

Princeton Public Schools - ISD 477

School Board Meeting Agenda

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Policy Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office

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PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
550 - ACADEMIC & GRADUATION RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

~~It is the policy and practice of the school board to promote academic excellence. Furthermore, the board wishes to recognize those students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. A recognition program of "School Board Scholars" is created to award students who meet the following standards: Academic Recognition Programs include:~~

I. PURPOSE

It is the policy and practice of the School Board to promote academic excellence. Furthermore, the board wishes to recognize those students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. The recognition program described below is created to award students who meet the identified criteria.

II. DEFINITION

1. **"Fully enrolled"** means attendance during the approved school calendar and for all assigned classes and study halls in the Princeton Public Schools including those enrolled in PHS, POA and ALC. This does include those students enrolled in PSEO after the minimum amount of credits, as stated, have been earned at Princeton Public Schools.
2. **"Full-time student"** means students who are enrolled at Princeton Public Schools for all class periods in the day, or have no more than one study hall or teaching assistant period in the day, or who are enrolled in PSEO. A student who is only attending partial days or is a shared-time student is not a full-time student.
3. **"PHS"** means Princeton High School
4. **"POA"** means Princeton Online Academy
5. **"ALC"** means Princeton Alternative Learning Center
6. **"PSEO"** means Post-Secondary Enrollment Options
7. **"GPA"**, means Grade Point Average. GPA as referred to in the High School sections below, means the student's grade point average based on weighted grades. (Middle School grades are not weighted). As per Policy 620: Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on a 4.0 scale. Points awarded for regular courses are as follows: 'A' (4 points); 'B' (3 points); 'C' (2 points); 'D' (1 point); 'F' (0 points). Points awarded for weighted courses are as follows: 'A' (5 points); 'B' (4 points); 'C' (3 points); 'D' (1 point); 'F' (0 points).

III. ACADEMIC RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

High School

- A. **School Board Scholars** - *Fully enrolled* students, after completion of eleven (11) trimesters of high school, whose ~~weighted Grade Point Average~~ **GPA** ranks them in the top 5% of their 12th grade class and have earned a minimum of twenty-four (24) credits while fully enrolled at Princeton ~~High~~ **Public** School, will be designated as School Board Scholars. The recipient and ~~their~~ **the recipient's** parents **or guardians** will be recognized at a reception sponsored by the school board. Each recipient will receive an appropriate certificate recognizing ~~their~~ **the student's** status as a School Board Scholar.

- B. **Principal's List** - Full-time students earning all **only grades of As and/or A+** in any trimester receive a certificate **for that trimester**.
- C. **A Honor Roll** - Full-time students earning a **GPA of 3.5-3.999 or above** in any trimester receive a certificate **for that trimester**.
- D. **B Honor Roll** - Full-time students earning a **GPA of 3.0-3.499** in any trimester receive a certificate **for that trimester**.
- E. **Commencement Ceremony & Graduating with Honors** - The following academic recognitions and insignia are awarded to seniors who have met all graduation requirements for earning a high school diploma. No other cords, stoles, or insignia, except those awarded by, and approved by, administration are permitted to be worn during the graduation ceremony.

1. **Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.900 or higher)** - Gold Cord

Seniors, after completion of eleven (11) trimesters of high school, whose ~~Grade Point Average~~ **GPA** is 3.900 or higher, **and have met all requirements for diploma**, ~~has earned a minimum of eighteen (18) twenty-four (24) credits while enrolled at Princeton High School, and was fully enrolled at Princeton Public High School on the first day of junior year,~~ will wear a gold cord **at the graduation ceremony**.

2. **Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.7-3.899)** - Red Cord

Seniors, after completing of eleven (11) trimesters of high school, whose ~~Grade Point Average~~ **GPA** is 3.7-3.899, **and have met all requirements for diploma**, ~~has earned a minimum of eighteen (18) twenty-four (24) credits while enrolled at Princeton Public High School, and was fully enrolled at Princeton Public High School on the first day of the junior year,~~ will wear a red cord **at the graduation ceremony**.

3. **Cum Laude (GPA 3.5-3.699)** - White Cord

Seniors, after completion of eleven (11) trimesters of high schools, whose ~~Grade Point Average~~ **GPA** is 3.500-3.699, **and have met all requirements for diploma**, ~~has earned a minimum of eighteen (18) twenty-four (24) credits while enrolled at Princeton Public High School, and was fully enrolled at Princeton Public High School on the first day of junior year,~~ will wear a white cord **at the graduation ceremony**.

4. **B Honor Roll (GPA 3.000-3.499)** - Gold Tassel

Seniors, after completion of eleven (11) trimesters of high school, whose **GPA** is 3.000-3.499, **and have met all requirements for diploma**, will have a gold tassel at the graduation ceremony.

F. **Additional Graduation Recognition**

1. **Military Enlisted** - Red, White and Blue cord

~~Graduating Seniors~~ **Seniors who have met all graduation**

requirements for diploma, and who are fully enlisted in one of the branches of the United States Military Services will wear a red, white and blue cord at the graduation ceremony. Documentation verifying enlistment status may be required by the principal.

2. **NHS Member** - Royal Blue Cord

Graduating Seniors who are current National Honor Society members in good standing will wear a royal blue cord at the graduation ceremony.

Middle School

G. School Board Scholars - Students, who are fully enrolled at Princeton Public Middle School, after completion of eight (8) trimesters of middle school, whose Grade Point Average GPA ranks them in the top 5% of their 8th grade class, will be designated as School Board Scholars. The recipient and their the recipient's parents or guardians will be recognized at a reception sponsored by the school board. Each recipient will receive an appropriate certificate recognizing their the student's status as a School Board Scholar.

IV. Definition

~~For the purpose of this policy, "fully enrolled" shall mean attendance during the approved school calendar and for all assigned classes and study halls in the Princeton Public Schools. This does include those enrolled in Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO), after the minimum amount of credits, as stated, have been earned in the Princeton High School building.~~

Cross Reference:

- Princeton Public Schools Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)
- Princeton Public Schools Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)

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**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY 610-FIELD TRIPS**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for student trips and to identify the general process to be followed for review and approval of trip requests.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the general expectation of the school board that all student trips will be well planned, conducted in an orderly manner and safe environment, and will relate directly to the objectives of the class or activity for which the trip is requested. Student trips will be categorized within three general areas:

A. Instructional Trips

Trips that take place during the school day, relate directly to a course of study, and require student participation shall fall in this category. These trips shall be subject to review and approval of the building principal, and shall be financed by school district funds within the constraints of the school building budget. Fees may not be assessed against students to defray direct costs of instructional trips. (Minn. Stat. § 123B.37, Prohibited Fees)

B. Supplementary Trips

This category pertains to those trips in which students voluntarily participate and which usually take place outside the regular school day. Examples of trips in this category involve student activities, clubs, and other special interest groups. These trips are subject to review and approval of the activities director and/or the building principal. Financial contributions by students may be requested. (Minn. Stat. § 123B.36, Authorized Fees)

C. Extended Trips

Trips that involve one or more overnights stops fall into this category. Extended trips may be instructional or supplementary and must be requested well in advance of the planned activity. The request procedure will include approval for extended field trips from the principal, activities

director, superintendent and school board. Exemptions to this policy include teams/individuals advancing through MSHSL tournament play or in cases where a group/individual advance as a result of winning an official school activity or competition.

The school board acknowledges and supports the efforts of booster clubs and similar organizations in providing extended trip opportunities for students.

