

MANAGEMENT OF DISTRICT ASSETS/ACCOUNTS

Accounts

The district's accounting system shall fully comply with the definitions, instructions and procedures set forth in the California Department of Education School Accounting Manual. (Education Code 41010)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that funds are encumbered in the district accounting records immediately after an expenditure is committed for subsequent payment.

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

Audit

By April 1 of each year, the Governing Board shall provide for an audit of all district accounts, any other funds which are administered pursuant to a joint powers agreement, and attendance procedures. To conduct this audit, the Board shall select a certified public accountant or public accountant licensed by the State Board of Accountancy. The Superintendent or designee shall establish a timetable for the completion and review of the audit within the deadlines established by law.

The audit shall be conducted in accordance with General Accounting Office standards for financial and compliance audits. (Education Code 14503)

(cf. 3451 - Petty Cash Funds)

(cf. 3452 - Student Activity Funds)

(cf. 3551 - Food Service Operation/Cafeteria Funds)

The audit shall identify all expenditures by source of funds and shall contain: (Education Code 41020)

1. A statement that the audit was conducted pursuant to standards and procedures established in the audit guides developed by the State Controller.
2. A summary of audit exceptions and management improvement recommendations.
3. A description of the specific actions that are planned or that have been taken to correct any problem identified by the auditor.

The Superintendent or designee shall file the report of the audit with the County Superintendent of Schools, the Department of Education, and the State Controller no later than December 15. (Education Code 41020)

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By January 31 of each year, the Board shall review, at an open meeting, the annual district audit for the prior year, any audit exceptions identified in that audit, the recommendations or findings of any management letter issued by the auditor, and any description of correction or plans to correct any exceptions or any issue raised in a management letter. (Education Code 41020.3)

(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

Quality Control Reviews

The independent auditor shall complete a quality control review every three years in accordance with General Accounting Office standards. (Education Code 14503)