



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Members of the Indiana State Budget Committee

From: Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education

Date: September 15, 2026

Re: Annual Travel Report for FY2026

On behalf of the Office of Education, I am pleased to submit the annual travel report pursuant to Indiana Code 4-2-1-5. As required, the report lists each trip taken in my official capacity as Secretary of Education during Fiscal Year 2026, the total travel expense incurred, and the state fund used to pay for the trip as applicable.

If you have questions on the attached report, please contact our Chief Financial Officer Courtney Schaafsma at 317.232.1025 or cschaafsma@che.in.gov.

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FY 2026 Annual Report Concerning Travel and Travel Expenses						
Name and Title:		Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education				
Location	Start Date	End Date	Purpose of Travel	Total Expenses	State Fund No.	Fund Name
1 Indianapolis, IN	7/8/2025	7/8/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Building Leaders and Legacies to speak on leadership and how local community leaders can positively contribute to Indiana's education landscape	-	-	N/A ¹
2 Valparaiso, IN	7/9/2025	7/9/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to join a roundtable discussion with Nate Feltman and Valparaiso Mayor Costas (IBJ Innovative Indiana series-breakfast)	-	-	N/A ¹
3 Valparaiso, IN	7/9/2025	7/9/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to be the keynote speaker and join Nate Feltman for a fireside chat (IBJ Innovative Indiana series-luncheon)	\$110.00	15460	Department of Education
4 Indianapolis, IN	7/17/2025	7/17/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Black Expo to present on Indiana's top education priorities	-	-	N/A ¹
5 Santa Barbara, CA	7/22/2025	7/24/2025	Education Leaders Convening- Participated in the CCSSO Summer Leadership Convening as a member of the CCSSO Board of Directors	-	-	N/A ²
6 Evansville, IN	7/29/2025	7/29/2025	School Visit- Invited by Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation to meet with EVSC Superintendent Darla K. Hoover	-	-	N/A ¹
7 Evansville, IN	7/29/2025	7/29/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Evansville Rotary Club to give update on Indiana education	-	-	N/A ¹
8 Indianapolis, IN	7/30/2025	7/30/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Chamber of Commerce to give opening remarks and be a judge for the Indiana Civics Bee 2025 competition	-	-	N/A ¹
9 Terre Haute, IN	7/31/2025	7/31/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to join a roundtable discussion with Nate Feltman. (IBJ Innovative Indiana Series-breakfast)	-	-	N/A ¹
10 Terre Haute, IN	7/31/2025	7/31/2025	Tour- Invited by CANDLES Holocaust Museum and Education Center Executive Director, Troy Fears, to tour the museum and education center	-	-	N/A ¹
11 Terre Haute, IN	7/31/2025	7/31/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to give the keynote and join a fireside chat with Nate Feltman. (IBJ Innovative Indiana series-luncheon)	-	-	N/A ¹
			July 2025 Fuel Card Transactions	\$134.60		

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12	Madison, IN	8/5/2025	8/5/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana University President Pam Whitten to share perspective on the future of education and how K-12 and higher education can best work together to address current challenges and opportunities	-	-	N/A ¹
13	Martinsville, IN	8/19/2025	8/19/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to give the keynote at Mickey's Camp on current challenges and opportunities in K-12 education	-	-	N/A ¹
14	Indianapolis, IN	8/21/2025	8/21/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited to provide the keynote address at Ascend Indiana's Workforce Council meeting	-	-	N/A ¹
15	Lafayette, IN	8/21/2025	8/21/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Greater Lafayette Commerce to give the keynote at their meeting focused on Indiana's top education priorities	-	-	N/A ¹
16	Indianapolis, IN	8/22/2025	8/22/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana School Boards Association to give an IDOE update at their quarterly meeting	-	-	N/A ¹
				August 2025 Fuel Card Transactions	\$276.15		
17	Evansville, IN	9/5/2025	9/5/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Mitch Daniels Leadership Foundation to give a keynote on the current state of education in Indiana	-	-	N/A ¹
18	Hammond, IN	9/9/2025	9/9/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Crossroads Northwest Indiana's Chamber to give a keynote on the new high school diploma and readiness seals	\$110.00	15460	Department of Education
19	Washington, D.C.	9/10/2025	9/12/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the American Enterprise Institute to present on Indiana's federal flexibility waiver request and what it means to send education back to the states	-	-	N/A ²
20	Indianapolis, IN	9/16/2025	9/16/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Association Public School Superintendents to give opening remarks at the 76th Annual IAPSS/ISBA Conference	-	-	N/A ¹
21	Washington, D.C.	9/17/2025	9/17/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by iCivics to participate in the Constitution Day panel, highlighting Indiana's work in increasing civic literacy in K-12 education	-	-	N/A ²
22	Washington, D.C.	9/18/2025	9/18/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Reagan Institute Summit on Education to participate in a fireside chat with U.S. Secretary of Education Linda McMahon	-	-	N/A ²