III. REGULATIONS

- A. Rules of conduct and discipline for students and employees shall apply to all student trip activity.
- B. The school administration shall be responsible for providing more detailed procedures, including parental involvement, supervision, and such other factors deemed important and in the best interest of students.
- C. Transportation shall be furnished through a commercial carrier or school-owned vehicle.
- D. An employee may use a personal vehicle to transport staff or personal property for purposes of a field trip upon prior, written approval from administration.
- E. An employee must not use a personal vehicle to transport one or more students for purposes of a field trip.
 - 1. If immediate transportation of a student is required due to an emergency or unforeseen circumstance, such as the illness or injury of a child, and the transportation does not constitute regular or scheduled transportation, a personal vehicle may be used. To the extent a personal vehicle is used, the vehicle must be properly registered and insured.
 - 2. An employee must obtain approval by administration of student transportation by a personal vehicle, pursuant to Section III.E.1, if practicable. If pre approval by administration of use of a personal vehicle cannot be obtained in a reasonable time given the circumstances, an employee shall report the relevant facts and circumstances justifying the need for use of a personal vehicle to administration as soon as practicable. The relevant facts and

circumstances for use of a personal vehicle shall be documented by administration.

IV. SCHOOL BOARD REVIEW

The superintendent shall at least annually report to the school board upon the utilization of trips under this policy.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.36 (Authorized Fees)
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.37 (Prohibited Fees)
 Minn. Stat. § 123B.49 (Co Curricular and Extracurricular Activities; Insurance)
 Minn. Stat § 169.011. Subd. 71(a) (Definition of a School Bus)
 Minn. Stat § 169.454 Subd. 13 (Type III Vehicle Standards-Exemption)
 Sonkowsky v. Board of Educ. for Indep. Sch. Dist. No. 721, 327 F.3d 675 (8th Cir. 2003)
 Lee v. Pine Bluff Sch. Dist., 472 F.3d 1026 (8th Cir. 2007)

Cross References: Policy 403 (Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
 Policy 404 (Employment Background Checks)
 Policy 423 (Employee – Student Relationships)
 Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
 Policy 510 (Activities Program)
 Policy 707 (Transportation of Public School Students)
 Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
 Policy 710 (Extracurricular Transportation)
 [Field Trip Request Form](#)

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**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOL
POLICY 616 - SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to focus public education strategies on a process which promotes higher academic achievement for all students and ensures broad-based community participation in decisions regarding the implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards and the No Child Left Behind Act.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards and No Child Left Behind Act will require a new level of accountability for the school district. The school district will establish a system to transition to the graduation requirements of the Minnesota Academic Standards. The school district also will establish a system to review and improve instruction, curriculum, and assessment which will include substantial input by students, parents or guardians, and local community members. The school district will be accountable to the public and the state through annual reporting.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. "Course credit" is equivalent to a student successfully completing an academic year of study or a student mastering the applicable subject matter as determined by the school district.
- B. "Graduation Standards" means the course credit requirements and content standards or Minnesota Academic Standards that school districts must offer and certify that students complete to be eligible for a high school diploma.
- C. "World's best workforce" means striving to: meet school readiness goals; have all third grade students achieve grade-level literacy; close the academic achievement gap among all racial and ethnic groups of students and between students living in poverty and students not living in poverty; have all students attain career and college readiness before graduating from high school; and have all students graduate from high school.

IV. ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS; IMPLEMENTATION; EVALUATION AND REPORTING

A. School District Goals

- 1. The school board has established school district-wide goals which provide broad direction for the school district. Incorporated in these goals are the graduation and education standards contained in the Minnesota Academic Standards and the No Child Left Behind Act. The broad goals shall be reviewed annually and approved by the school board. The school board shall adopt annual goals based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Comprehensive

Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement (the “Advisory Committee”).

2. The improvement goals should address recommendations identified through the Advisory Committee process. The school district’s goal setting process will include consideration of individual site goals. School district goals may be developed through an education effectiveness program, an evaluation of student progress committee, or through some other locally determined process.

B. System for Reviewing All Instruction and Curriculum.

Incorporated in the process will be analysis of the school district’s progress toward implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards. Instruction and curriculum shall be reviewed and evaluated by taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, principal evaluations under Minn. Stat. § 123B.147, Subd. 3, and teacher evaluations under Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 8, or 122A.41, Subd. 5.

The current curriculum improvement process is a 3-step cycle which allows for evaluation, implementation and revision. With the 3-step cycle, there are needs for budget allocations for resources, materials and staff development that need to be further outlined. State standards and student learning needs can and do change at a rate faster than textbooks can be replaced. The textbook as a medium does not keep-up with the rate at which new content is created. Furthermore, they have become cost prohibitive, and their structure frequently impedes the deep implementation of a standards-based classroom

C. Implementation of Graduation Requirements

1. The school board shall appoint a Graduation Standards Implementation Committee which shall advise the school board on implementation of the state and local graduation requirements, including K-12 curriculum, assessment, student learning opportunities, and other related issues. Recommendations of this committee shall be published annually to the community. The school board shall receive public input and comment and shall adopt or update this policy at least annually. The Graduation Standards Implementation Committee [will/will not] be comprised of the Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement.
2. The school board shall annually review and determine if student achievement levels at each school site meet federal expectations. If the school board determines that student achievement levels at a school site do not meet federal expectations and the site has not made adequate yearly progress for two consecutive school years, the Graduation Standards Implementation Committee shall work with the school site to adopt a plan to raise student achievement levels to meet federal expectations. The Graduation Standards Implementation Committee may seek assistance from the

Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) (the Commissioner) in developing a plan which must include parental involvement components.

3. The educational assessment system component utilized by the school board to measure individual students' educational progress must be based, to the extent annual tests are administered, on indicators of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide or districtwide assessments. The school board will utilize models developed by the Commissioner for measuring individual student progress. The school board must coordinate with MDE in evaluating school sites and continuous improvement plans, consistent with best practices.

D. Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

1. Each year, the Advisory Committee will meet to advise and assist the school district in the implementation of the school district system accountability and comprehensive continuous improvement process.
2. The Advisory Committee, working in cooperation with other committees of the school district [such as the Technology, Educational Effectiveness, Grade Level, Site Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Committee etc.], will provide active community participation in:
 - a) Reviewing the school district instructional and curriculum plan, with emphasis on implementing the Minnesota Graduation Standards;
 - b) Identifying annual instruction and curriculum improvement goals for recommendation to the school board;
 - c) Making recommendations regarding the evaluation process that will be used to measure school district progress toward its goals;
 - d) Advising the school board about development of the annual budget.
3. The Advisory Committee shall meet the following criteria:
 - a) The Advisory Committee shall ensure active community participation in all planning for instruction and curriculum affecting Graduation Standards.
 - b) The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the school board on school district-wide standards, assessments, and program evaluation.
 - c) Building teams may be established as subcommittees to develop and implement an education effectiveness plan and to carry out methods to improve instruction, curriculum, and assessments as well as methods to use technology in meeting the school district improvement plan.
 - d) A local plan to evaluate student progress, using a local process, shall be used for developing a plan for assessment of

student progress toward the Graduation Standards, as well as program evaluation data for use by the Advisory Committee in the instruction and curriculum review process. This plan shall annually be approved by the school board.

