

FISCAL ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The District's accounting system is in conformance with the Uniform School Accounting System as prescribed by the Auditor of State for the use of school districts, federal funds also are accounted for in conformance with the Uniform Guidance issued by the U.S. Office of **Management and Budget and Management** and any applicable state requirements. The Treasurer is responsible for receiving and properly accounting for all funds of the District.

The financial records must be adequate to:

1. guide the making or deferring of purchases, the expansion or curtailing of programs and the controlling of expenses;
2. ensure that current data are immediately available and in such form that routine summaries can be readily made;
3. serve as a guide to budget estimates for future years and to hold expenditures to the amounts appropriated and
4. show that those in charge have handled funds within limitations established by law and in accordance with Board policy.

The Board receives monthly financial statements from the Treasurer, which show receipts, disbursements, appropriations, encumbrances and balances. The Treasurer makes all other financial reports required by law or by state or federal agencies and submits them to the proper authorities.

The Treasurer provides the Board with any other financial management reports that the Board determines necessary.

Financial records are permanent. The supporting documents may be destroyed only in compliance with the provisions of State law and in compliance with specifications of the District's records commission, the Auditor of State and the Ohio History Connection.

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LEGAL REFS.: ORC 117.101; 117.38; 117.43
149.01 through 149.43
3301.07
3313.29; 3313.32
3315.04
Chapter 1347
Chapter 5705
2 C.F.R. Part 200

CROSS REFS.: DECA, Administration of Federal Grant Funds
EHA, Data and Records Retention

NOTE: In 2013, the biennium budget, House Bill (HB) 59, made changes to financial reporting requirements for schools; these changes are found in Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 3301.07. The first significant change extended the reporting requirements to new entities. The financial reporting requirements now apply not only to each district board of education and each governing board of an educational service center, but also to each governing authority of a community school established under RC 3314, each governing body of a STEM school established under RC 3328 and each board of trustees of a college-preparatory boarding school established under RC 3328. The new format must show, both at the district and at the school building level, revenue by source, expenditures for salaries, wages and benefits of employees, showing such amounts separately for classroom teachers, other employees required to hold licenses issued pursuant to RC 3319.22 through 3319.31 and all other employees, expenditures other than for personnel, by category, including utilities, textbooks and other educational materials, equipment, permanent improvements, pupil transportation, extracurricular athletics, and other extracurricular activities and per pupil expenditures. New requirements include information on total revenue and expenditures, per pupil revenue and expenditures for both classroom and non-classroom purposes, as defined in RC 3302.20, in the aggregate and for each subgroup of students, as defined by RC 3317.40, that receives services provided for by state or federal funding.

HB 59 also places a new requirement on the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Once all required financial information has been reported, ODE must make these reports available in such a way that allows for comparison between financial information included in these reports and financial information included in reports produced prior to July 1, 2013. Further, ODE must post these reports in a prominent location on its website and must notify each school when the reports are made available.

*Federal funds must be accounted for in conformance with the Uniform Guidance issued by the U.S. Office of **Management and Budget and Management**. Districts are required to have written policies and/or procedures for the management of funds subject to the Uniform Guidance. The rules are outlined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 200 and emphasize the need for strong financial management systems and other internal controls aimed at controlling fraud, waste and abuse. Internal controls should be in compliance with guidance in the Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government issued by the comptroller general of the United States or the Internal Control Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.*