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23 Washington, D.C.	9/18/2025	9/18/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the U.S. Senate HELP Committee to give testimony on Indiana's leadership in K-12 education	-	-	N/A ²
24 Denver, CO	9/25/2025	9/26/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the Funders Forum to participate in a panel on Indiana's approach to scaling pathways and increasing career-connected learning	-	-	N/A ²
25 Plainfield, IN	9/30/2025	9/30/2025	Speaking Engagement- Announcement of the 2026 Indiana Teacher of the Year	-	-	N/A ¹
			September 2025 Fuel Card Transactions	\$246.17		
26 New Albany, IN	10/1/2025	10/1/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to join a roundtable discussion with Nate Feltman (IBJ Innovative Indiana Series-breakfast)	-	-	N/A ¹
27 New Albany, IN	10/1/2025	10/1/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indianapolis Business Journal to give the keynote and join Nate Feltman for a fireside chat (IBJ Innovative Indiana Series-luncheon)	-	-	N/A ¹
28 Kokomo, IN	10/3/2025	10/3/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Center for Educational Partnerships to give a keynote on the future of K-12 education	-	-	N/A ¹
29 Atlanta, GA	10/7/2025	10/7/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the Policy Innovators in Education to participate in a panel to highlight how Indiana is shaping the future of education	-	-	N/A ²
30 Seymour, IN	10/27/2025	10/27/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Jackson County Chamber to join a panel with three local superintendents on the state of education today	-	-	N/A ¹
31 Washington, D.C.	10/27/2025	10/27/2025	Education Leaders Convening- Invited by national philanthropy groups to participate and speak on early childhood Literacy	\$629.98	15460	Department of Education
32 Evansville, IN	10/29/2025	10/29/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited to keynote the Evansville Regional Manufacturing Summit on Indiana's new high school diploma and readiness seals, work-and-learn initiatives, emerging workforce dynamics, and the critical role of employer-education collaboration in building a skilled, future-ready talent pipeline	-	-	N/A ¹
33 Indianapolis, IN	10/30/2025	10/30/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Charter School Conference to participate in a fireside chat on Indiana's top education priorities and where charter schools can make the greatest impact for students and families	-	-	N/A ¹

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34 Indianapolis, IN	10/30/2025	10/30/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Urban Schools Association for a fireside chat with Scott Bess on key topics in education today	-	-	N/A ¹
			October 2025 Fuel Card Transactions	\$326.91		
35 Indianapolis, IN	11/4/2025	11/4/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Independent Colleges of Indiana to speak to the Presidents Board of Directors on partnerships between IDOE and ICI, as well as the structure of the Commission for Higher Education under Dr. Jenner's leadership	-	-	N/A ¹
36 Frankfort, IN	11/6/2025	11/6/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Clinton County Republican Women's Club to join a public community forum and facilitate a fireside chat with local superintendents to help shine a spotlight on the local work happening in K-12 education	-	-	N/A ¹
37 Indianapolis, IN	11/6/2025	11/6/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Latino Institute to speak at the K-12 Education Consortium on the ever-changing landscape of education, Indiana's federal flexibility waiver request, and the future K-12 accountability model	-	-	N/A ¹
38 Indianapolis, IN	11/10/2025	11/10/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indy Chamber to participate in a panel at their Policy Summit, focused on education	-	-	N/A ¹
39 New Orleans, LA	11/17/2025	11/19/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by ExcelinEd to speak at the ExcelinEd 2025 National Summit to highlight Indiana's new readiness seal guarantees	-	-	N/A ²
40 Indianapolis, IN	11/24/2025	11/24/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Association of School Principals to give remarks and participate in a Q&A session at their annual fall conference	-	-	N/A ¹
			November 2025 Fuel Card Transactions	\$156.57		
41 Indianapolis, IN	12/2/2025	12/2/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Lilly Endowment to speak to Lilly executives about the new Indiana diploma and readiness seals and how employers can be a part of this work to increase opportunities for students	-	-	N/A ¹
42 Indianapolis, IN	12/3/2025	12/3/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Nextech to provide the keynote at CSforGood 2025 Finalist Event on the importance of STEM education and Indiana's leadership in this space	-	-	N/A ¹