4. The Advisory Committee shall, when possible, be comprised of two-thirds community representatives and shall reflect the diversity of the community. Included in its membership should be:
 - a) The Teaching & Learning Director
 - b) Principal
 - c) School Board Members
 - d) Student Representative
 - e) One teacher from each building or instructional level
 - f) Two parents from each building or instructional level
 - g) Two residents without school-aged children, non-representative of local business or industry
 - h) Two resident representative of local business or industry
5. Translation services should be provided to the extent appropriate and practicable
6. The Advisory Committee shall meet the following timeline each year:
 - a) Month: Organizational meeting of the Committee to review the authorizing legislation and the roles and responsibilities of the Committee as determined by the school board.
 - b) Month(s): Agree on the process to be used. Become familiar with the instruction and curriculum of the cycle content area.
 - c) Month(s): Review evaluation results and prepare recommendations.
 - d) Month: Present recommendations to the school board for its input and approval.

E. Evaluation of Student Progress Committee. A committee of professional staff shall develop a plan for assessment of student progress toward the Graduation Standards, as well as program evaluation data for use by the Advisory Committee to review instruction and curriculum Cultural competencies, including cultural awareness and cross-cultural communication, and student achievement at the school site. This plan shall annually be approved by the school board.

F. Reporting. Consistent with Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 1, school board shall publish a report in the local newspaper with the largest circulation in the district, by mail, or by electronic means on the school district website. The school board shall hold an annual public meeting to review and revise, where appropriate, student achievement goals, local assessment outcomes, plans, strategies, and practices for improving curriculum and instruction, and cultural competency, and to review school district success in realizing the previously adopted student achievement goals and related benchmarks and the improvement plans leading to the world's best workforce. The school board must transmit an electronic summary of its

report to the Commissioner in the form and manner the Commissioner determines. The school district shall periodically survey affected constituencies in their native languages, where appropriate and practicable, about their connection to and level of satisfaction with school. The school district shall include the results of this evaluation in published reports and in its summary report to the Commissioner.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota' Students)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.018 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.35 (Student Achievement Levels)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36 (School Accountability; Appeals Process)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 8 (Employment; Contracts; Termination)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.41, Subd. 5 (Teacher Tenure Act; Cities of the First Class; Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.04 (Site Decision Making Agreement)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0010-3501.0180 (Graduation Standards - Mathematics and Reading)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0200-3501.0290 (Graduation Standards - Written Composition)
Minn. Rules Part 3501.0160 (District Reporting Requirements)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0505-3501.0550 (Graduation Standards - Language Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Graduation Standards - Mathematics)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0800-3501.0815 (Graduation Standards - Arts) Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1000-3501.1190 (Graduation-Required Assessment for Diploma)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq. (No Child Left Behind Act)

Cross References: Princeton Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)
Princeton Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals) Princeton Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)
Princeton Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)
Princeton Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)
MSBA Policy 617 (School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)
MSBA Policy 618 (Assessment of Student Achievement) Princeton Policy 619 (Staff Development for Standards) MSBA Policy 620

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616 SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM ACCOUNTABILITY

[Note: Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 requires school districts to adopt a comprehensive long-term strategic plan that addresses the review of curriculum, instruction, student achievement, and assessment. MSBA/MASA Model Policies 601, 603, and 616 address these statutory requirements. In addition, MSBA/MASA Model Policies 613-615 and 617-620 provide procedures to further implement the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 120B.11.]

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II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

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III. DEFINITIONS

- A. “Credit” means a student’s successful completion of an academic year of study or a student’s mastery of the applicable subject matter, as determined by the school district.
- B. “Graduation Standards” means the credit requirements and locally adopted content standards or Minnesota Academic Standards that school districts must offer and certify that students complete to be eligible for a high school diploma.
- C. “World’s best workforce” means striving to: meet school readiness goals; have all third grade students achieve grade-level literacy; close the academic achievement gap among all racial and ethnic groups of students and between students living in poverty and students not living in poverty; have all students

attain career and college readiness before graduating from high school; and have all students graduate from high school.

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A. School District Goals

1. The school board has established school district-wide goals which provide broad direction for the school district. Incorporated in these goals are the graduation and education standards contained in the Minnesota Academic Standards and federal law. The broad goals shall be reviewed annually and approved by the school board. The school board shall adopt annual goals based on the recommendations of the Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement (Advisory Committee).
2. The improvement goals should address recommendations identified through the Advisory Committee process. The school district's goal setting process will include consideration of individual site goals. School district goals may be developed through an education effectiveness program, an evaluation of student progress committee, or through some other locally determined process.

- B. System for Reviewing All Instruction and Curriculum. Incorporated in the process will be analysis of the school district's progress toward implementation of the Minnesota Academic Standards. Instruction and curriculum shall be reviewed and evaluated by taking into account strategies and best practices, student outcomes, principal evaluations under Minn. Stat. § 123B.147, Subd. 3, and teacher evaluations under Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 8, or 122A.41, Subd. 5.

[Insert Local Cycle in this space]

C. Implementation of Graduation Requirements

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[Note: The Graduation Standards Implementation Committee may be comprised of an existing committee such as the Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievements. Regardless of whether a new committee or an existing committee is utilized, the committee should be comprised of representatives of the community, including equal representation from school board members, students, parents, teachers, representatives of local businesses, and representatives of the community at large. Among these members should be individuals who are able to represent the needs of students throughout the district including students with special needs.]

2. The school board shall annually review and determine if student achievement levels at each school site meet federal expectations. If the school board determines that student achievement levels at a school site do not meet federal expectations and the site has not made adequate yearly progress for two consecutive school years, the Graduation Standards Implementation Committee shall work with the school site to adopt a plan to raise student achievement levels to meet federal expectations. The Graduation Standards Implementation Committee may seek assistance from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) (Commissioner) in developing a plan which must include parental involvement components.
3. The educational assessment system component utilized by the school board to measure individual students' educational progress must be based, to the extent annual tests are administered, on indicators of achievement growth that show an individual student's prior achievement. Indicators of achievement and prior achievement must be based on highly reliable statewide or districtwide assessments. The school board will utilize models developed by the Commissioner for measuring individual student progress. The school board must coordinate with MDE in evaluating school sites and continuous improvement plans, consistent with best practices.

D. Advisory Committee for Comprehensive Continuous Improvement of Student Achievement

1. By [date] of each year, the Advisory Committee will meet to advise and assist the school district in the implementation of the school district system accountability and comprehensive continuous improvement process.
2. The Advisory Committee, working in cooperation with other committees of the school district [*such as the Technology, Educational Effectiveness, Grade Level, Site Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment Committees, etc.*], will provide active community participation in:

- a. Reviewing the school district instructional and curriculum plan, with emphasis on implementing the Minnesota Graduation Standards;
 - b. Identifying annual instruction and curriculum improvement goals for recommendation to the school board;
 - c. Making recommendations regarding the evaluation process that will be used to measure school district progress toward its goals;
 - d. Advising the school board about development of the annual budget.
3. The Advisory Committee shall meet the following criteria:
- a. The Advisory Committee shall ensure active community participation in all planning for instruction and curriculum affecting Graduation Standards.
 - b. The Advisory Committee shall make recommendations to the school board on school district-wide standards, assessments, and program evaluation.
 - c. Building teams may be established as subcommittees to develop and implement an education effectiveness plan and to carry out methods to improve instruction, curriculum, and assessments as well as methods to use technology in meeting the school district improvement plan.
 - d. A local plan to evaluate student progress, using a local process, shall be used for developing a plan for assessment of student progress toward the Graduation Standards, as well as program evaluation data for use by the Advisory Committee in the instruction and curriculum review process. This plan shall annually be approved by the school board.
4. The Advisory Committee shall, when possible, be comprised of two-thirds community representatives and shall reflect the diversity of the community. Included in its membership should be:
- a. The Director of Curriculum (or similar educational leader)
 - b. Principal
 - c. School Board Member

- d. Student Representative
- e. One teacher from each building or instructional level
- f. Two parents from each building or instructional level
- g. Two residents without school-aged children, non-representative of local business or industry
- h. Two residents representative of local business or industry
- i. District Assessment Coordinator (if different from “a.” above)

[Note: This Advisory Committee composition is a model only.]

