



The Colorado State Board of Education Duties and Related Costs

Since 1876, the law of Colorado has vested oversight of public schools in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education is comprised of seven members elected by the Constituents of the seven Congressional Districts, or, when a state board member leaves the board prior to serving their full six-year term, a vacancy committee of the member's political party votes on a replacement.

Article 9, Section 1 of the Colorado Constitution provides:

The general supervision of the public schools of the state shall be vested in a board of education whose powers and duties shall be as now or hereafter prescribed by law. Said board shall consist of a member from each congressional district of the state and, if the total number of such congressional districts is an even number, one additional member, and said members shall be elected as hereinafter provided. The members of said board shall be elected by the registered electors of the state, voting at general elections, in such manner and for such terms as may be by law prescribed; provided, that provisions may be made by law for election of a member from each congressional district of the state by the electors of such district; and provided, further, that each member from a congressional district of the state shall be a qualified elector of such district. If the total number of congressional districts of the state is an even number, the additional member of said board shall be elected from the state at large. The members of said board shall serve without compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred by them in performing their duties as members of said board.

Colorado Revised Statute 22-2-105(3) further provides that the state board members shall serve for a six-year term and serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties as members.

Colorado Revised Statute 22-2-105(4) requires the state board to meet at least quarterly and at such other times as may be necessary. Title 11 of the Colorado Revised Statutes 22-2-106 through 109 and 117 list the state board's responsibilities.

State Board Expenses

The expenses for which the state board members seek reimbursement on a monthly basis fall into several categories: travel (in-state and out-of-state, mileage, meals and lodging), attendance at official functions, and reimbursement for office-related expenses. The costs from board member

to board member vary primarily based on the location of the board member’s domicile. For example, the board members representing the third and the fifth congressional districts are higher than those of the first and second, because of the proximity to Denver, where most meetings are held. The chart below shows the approximate mileage and travel details from each board member’s domicile to the state board office. Mileage is reimbursed at a standard rate designated by the State of Colorado.

**Estimated Roundtrip Mileage To/From Elected Official’s Domicile To/From Denver
(location of the State Board of Education Office)**

Name and Congressional District	City of Residence and Roundtrip Mileage To/From Denver
Angelika Schroder (Chairwoman) – CD 2	Boulder, CO 56 Miles
Joyce Rankin (Vice Chairwoman) – CD 3	Carbondale, CO 346 Miles
Val Flores – CD 1	Denver, CO 2 Miles
Debora Scheffel – CD 4	Parker, CO 48 Miles
Steve Durham – CD 5	Colorado Springs, CO 140 Miles
Rebecca McClellan – CD 6	Centennial, CO 31 Miles
Jane Goff – CD 7	Arvada, CO 34 Miles

Estimated Meal and Travel Expenses

State Board members do not have any set daily reimbursement while traveling on official business. In general, expenses run less than \$40.00 per day, excluding mileage. Board members only incur expenses for meals, unless they are attending a board function or are on board business.