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43 Anderson, IN	12/4/2025	12/4/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Madison County Chamber of Commerce to present on the new Indiana diploma and readiness seals and how businesses can partner with schools to provide work-based learning opportunities	-	-	N/A ¹
44 Indianapolis, IN	12/4/2025	12/4/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by AIM to present during their Mayors Institute luncheon on Indiana's top education priorities and how community leaders can get involved	-	-	N/A ¹
45 Dallas, TX	12/8/2025	12/9/2025	Education Leaders Convening on Improving Literacy in America- Participated in the Bush Institute Education Convening on behalf of Governor Braun and the state of Indiana	\$364.38	15460	Department of Education
46 Washington, D.C.	12/11/2025	12/12/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the Hunt Institute to present to the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows on Indiana GPS, the new Indiana diploma and readiness seals, and the future of accountability	-	-	N/A ²
47 New Palestine, IN	12/17/2025	12/17/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Milken Family Foundation to help announce Indiana's newest Milken Award recipient	-	-	N/A ¹
48 Indianapolis, IN	12/18/2025	12/18/2025	Speaking Engagement- Invited to participate in a panel at the Denton Legislative Conference previewing what to expect in the upcoming legislative session related to education	-	-	N/A ¹
			December 2025 Fuel Card Transactions	\$183.26		
49 Indianapolis, IN	1/21/2026	1/21/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by JA Jobspark to speak to 150 business leaders and educators about the importance of early career exploration and engagement	-	-	N/A ¹
50 Indianapolis, IN	1/21/2026	1/21/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana FFA to speak at the Indiana FFA Advocacy Day on the importance of real-world learning experiences, like FFA	-	-	N/A ¹
51 Washington, D.C.	1/22/2026	1/23/2026	Education Leaders Convening- Invited to take part in a conversation about the future of K-12 assessment, including the new opportunities emerging amid rapid advancements in assessment technology and unprecedented flexibility for states	\$652.18	15460	Department of Education
			January 2026 Fuel Card Transactions	\$215.26		
52 Indianapolis, IN	2/4/2026	2/4/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Chamber of Commerce to provide an update on the latest happenings in K-12 education	-	-	N/A ¹

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53 Indianapolis, IN	2/5/2026	2/5/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Career and Technical Student Organization to give remarks to several student organizations such as FFA, DECA, Business Professional of America (BPA) on how CTE helps prepare students for the future	-	-	N/A ¹
54 Indianapolis, IN	2/10/2026	2/10/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana 4-H to speak at the Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse on the intersection of education, leadership, and public service	-	-	N/A ¹
55 Indianapolis, IN	2/16/2026	2/16/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Scouting America to speak about the importance of civic engagement	-	-	N/A ¹
56 Indianapolis, IN	2/16/2026	2/16/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Technology & Innovation Association to speak about how Indiana is advancing STEM education, preparing Hoosiers for the jobs of the future, and how ITIA members can help in this	-	-	N/A ¹
57 Indianapolis, IN	2/23/2026	2/23/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Arts Education Network to speak to music and art educators, business professionals, and parents about the transferable skills developed through arts education	-	-	N/A ¹
			February 2026 Fuel Card Transactions	\$165.81		
58 Indianapolis, IN	3/6/2026	3/6/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Pass The Torch for Women Foundation to speak on mentorship and making a positive impact from the perspective of a state leader	-	-	N/A ¹
59 Indianapolis, IN	3/6/2026	3/6/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the International Women's Day to participate in a 1:1 moderated chat on key education topics	-	-	N/A ¹
60 Indianapolis, IN	3/9/2026	3/9/2026	School Visit- Spoke with students on the importance Weather Awareness Week at Gold Academy (MSD Decatur Township), alongside IDHS Director Whitham	-	-	N/A ¹
61 Washington D.C.	3/11/2026	3/11/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the Bipartisan Policy Center to speak at the America Workforce: Blueprint for a National Talent Strategy Convening on Indiana's leadership in preparing students for the future	-	-	N/A ²
62 Valparaiso, IN	3/18/2026	3/18/2026	School Visit- Spoke with students and educators at Valparaiso High School about their career pathway opportunities	\$110.00	15460	Department of Education
61 Valparaiso, IN	3/18/2026	3/18/2026	School Visit- Spoke with students and educators at Porter County Career Center about their career pathway opportunities	-	-	N/A ¹