- 5. Translation services should be provided to the extent appropriate and practicable.
- 6. The Advisory Committee shall meet the following timeline each year:

Month: Organizational meeting of the Committee to review the authorizing legislation and the roles and responsibilities of the Committee as determined by the school board.

Month(s): Agree on the process to be used. Become familiar with the instruction and curriculum of the cycle content area.

Month(s): Review evaluation results and prepare recommendations.

Month: Present recommendations to the school board for its input and approval.

E. Evaluation of Student Progress Committee. A committee of professional staff shall develop a plan for assessment of student progress toward Literacy by Grade 3, the Graduation Standards, as well as program evaluation data for use by the Advisory Committee to review instruction and curriculum, cultural competencies, including cultural awareness and cross-cultural communication, and student achievement at the school site. This plan shall annually be approved by the school board.

F. Reporting-

- 1. Consistent with Minn. Stat. § 120B.36, Subd. 1, the school board shall publish a report in the local newspaper with the largest circulation in the district, by mail, or by electronic means on the school district website.

The school board shall hold an annual public meeting to review and revise, where appropriate, student achievement goals, local assessment outcomes, plans, strategies, and practices for improving curriculum and instruction and cultural competency and efforts to equitably distribute diverse, effective, experienced, and in-field teachers, and to review school district success in realizing the previously adopted student achievement goals and related benchmarks and the improvement plans leading to the world's best workforce. The school board must transmit an electronic summary of its report to the Commissioner in the form and manner the Commissioner determines. The school district shall periodically survey affected constituencies in their native languages, where appropriate and practicable, about their connection to and level of satisfaction with school. The school district shall include the results of this evaluation in its published reports and in its summary report to the Commissioner.

2. The school performance report for a school site and a school district must include performance reporting information and calculate proficiency rates as required by the most recently reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 120B.018 (Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.02 (Educational Expectations for Minnesota's Students)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.11 (School District Process)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.35 (Student Achievement Levels)
Minn. Stat. § 120B.36 (School Accountability; Appeals Process)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.40, Subd. 8 (Employment; Contracts; Termination)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.41, Subd. 5 (Teacher Tenure Act; Cities of the First Class; Definitions)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.04 (Site Decision Making Agreement)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.147, Subd. 3 (Principals)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0640-3501.0655 (Academic Standards for Language Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0700-3501.0745 (Academic Standards for Mathematics)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0800-3501.0815 (Academic Standards for the Arts)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.0900-3501.0955 (Academic Standards in Science)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1300-3501.1345 (Academic Standards for Social Studies)
Minn. Rules Parts 3501.1400-3501.1410 (Academic Standards for Physical Education)
20 U.S.C. § 6301, *et seq.* (Every Student Succeeds Act)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 104 (School District Mission Statement)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 601 (School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 613 (Graduation Requirements)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 614 (School District Testing Plan and Procedure)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 615 (Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 617 (School District Ensurance of Preparatory and High School Standards)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 618 (Assessment of Student Achievement)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 619 (Staff Development for Standards)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 620 (Credit for Learning)

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY 701 - ESTABLISHMENT AND ADOPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish lines of authority and procedures for the establishment of the school district's revenue and expenditure budgets.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to establish its revenue and expenditure budgets in accordance with the applicable provisions of law. Budget planning is an integral part of program planning so that the annual budget will effectively express and implement school board goals and the priorities of the school district.

III. REQUIREMENT

- A. The superintendent or such other school official as designated by the superintendent or the school board shall each year prepare preliminary revenue and expenditure budgets for review by the school board or its designated committee or committees. The preliminary budgets shall be accompanied by such written commentary as may be necessary for them to be clearly understood by the members of the school board and the public. The school board shall review the projected revenues and expenditures for the school district for the next fiscal year and make such adjustments in the expenditure budget as necessary to carry out the education program within the revenues projected.
- B. The school district must maintain separate accounts to identify revenues and expenditures for each building. Expenditures shall be reported in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.76.
- C. Prior to July 1 of each year, the school board shall approve and adopt its initial revenue and expenditure budgets for the next school year. The adopted expenditure budget document shall be considered the school board's expenditure authorization for that school year. No funds may be expended for any purpose in any school year prior to the adoption of the budget document which authorizes that expenditure for that year, or prior to the adoption of an amendment to that budget document by the school board to authorize that expenditure for that year.

- D. Each year, the school district shall publish its adopted revenue and expenditure budgets for the current year, the actual revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the prior year, and the projected fund balances for the current year in the form prescribed by the Commissioner within one week of the acceptance of the final audit by the school board, or November 30, whichever is earlier. A statement shall be included in the publication that the complete budget in detail may be inspected by any resident of the school district upon request to the superintendent. These budgets, reports of revenue, expenditures, and fund balances must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. At the same time as this publication, the school district shall publish the other information required by Minn. Stat. § 123B.10.
- E. At the public hearing on the adoption of the school district's proposed property tax levy, the school board shall review its current budget and the proposed property taxes payable in the following calendar year.
- F. The school district must also post the materials specified in Paragraph III.D. above on the school district's official website, including a link to the school district's school report card on the Minnesota Department of Education's website, and publish a summary of information and the address of the school district's website where the information can be found in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the district.
- G. The school district must also include the budget information specified in Paragraph III.D. above in the materials provided as part of its truth-in-taxation hearing.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. The school board places the responsibility for administering the adopted budget with the superintendent. The superintendent may delegate duties related thereto to other school officials, but maintains the ultimate responsibility for this function.
- B. The program-oriented budgeting system will be supported by a program-oriented accounting structure organized and operated on a fund basis as provided for in Minnesota statutes through the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts (UFARS).

- C. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee is authorized to make payments of claims or salaries authorized by the adopted or amended budget prior to school board approval.
- D. Supplies and capital equipment can be ordered prior to budget adoption only by authority of the school board. If additional personnel are provided in the proposed budget, actual hiring may not occur until the budget is adopted unless otherwise approved by the school board. Other funds to be expended in a subsequent school year may not be encumbered prior to budget adoption unless specifically approved by the school board.
- E. The school district shall make such reports to the Commissioner as required relating to initial allocations of revenue, reallocations of revenue, and expenditures of funds.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.10 (Publication of Financial Information)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.76 (Expenditures; Reporting)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 (Accounting, Budgeting and Reporting Requirements)
Minn. Stat. § 126C.23 (Allocation of General Education Revenue)
Minn. Stat. § 275.065 (Truth in Taxation; Proposed Property Taxes; Notice)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 701.1 (Modification of School District Budget)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding

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701 ESTABLISHMENT AND ADOPTION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

[Note: The provisions of this policy substantially reflect the requirements of Minnesota Statutes.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish lines of authority and procedures for the establishment of the school district's revenue and expenditure budgets.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of the school district is to establish its revenue and expenditure budgets in accordance with the applicable provisions of law. Budget planning is an integral part of program planning so that the annual budget will effectively express and implement school board goals and the priorities of the school district.

