and Conferences, Click on BOTH OP-221 and Rules for Completing OP-221)  
BOE: [www.nycenet.edu/boe](http://www.nycenet.edu/boe) (Click on Administration, Go to Division of Human Resources (DHR), Click on BOTH OP-221 and Rules for Completing OP-221)

**General Rules for the Completion of  
APPLICATION TO ATTEND MEETING, CONFERENCE OR CONVENTION OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY (Form OP-221)**

1. **Eligibility:** Non-attendance time required may be granted to a regularly appointed or regular (but not per diem) substitute member of the instructional or non-instructional staff for the purpose of attending a professional meeting, conference or convention outside New York City held by a recognized professional group or association.
2. **Application:** Form OP-221 must be submitted at least one (1) month before the first day of the meeting, conference or convention. A separate application must be submitted for each activity to be attended during the school or work year. (Do not use this form for permission to attend a meeting, conference or convention held in New York City, but instead, use Form OP-201.)
3. **Authorization:** Final approval and authorization may be granted (or denied) by the employee's Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy.

**Note:** Except for personnel employed there, applications will not be submitted to or processed by DHR.

4. **Non-Attendance With Pay and Payment of Expenses** may be granted an employee who is:

- (a) specifically designated by the Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, the employee's Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy; **or**
- (a) a speaker or panel member at the function.

5. **Non-Attendance With Pay But Without Expenses** may be granted an employee who is:

- (a) a delegate to a meeting, conference or convention dealing in whole or in part with educational matters relevant to the work of the school system; **or**
- (b) an auditor or participant at a specialized subject conference relevant to the immediate duties of the employee.

6. **Non-Attendance Without Pay** may be granted to an employee who does not qualify for excuse with pay or for attendance at meetings, conferences and conventions of a non-educational nature.

**Special Instructions for Reimbursement of Expenses When Payment is Authorized**

**Note:** Complete details regarding reimbursement of business-related expenses including daily maximum allowances and required forms are explained in the Standard Operating Procedures Manual (SOPM) chapter on *Travel and Conferences* and the Division of Financial Operations' publication titled *Reimbursement of Business Expenses*.

1. **Reimbursement** may be paid for expenses such as, **but not limited to:**

- (a) transportation by common carrier (less sales taxes);
- (b) registration fees;
- (c) meals, lodging, tips and other incidental/miscellaneous expenses.

**Note:** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the employee's Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy; or other officer authorizing reimbursement of expenses may impose an overall maximum for any applicant in order to maximize the district's/office's travel allotment.

2. **Claims for Reimbursement:** Within ten (10) days of return to duty, the employee must submit to the Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy who authorized payment of expenses, the following:

- (a) Imprest Fund Expenditure Form (#25-2700.06.6)
- (b) Form OD-7 – Business Expenses Report (may be reproduced locally or downloaded from the website of the Division of Financial Operations located at: <http://www.nycenet.edu/dfo>)

3. **Payment of Claims:** Upon approving a claim for reimbursement of expenses, the Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy or other appropriate official who authorized payment of expenses must sign **both** forms (2 a and 2 b above) and attach a signed copy of the authorization for payment (Section III, Form OP-221.) All three (3) documents must be forwarded to the appropriate district/central business office.

**Special Instructions for Processing Application Form OP-221**

1. Applicant must complete and sign the application, obtain approval of his/her supervisor (Section II) and submit to the Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy (Section III) in charge of the school or activity in which employed. Attach all appropriate documentation to the application. Keep photocopies (for personal and school/office use) of all documentation being attached to the application.
2. Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy indicates approval or disapproval in Section III by signing the application. This application is to be held in his/her files. Two (2) photocopies of the signed/approved/disapproved application are to be returned to the applicant's school or office.
3. Upon receipt of the signed/approved/disapproved photocopies from the employee's Superintendent, Executive Director, Head of Office or, as appropriate, by their Deputy the originating school/office should retain one copy with all appropriate documentation in its files for possible future audit, and give the second copy to the applicant for his/her files.

**Revised: February 2001**