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62 Indianapolis, IN	3/19/2026	3/19/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Sagamore Institute to join Richard Reeves for a conversation focused on the urgent need to pursue better outcomes for Hoosier students, based on their unique needs	-	-	N/A ¹
			March 2026 Fuel Card Transactions	\$248.33		
63 New Orleans, LA	4/1/2026	4/2/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) to speak on their Founder's Panel about recognizing and rewarding excellence in teaching, as well as Indiana's new diploma and readiness seals	-	-	N/A ²
64 Indianapolis, IN	4/6/2026	4/6/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Sports Corp to speak about the importance of literacy at the Read to the Final Four celebration. The top 12 schools participating in the reading event were in attendance	-	-	N/A ¹
65 Greenfield, IN	4/6/2026	4/6/2026	School Visit- Spoke to students and educators at Eastern Hancock High School about their work-based learning opportunities	-	-	N/A ¹
66 Greenfield, IN	4/6/2026	4/6/2026	School Visit- Spoke to students and educators at Nature's Gift Microschool about how Eastern Hancock schools is responding to the needs of their families and community	-	-	N/A ¹
67 Indianapolis, IN	4/8/2026	4/8/2026	Speaking Engagement- Spoke at the Annual Literacy Achievement Celebration for school's reaching the state's 95% reading goal	-	-	N/A ¹
68 San Diego, CA	4/12/2026	4/14/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited to speak at the ASU+GSV Summit on the future of civics education	\$290.79	15460	Department of Education ²
69 Zurich, Switzerland	4/14/2026	4/18/2026	Participated in the INCAP Zurich Learning Exchange 2026 to continue to learn more about the Swiss apprenticeship model and how it can be adapted in Indiana to better connect students to their future	\$70.00	15460	Department of Education ²
70 Denver, CO	4/22/2026	4/23/2026	Education Leaders Convening- Participated in the CCSSO States Leading Network Convening 2026 as a member of the CCSSO Board of Directors	-	-	N/A ²
71 Indianapolis, IN	4/27/2026	4/27/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Swiss Embassy to give closing remarks at the Swiss Embassy Apprenticeship Event	-	-	N/A ¹
72 Charlotte, NC	4/30/2026	5/1/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited to provide a TED-style talk at the Women Leading Ed Summit to speak on mentorship from the perspective of a state leader	\$101.74	15460	Department of Education ²

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			April 2026 Fuel Card Transactions	\$255.86		
73 Syracuse, NY	5/5/2026	5/6/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited to participate as a panelist at The Reading League Summit about Indiana's leadership in early literacy	\$372.25	15460	Department of Education
74 Washington D.C.	5/7/2026	5/8/2026	Education Leaders Convening- Participated in the American Enterprise Institute's K-12 Education Working Group	-	-	N/A ²
75 Washington D.C.	5/11/2026	5/11/2026	Met with leadership at the U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Department of Labor; also represented the Indiana Commission for Higher Education at a White House event recognizing Indiana University	\$442.92	15460	Department of Education
			May 2026 Fuel Card Transactions	\$102.86		
76 Washington D.C.	6/2/2026	6/2/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Richard Reeves to speak on a national panel about Indiana's focus on improving academic outcomes for students	-	-	N/A ²
77 French Lick, IN	6/4/2026	6/4/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Chamber of Commerce to give remarks at the Spring Board of Directors meeting on the current and future higher education landscape	-	-	N/A ¹
78 Paoli, IN	6/5/2026	6/5/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by the Southern Hills Study Council to provide updates on education in Indiana	-	-	N/A ¹
79 Indianapolis, IN	6/8/2026	6/8/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Midwestern Higher Education Compact to give opening remarks to Executive Committee on Indiana's key higher education priorities	-	-	N/A ¹
80 French Lick, IN	6/9/2026	6/9/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by IACTED to give updates on Indiana's new diploma and readiness seals and the value of work-based learning	-	-	N/A ¹
81 Indianapolis, IN	6/22/2026	6/22/2026	Speaking Engagement- Invited by Indiana Latino Institute to present on Indiana's top education priorities	-	-	N/A ¹
			June 2026 Fuel Card Transactions	\$249.76		

¹ State vehicle utilized.

² Some or all of the out-of-state travel costs covered by sponsoring organization.