III. REQUIREMENT

- A. The superintendent or such other school official as designated by the superintendent or the school board shall each year prepare preliminary revenue and expenditure budgets for review by the school board or its designated committee or committees. The preliminary budgets shall be accompanied by such written commentary as may be necessary for them to be clearly understood by the members of the school board and the public. The school board shall review the projected revenues and expenditures for the school district for the next fiscal year and make such adjustments in the expenditure budget as necessary to carry out the education program within the revenues projected.
- B. The school district must maintain separate accounts to identify revenues and expenditures for each building. Expenditures shall be reported in compliance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.76.
- C. Prior to July 1 of each year, the school board shall approve and adopt its initial revenue and expenditure budgets for the next school year. The adopted expenditure budget document shall be considered the school board's expenditure authorization for that school year. No funds may be expended for any purpose in any school year prior to the adoption of the budget document which authorizes that expenditure for that year, or prior to the adoption of an amendment to that budget document by the school board to authorize that expenditure for that year.
- D. Each year, the school district shall publish its adopted revenue and expenditure budgets for the current year, the actual revenues, expenditures, and fund balances

for the prior year, and the projected fund balances for the current year in the form prescribed by the Commissioner within one week of the acceptance of the final audit by the school board, or November 30, whichever is earlier. A statement shall be included in the publication that the complete budget in detail may be inspected by any resident of the school district upon request to the superintendent. A summary of this information and the address of the school district's official website where the information can be found must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. At the same time as this publication, the school district shall publish the other information required by Minn. Stat. § 123B.10.

- E. At the public hearing on the adoption of the school district's proposed property tax levy, the school board shall review its current budget and the proposed property taxes payable in the following calendar year.
- F. The school district must also post the materials specified in Paragraph III.D. above on the school district's official website, including a link to the school district's school report card on the Minnesota Department of Education's website, and publish a summary of information and the address of the school district's website where the information can be found in a qualified newspaper of general circulation in the district.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

- A. The school board places the responsibility for administering the adopted budget with the superintendent. The superintendent may delegate duties related thereto to other school officials, but maintains the ultimate responsibility for this function.
- B. The program-oriented budgeting system will be supported by a program-oriented accounting structure organized and operated on a fund basis as provided for in Minnesota statutes through the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts (UFARS).
- C. The superintendent or the superintendent's designee is authorized to make payments of claims or salaries authorized by the adopted or amended budget prior to school board approval.
- D. Supplies and capital equipment can be ordered prior to budget adoption only by authority of the school board. If additional personnel are provided in the proposed budget, actual hiring may not occur until the budget is adopted unless otherwise approved by the school board. Other funds to be expended in a subsequent school year may not be encumbered prior to budget adoption unless specifically approved by the school board.
- E. The school district shall make such reports to the Commissioner as required relating to initial allocations of revenue, reallocations of revenue, and expenditures of funds.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.10 (Publication of Financial Information)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.76 (Expenditures; Reporting)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 (Accounting, Budgeting, and Reporting Requirements)
~~Minn. Stat. § 126C.23 (Allocation of General Education Revenue)~~

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 701.1 (Modification of School District Budget)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
701.1 - PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear purchasing and procurement guidelines.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of this school district is that purchasing and procurement procedures are developed and maintained.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE(S)

The Director of Business Services shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of a procurement and purchasing procedures. The procedures shall be operated in compliance with UGG, UFARS and all other state and federal rules and regulations.

IV. PURCHASING AND PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE GUIDELINES

- A. All purchases of goods, services and equipment for which the District will be responsible for payment must be made on a district purchase order form, properly approved and executed.
- B. No employee of the school system may obligate the Board for any purchase without having gone through the regular, approved procedures. Such procedures include the use of purchase orders.
- C. Whenever practical, all goods used by the District should be standardized. This provides for purchasing in greater volume; reduces and restricts indiscriminate ordering; effects increased economy in all phases of procurement, including ordering, purchasing delivering, and final distribution.
- D. All Buildings shall promote standardization of supplies and equipment to all personnel, and it shall be the responsibility of all employees of the District to accept and encourage standardization of supplies and

equipment, if practical and applicable within an employee's area of responsibility.

- E. Purchases shall be from local vendors if price is equivalent or lower than outside vendors taking transportation costs and timelines of availability into consideration.

Cross References: Princeton Public Schools Policy 412 - Expense Reimbursement
Princeton Public Schools Policy 701 - Est. & Adoption of School District Budget
Princeton Public Schools Policy 702 - Accounting
Purchasing, Procurement & Reimbursement Procedure
Quote Procedures for Purchasing and Procurement
Quote Purchasing Form

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701.1 MODIFICATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

[Note: The provisions of this policy substantially reflect the requirements of Minnesota Statutes.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for the modification of the school district's adopted revenue and expenditure budgets.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

~~It is the~~ The policy of this school district is to modify its revenue and expenditure budgets in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

III. REQUIREMENT

- A. The school district's adopted expenditure budget shall be considered the school board's expenditure authorization for that school year.
- B. If revisions or modifications in the adopted expenditure budget are determined to be advisable by the administration, the superintendent shall recommend the proposed changes to the school board. The proposed changes shall be accompanied by sufficient and appropriate background information on the revenue and policy issues involved to allow the school board to make an informed decision. A school board member may also propose modifications on that board member's own motion, provided, however, the school board member is encouraged to review the proposed modifications with the superintendent prior to their being proposed so that the administration may prepare necessary background materials for the school board prior to its consideration of those proposed modifications.
- C. If sufficient funds are not included in the expenditure budget in a particular fund to allow the proposed expenditure, funds for this purpose may not be expended from that fund prior to the adoption of an expenditure budget amendment by the school board to authorize that expenditure for that school year. An amended expenditure shall not exceed the projected revenues available for that purpose in that fund.
- D. The school district's revenue budget shall be amended from time to time during a fiscal year to reflect updated or revised revenue estimates. The superintendent shall make recommendations to the school board for appropriate revisions. If necessary, the school board shall also make necessary revisions in the expenditure

budget if it appears that expenditures would otherwise exceed revenues and fund balances in a fund.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 (Accounting, Budgeting, and Reporting Requirement)
~~Minn. Stat. § 126C.23 (Allocation of General Education Revenue)~~

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 701 (Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding



PRINCETON

DISTRICT CENTER

Procedures Title: Purchasing, Procurement and Reimbursements

Introduction: To provide clear guidance on purchasing and procurement procedures following State, Federal and Local laws and policies.

Policy Context: Policies 701.1, 721, & 412 are the current board approved policies related to procurement and purchasing.

Responsibility: The Director of Business Services is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the purchasing and procurement procedure(s).

Definitions:

- Micro Purchase: Under \$10,000 no quotations, equitable distributions (2 CFR §200.67)
- Small Purchase: \$10,000 to \$49,999, rate quotations, no cost or price analysis (2 CFR §200.88) Requires quote procedure.
- Medium Purchase: \$50,000 to \$174,999, rate quotations, no cost or price analysis (2 CFR §200.88) Requires quote procedure.
- Large Purchase: \$175,000, bid law.

Vendor Selection: Princeton Public Schools will contract with small, minority and women's businesses and labor surplus area firms when possible.

