

Regulation 701.05 -R(1): Fiscal Management

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The following relevant PK-12 public sector indicators will be provided to the Board annually to better understand the financial trends of the district. These indicators will be an accurate depiction as of June 30th of the preceding fiscal year and will depict at a minimum of four years of data.

- Total revenues and expenditures by fund and major sources;
- Financial Solvency Ratio - assigned plus unassigned fund balances divided by total revenue minus AEA flow through;
- Unspent Authorized Budget Ratio - amount of maximum spending authority left at year end after deducting the general fund expenditures incurred during the year;
- Unspent Authorized Balance Ratio Net of Restricted Fund Balances (Categorical Fund Balances) - amount of maximum spending authority left at year end after deducting both the general fund expenditures incurred during the year and the total restricted fund balances (categorical fund balances) at year end;
- Enrollment Trend - funding follows the student so it is important to understand district enrollment numbers;
- Staff costs as a percent of total general fund.

Financial Projections

The general fund is the operating fund of the district where the majority of salaries and benefits are funded. Projections will help the board determine sustainability of the annual operating budget and help make future budgetary decisions.

The District is committed to utilizing the following financial metrics in determining district financial goals:

1. Unspent Authorized Budget Ratio: The board will project the current year expenditures at or near 100% of current year authority thus providing full allocation to the education of students currently enrolled in a specific year. Should the District choose to allocate carry over authority toward a specific one time expenditure purpose, the school business official will review said expenditure in advance with the board. The current year's projected balance will be discussed with the Board before staffing and other spending decisions are finalized for the succeeding year.
 2. Unspent Authorized Budget Net of Restricted Fund Balances (Categorical Balances): Maintain unspent authorized budget ratio net of restricted fund balances (categorical balances). The district will attempt to spend the restricted (categorical) annual allocation in the year received to the extent possible.
 3. Solvency Ratio: Maintain an unrestricted, uncommitted general fund balance within the 8-15% target range with 8% being a minimum goal. The current year's projected balance will be discussed with the Board before establishing the succeeding year's cash reserve levy and before staffing and other spending decisions are finalized
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