

STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS MANAGEMENT

This policy addresses solely student activity funds that are held as agency funds for District-approved student organizations, clubs and other student groups. This policy does not address District revenues or expenditures that are solely under the District's discretion and control, even if those District funds are received or expended in connection with an activity for students.

All monies used and raised by District-approved student organizations and clubs shall be under the fiduciary control of the School Board and shall be managed in accordance with sound business practices and generally accepted accounting principles similar to other District funds. Student organizations and clubs, as covered by this policy, are those organizations, clubs and other groups that have an adult advisor appointed by the building principal, a designated subaccount within the District's Agency Fund, and a specific student-related purpose or mission.

Student activity funds shall be maintained in a District-approved financial institution account and be accounted for in the Agency Fund (Fund 60). Activity funds may be invested, with interest accrued credited to the appropriate account. The building principal shall be responsible for supervising the proper management of student activity funds in his/her building in accordance with established procedures.

All student activity fund expenditures requested by a student organization or club shall be approved by the group's advisor and the building principal and adhere to all established disbursement procedures. Student activity funds shall be used only to finance the normal legitimate activities of the student organization or club or for a purpose beneficial to the school community as selected by the group or its officers. Student activity funds shall not be used to cash personal checks, make loans or extend credit to individuals, or to pay compensation directly to employees.

No student organization or club activity account shall be allowed to operate with a negative balance. Special exceptions may be made with the approval of the District Administrator or his/her designee based on a reasonable expectation that such negative balance is a temporary condition that will be corrected by incoming receipts.

If a student organization or club activity account has had no activity for twenty-four (24) consecutive months it will be considered inactive and will be closed by the District Administrator. Funds from inactive student activity accounts shall be transferred to the General Fund.

At the end of the school year, all student activity account balances will be carried over to the next school year, with the exception of the senior class account. The senior class, after paying all its expenses, may carry over \$250, an amount established by the Board, for the purpose of a class reunion; Board approval shall be required to carry over more than the established amount. Any funds that remain in the senior class activity account at the end of the school year shall be transferred to the General Fund, unless special provisions are made otherwise.

The District Bookkeeper shall be responsible for the internal auditing of student activity funds at regular intervals throughout the school year and for establishing appropriate student activity fund management accounting and reporting procedures. Student organizations and clubs, and their faculty advisors, shall be informed of the student activity funds management policy and procedures annually in writing. In addition, an audit of all student activity funds shall be done annually at the same time as the annual audit of District funds.

Any person who suspects the misappropriation of student activity funds, including theft, fraud, impropriety or other irregularity in relation to the management of the funds, shall report his/her suspicions to District Administrator, who shall be responsible for initiating necessary investigations. In the event the concern or complaint involves the District Administrator, the concern shall be brought to

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the attention of the Board President. Investigations shall be conducted in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the facts, and be conducted in coordination with legal counsel and other internal or external departments and agencies as appropriate. All employees involved in the investigation shall be advised to keep information about the investigation confidential. If an investigation substantiates the occurrence of a fraudulent activity, appropriate actions shall be taken in consultation with the District's legal counsel.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Wisconsin Statutes

- Section 66.0607 [withdrawal or disbursement from local treasury]
- Section 120.12(1) [board duty to provide for the possession, care, control and management of the property and affairs of the district]
- Section 120.14(1) [audit of school district funds]
- Section 120.16(2) [board treasurer duty; account for extracurricular activities funds]

State Guidance

- Wisconsin Uniform Financial Accounting Requirements (WUFAR)
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Fund 60 Agency Fund Guidelines (Student Activity Accounting)
- Wisconsin Public School District Auditing Manual – Agency Accounts (Pupil Activity Accounts and Parent Organizations)

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