Conflict of Interest: Any employee of Princeton Public Schools who is directly and/or indirectly involved in the following acquisition-related activities must adhere to the ethics and conflicts of interest principles of Princeton Public Schools.

Procedures:

A. Regular Purchase Orders: Regular purchase orders are used to order in advance for items such as supplies, equipment, professional services, advertising, printing, rental of equipment, food, repair supplies, etc. from vendors. The purchase order gives the person ordering the item the authority to do so in the school district's name.

- Staff will complete the designated portions of the **Purchase Request Form** and route the form to the department head. **This may be done electronically or by paper.**
- The department head determines if the item(s) being requested is an allowable and eligible purchase and whether the purchase is a micro, small, or large purchase by completing the corresponding questions enclosed in the form.
- If the department head determines that the item(s) being requested are a small, medium or large purchases then the department head will start the **Quote Procedure.**
- The department head then approves the purchase and routes to the Department Administrative Assistant or District Office Secretary.
- Purchases made by the Buildings. The Department Administrative Assistant enters the approved request into the department tracking spreadsheet and creates the purchase order.
- Purchases made by district level departments. The District Office Secretary creates a purchase order using the information provided in the Purchase Order Request Form.
- The completed purchase order is provided to the Director of Business Services in an electronic format.
- The Director of Business Services authorizes the purchase through an electronic approval. The Director of Business Services also notes on the purchase order if the item is a fixed asset and verifies that the vendor is not on the debarred and suspended vendor list located on Sam.gov for any purchases over 25,000 and are being purchased with federal funds.
- The District Office Secretary processes all orders and distributes purchase order copies to the appropriate departments..
- Delivered items will be received at the main offices of the buildings and then forwarded to the staff member or department noted on the purchase order.
- The staff member or department who requested the order will be asked to certify on their copy of the invoice that the items have been received and are in good working order within **5 days** of receipt. If a packing slip is received include that with your approval. They are also to note any concerns or problems with the order that would require the district to withhold payment until resolved.
- Items ordered on approval should be so indicated on the purchase order. It is the requestor's responsibility to notify them, well within the approval time limit,

whether the items have been approved or rejected. This should be done via a copy of the purchase order and identified as APPROVED or REJECTED by the requestor. Items to be returned should be sent to the building office, properly labeled, within the approval time limit. Items will be returned and insured by using UPS.

B. Local Purchase Orders: Local purchase orders are used when making purchases from local vendors. This purchase order method and payment may be used for charges at local businesses and when critical timing is apparent.

- Staff will complete the designated portions of the **Purchase Request Form** and route the form to the Department Administrator.
- The Department Administrator determines in advance if the purchase is allowable under the local purchase order method as defined above.
- The department head determines if the item(s) being requested is an allowable and eligible purchase and whether the purchase is a micro, small, or large purchase by completing the corresponding questions enclosed in the form.
- If the department head determines that the item(s) being requested are a small or large purchase then the department head will start the **Quote Procedure**.
- If allowable under the local purchase order method the Administrator approves the Request form and returns to requestor.
- The requestor then picks up the item(s) and is responsible for signing the invoice.
- The requestor then attaches the invoice to the request form.
- The request form is then sent to the Business Office Accounts Payable who organizes and sends to the Director of Business Services for approval.
- Once approved by the Director of Business Services the request can be paid.

C. Request for Reimbursement, travel, or Check Request: is to be used for workshop registrations, membership dues, mileage or other forms of reimbursement.

- Staff will complete the designated portions of the **Purchase/Reimbursement Request Form** and route the form to the Department Administrator electronically.
- When requesting reimbursement for travel attach a travel log or a map to the destination. Also see Hourly Employee Travel Time located in the ISD Procedures Folder within the Business Office Folder.
- **Expense reimbursements must be turned in within 30 days of the event.**
- Attach registration forms and invoices related to membership dues when requesting payment.

- Fill request form out completely and route to your Department Administrator electronically.
- The Department Administrator reviews and approves electronically.
- The Department Administrator electronically sends the request to the Business Office Accounts Payable person for processing.
- The Accounts Payable person reviews for appropriate charges and organizes and electronically sends to Director of Business Services for Approval.
- Once approved by the Director of Business Services the request can be paid and is sent electronically to payroll.
- Note: Employees can be reimbursed for items purchased for the school, with prior approval from their supervisor. Sales Tax will be excluded from the reimbursement.
- Weekly check runs are reserved for items that have a deadline due to the nature of the expenditure, not because an employee neglected to complete the paperwork on time. Examples of acceptable items for weekly payment are: referees, field trips, registrations & emergency items that could not be planned for in advance. All weekly check requests must be to the district office by noon Wednesday.

D. **Orders that require timely purchase.** Items that need immediate repair or are extremely time sensitive in order to operate daily operations. This process will typically be used by Building and Grounds, Food Service, and Technology. This will exclude all federal purchases.

- Department Administrator may order the items necessary.
- Department Administrator must code and sign invoice indicating it is ok to pay.
- Department Administrator routes to Accounts Payable.
- Accounts Payable reviews for administrative signature.
- Accounts Payable forwards to Director of Business Services.
- Director of Business Services reviews for appropriateness.
- If questions, Director of Business Services will contact administrator.
- Director of Business Services signs invoice and returns to Accounts Payable for Processing.

E. Request for Purchase Card (P-Card) Payment: The P-card is a simplified cost effective method of purchasing and remitting payment for approved expenditures.

P-cards are to be used for micro purchases(\$0-\$3,000) and must have prior approval for purchases.

- Any individuals who have been issued a P-Card must follow the P-Card Manual Purchasing Procedures.
 - Must have prior approval, this may be on purchase orders or email communication to your Supervisor.
 - All purchases are recorded on the log sheet and must have a detailed receipt attached.
 - The log sheets with supporting documentation are turned in monthly to your direct Administrator for approval for payment.
- For more information the P-Card Manual is located in the ISD 477 Procedures Folder within the Business Office Folder. The procedures in this manual must be followed for all P-Card transactions.

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Procedures Title: Purchasing and Procurement Quote

Introduction: To provide clear guidance on quote and bid requirements.

Policy Context: Policies 701.1 and 721 are the current board approved policies related to procurement and purchasing.

Responsibility: The Director of Business Services is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the purchasing and procurement quote procedure(s).

Definitions:

- Micro Purchase: Under \$10,000 no quotations, equitable distributions (2 CFR §200.67)
- Small Purchase: \$10,000 to \$49,999, rate quotations, no cost or price analysis (2 CFR §200.88) Requires quote procedure.
- Medium Purchase: \$50,000-\$174,999, rate quotations, no cost or price analysis (2 CFR §200.88) Requires quote procedure.
- Large Purchase: \$175,000, or bid law.

When purchasing capital items or large quantities of the same items follow the following guidelines:

\$0.00-\$9,999	Micro Purchases	No Quotes Required
\$10,000-\$49,999	Small Purchase	2 Quotes
\$50,000-\$174,999	Medium Purchases	3 Quotes
\$175,000 or More	Large Purchase	Bid Law

Procedures:

- Obtain required quotes from appropriate vendors.
- Check the State Bid Website and Cooperative Purchasing for any applicable vendors that may apply to the purchase.
- Fill out quote form that is located in the ISD Procedures Folder within the Business Office Folder.
- After the appropriate quotes are obtained:
 1. Prepare a requisition request for your vendor of choice.

2. Forward the quote form and the quotes via email and the purchase order request to the Director of Business Services.
3. Director of Business Services will review the quotes, budget plan, and recommended vendor.
4. Director of Business Services will notify administrator with any concerns, if any.
5. Once the item is approved, purchase order will be drafted and processed through the normal purchasing and procurement procedures.

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**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY 702-ACCOUNTING**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to adopt the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts provided for in guidelines adopted by the Minnesota Department of Education.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to comply with the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts.

III. MAINTENANCE OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

The school district shall maintain its books and records and do its accounting in compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts (UFARS) provided for in the guidelines adopted by the Minnesota Department of Education and in compliance with applicable state laws and rules relating to reporting of revenues and expenditures.

IV. PERMANENT FUND TRANSFERS

Unless otherwise authorized pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 123B.80, as amended, or any other law, fund transfers shall be made in compliance with UFARS and permanent fund transfers shall only be made in compliance with Minn. Stat. §123B.79, as amended.

V. REPORTING

The school board shall provide for an annual audit of the books and records of the school district to assure compliance of its records with UFARS. Each year, the school district shall also, on or before October 1 of each year, provide for the publication of the financial information specified in Minn. Stat. §123B.10 in the manner specified therein.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.75 (Revenue) Minn. Stat. § 123B.76
(Expenditures)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 (Accounting, Budgeting and
Reporting Requirements)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.78 (Cash Flow, Revenues, Borrowing,
Deficits)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.79 (Permanent Fund Transfers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.80 (Exceptions for Permanent Fund
Transfers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7 (Duties of School Board Clerk)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (School District Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.10 (Publication of Financial Information)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 703 (Annual Audit)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding

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702 ACCOUNTING

[Note: The provisions of this policy reflect the applicable statutes and are not discretionary in nature.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to adopt the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts provided for in guidelines adopted by the Minnesota Department of Education.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to comply with the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts.

III. MAINTENANCE OF BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS

The school district shall maintain its books and records and do its accounting in compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts (UFARS) provided for in the guidelines adopted by the Minnesota Department of Education and in compliance with applicable state laws and rules relating to reporting of revenues and expenditures.

IV. PERMANENT FUND TRANSFERS

Unless otherwise authorized pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 123B.80, as amended, or any other law, fund transfers shall be made in compliance with UFARS and permanent fund transfers shall only be made in compliance with Minn. Stat. §123B.79, as amended, or other applicable statute.

V. REPORTING

The school board shall provide for an annual audit of the books and records of the school district to assure compliance of its records with UFARS. Each year, the school district shall also, ~~on or before October 1 of each year,~~ provide for the publication of the financial information specified in Minn. Stat. §123B.10 in the manner specified therein.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (School District Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.10 (Publication of Financial Information)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7 (Duties of School Board Clerk)

Minn. Stat. § 123B.75 (Revenue)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.76 (Expenditures)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.77 (Accounting, Budgeting and Reporting Requirements)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.78 (Cash Flow, Revenues, Borrowing, Deficits)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.79 (Permanent Fund Transfers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.80 (Exceptions for Permanent Fund Transfers)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 703 (Annual Audit)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding



Procedure Title: Reclassification of Purchases or Receipts

Introduction: To provide clear guidance on reclassification of purchases or receipts.

Policy Context: Policies 702 and 721 are the current board approved policies related to reclassification of purchases or receipts.

Responsibility: The Director of Services is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the reclassification of purchases or receipts procedure.

Procedure:

- Purchaser determines there has been a miss-classification of purchases(expenses) or receipts(revenues).
- Purchaser requests reviewal of classification change by Department Administrator.
- Department Administrator determines if the reclassification is to a Federal Program, if so the Department Administrator fills out the Questions related to the reclassification.
- Department Administrator fills out Request for Reclassification of purchase or receipt.
- Department Administrator routes to District Center Accountant.
- District Center Accountant enters required Journal Entry into SMART and attaches the request electronically to the journal entry.
- District Center Accountant routes the entry to the Director of Business Services.
- Director of Business Services reviews the entry and attached document.
- Director of Business Services approves the entry when it is an allowable reclassification.

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Procedure Title: District Cash Management Receipts Procedure for Revenues Received

Introduction: To provide clear guidance on revenues received.

Policy Context: Policies 702 and 721

Responsibility: The Director of Business Services is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of revenues received.

Procedure: (Note: All deposits are to be deposited within one week of receipt in the district. Money not deposited shall be held in the building office's secure location.)

1. Teaching or other staff fill out a Deposit Collection Form, count, and sign for various functions.
2. Then the money is forwarded to the building offices.
3. Building office staff verify the deposit and sign the verification, if they are responsible for the Deposit Collection Form another office staff person must verify the deposit.
4. Each building makes deposits to the bank using bank deposit slips. They are written up by office staff and food service employees and then put in locked bank bags that are delivered to the bank by the school delivery driver.
5. A copy of the deposit slip and backup is sent to the Secretary at the District Center.
6. Deposit receipts from the bank are returned to the District Center by the delivery driver.
7. District Center Secretary matches the bank receipts with the deposit slip, copies and writes up the district receipts for any deposits made by the district center (county checks, insurance payments, etc.)
8. Credit card payments from families are collected by all programs for various events.

9. Accountant runs a report from R-schools and Rev Track that match the deposit on the bank statement to verify proper account code.
10. Accountant reconciles the credit card deposits to the bank statement and enters the district receipts.
11. Accountant develops the receipt for credit cards with proper coding.
12. For reimbursement of grants or aids the Accountant follows the Reimbursement of Grants and Aids procedure.
13. Accountant prepares the local, state, and federal receipts and draws which are electronically deposited to the District Account at MSDLAF and/or Bremer Bank.
14. Accountant forwards to Director of Business Service for verification and signature for IOWA Authorization before draw is completed.
15. The daily deposits are coded and entered into the finance system by Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable.
16. The system assigns receipt numbers.
17. Accountant reconciles the receipts to the bank statement each month.
18. Accountant forwards reconciliation to the Director of Business Services for review and signature.
19. Director of Business Services reviews all revenues monthly to ensure all receipts are entered and coded correctly.

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Procedure Title: Development of Reimbursement Requests for Grants and Aids

Introduction: To provide clear guidance on reimbursement requests for grants and aids.

Policy Context: Policies 701.1, 702 and 721 are the current board approved policies related to reimbursement requests for grants and aids.

Responsibility: The Director of Business Services is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of reimbursement requests.

Procedure:

- All grants and aids will follow the purchasing and procurement policy and procedures of the district.
- All grants and aids reimbursements must follow the allowability of cost guidelines.
- After the payments have been processed either through accounts payable or payroll, the accountant works with Program Administrator to run detailed history of the grant or aid codes that need a reimbursement request.
- Accountant works with Program Administrator to collect copies of all necessary backup details.
- Accountant works with Program Administrator to fill out the draw request form.
- Accountant forwards draw request form and documentation to the Director of Business Services or Superintendent.
- Director of Business Services or Superintendent review for allowability of funds spent.
- Director of Business Services or Superintendent sign and return documentation to the accountant.
- The Accountant and or Program Administrator then sends the request to the appropriate agency.
- If Program Administrator requests funds then the Administrator forwards the agency request form to the Accountant.

- When funds are received the Accountant follows the Cash Management procedures for receipts.

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**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY 703 - ANNUAL AUDIT**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for an annual audit of the books and records of the school district in order to comply with law, to provide a permanent record of the financial position of the school district, and to provide guidance to the school district to correct any errors and discrepancies in its practices.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of this school district is to comply with all laws relating to the annual audit of the books and records of the school district.

III. REQUIREMENT

- A. The school board shall appoint independent certified public accountants to audit, examine and report upon the books and records of the school district. The school board may enter into a contract with a person or firm to provide the agreed upon services.
- B. After the close of each fiscal year, the books, records and accounts of the school district shall be audited by said independent certified public accountants in accordance with applicable standards and legal requirements. The superintendent and members of the administration shall cooperate with the auditors.
- C. The school district shall, prior to September 15 of each year, submit unaudited financial data for the preceding year to the Commissioner of Education—on forms prescribed by the Commissioner. The report shall also include those items required by Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7.
- D. The school district shall, prior to November 30 of each year, provide to the Commissioner audited financial data for the preceding fiscal year. The school district shall, prior to December 31 of each year, provide to the Commissioner and the State Auditor an audited financial statement in a form that will allow comparison with and correction of material differences in the unaudited data. The audited financial statement must also provide a statement of assurance pertaining to compliance with uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and a copy of the management letter submitted to the school district by its auditor.
- E. The audit must be conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the Federal Single Audit Act and the Minnesota Legal Compliance Guide issued by the

Office of the State Auditor.

- F. The school board must approve the audit report by resolution or require a further or amended report.
- G. The administration shall report to the school board regarding any actions necessary to correct any deficiencies or exceptions noted in the audit.
- H. The accounts and records of the school district shall also be subject to audit and inspection by the State Auditor to the extent provided in Minn. Stat. Ch. 6.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 6 (State Auditor)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7 (Duties of School Board Clerk) Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (School District Powers)
Minn.Stat. § 123B.77, Subds. 2 and 3 (Audited Financial Statements; Statement for Comparison and Correction)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding

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703 ANNUAL AUDIT

[Note: The provisions of this policy reflect the applicable statutes and are not discretionary in nature.]

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- E. The audit must be conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the Federal Single Audit Act and the Minnesota Legal Compliance Guide issued by the Office of the State Auditor.
- F. The school board must approve the audit report by resolution or require a further or amended report.
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Minn.Stat. § 123B.77, Subds. 2 and 3 (Audited Financial Statements;
Statement for Comparison and Correction)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding

**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY-704 DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INVENTORY OF
FIXED ASSETS AND A FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING SYSTEM**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the development and maintenance of an inventory of the fixed assets of the school district and the establishment and maintenance of a fixed asset accounting system.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of this school district that a fixed asset accounting system and an inventory of fixed assets be developed and maintained.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF INVENTORY AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

The superintendent or such other school official as designated by the superintendent or the school board shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of an inventory of the fixed assets of the school district, and for the establishment and maintenance of a formal fixed asset accounting system. The accounting system shall be operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts (UFARS). The inventory shall specify the location of all continued abstracts showing the conveyance of the property to the school district; certificates of title showing title to the property in the school district; title insurance policies; surveys; and other property records relating to the real property of the school district.

IV. CAPITALIZATION

Princeton Public Schools General Fixed Asset Account Group includes assets valued at \$1,500 or otherwise required by law, and with a useful life of more than one year.

V. DEPRECIABLE LIVES

In determining the useful life of an asset the district uses ASBO (Association of School Business Officials) GASB 34 Implementation Recommendations for School Districts guidelines. The guidelines are listed below.

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life (Years)
Athletic Equipment	10
Audio/Visual Equipment	10
Building Construction	25
Buses / Other Vehicles	8
Business Machines	10
Carpet Replacement	7
Communication Equipment	10
Computer Hardware	5
Computer Software (administrative)	10-20
Computer Software (instructional)	5-10
Copiers	5
Custodial Equipment	15
Electrical/Plumbing	30
Furniture & Accessories	20
Grounds Equipment	15
HVAC Systems	20
Instructional Equipment	10
Kitchen Equipment	15
Land	N/A
Large Equipment	10
Library Books	5
Machinery & Tools	15
Musical Instruments	10
Outdoor Equipment	20
Plumbing	30
Portable Classrooms	25
Roofing	20
School Buildings	50
Science & Engineering	10
Site Improvements	20
Sprinkler/Fire System	25

VI. DEPRECIATION METHOD

Princeton Public School will depreciate all classes of fixed assets based on the straight line depreciation method.

VII. DONATIONS/GIFTS

Princeton Public Schools will assign a value to donations or gifts based on the current market value of that item at the time of receipt. The inventory database is to be maintained and updated semi-annually and upon receipt of any new equipment and disposal of any equipment. Each building will also have a trained representative to ensure inventory is updated. In addition to updating the inventory, each classroom, office or department will complete a physical inventory of all assets in their respective areas to ensure current information is available on the database, including all items disposed. Each building representative will update their building inventory semi-annually and give the report to the district office for updating the master list. The district office representative will be trained and updated annually in accordance with our financial software vendor.

The administration shall annually update the property records of the school district and provide an inventory of the fixed assets of the school district to the school board. This inventory may be utilized to prepare the annual report to the Commissioner required by Minn. Stat. §123B.14, Subd. 7.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (School District Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouse and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)

Cross References: Princeton School District Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 9, Public School Finance

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704 DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INVENTORY OF FIXED ASSETS AND A FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for the development and maintenance of an inventory of the fixed assets of the school district and the establishment and maintenance of a fixed asset accounting system.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

~~It is the~~ **The** policy of the school district **is** that a fixed asset accounting system and an inventory of fixed assets be developed and maintained.

III. DEVELOPMENT OF INVENTORY AND ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

The superintendent or such other school official as designated by the superintendent or the school board shall be responsible for the development and maintenance of an inventory of the fixed assets of the school district and for the establishment and maintenance of a formal fixed asset accounting system. The accounting system shall be operated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Uniform Financial Accounting and Reporting Standards for Minnesota School Districts (UFARS). In addition, the inventory shall specify the location of all continued abstracts showing the conveyance of the property to the school district; certificates of title showing title to the property in the school district; title insurance policies; surveys; and other property records relating to the real property of the school district.

IV. REPORT

The administration shall annually update the property records of the school district and provide an inventory of the fixed assets of the school district to the school board. ~~This inventory may be utilized to prepare the annual report to the Commissioner required by Minn. Stat. §123B.14, Subd. 7.~~

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (School District Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)
~~Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7 (Duties of School Board Clerk)~~
Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouse and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding



Procedures Title: Fixed Asset Inventory

Introduction: To provide clear guidance on when and how to categorize a purchase as a fixed asset of the District.

Policy Context: Policies 704 and 721 are the current board policies related to Fixed Asset Inventory.

Responsibility: The Director of Business Services is responsible for the oversight and maintenance of the fixed asset procedures.

1. Items tagged as a fixed asset will be based on the dollar amount set in Policy # 704.
2. Director of Business Services, in the comment area of the purchase order or requisition, notes the item is a fixed asset. The fixed asset note will print out on the purchase order.
3. Items are received at each building site.
4. Departments and/or Staff that ordered the item are responsible for verifying the item has been received.
5. Departments and/or Staff notify Accounts Payable when items have been received.
6. If the item has not been received the staff person is to notify their Administrator and Accounts Payable.
7. Accounts Payable will process the item for payment and flag the item as a fixed asset in the system and provide a report to the District Center Secretary a monthly report in order to record assets correctly.
8. District Center Secretary will then move the item(s) into the fixed asset system.
9. District Center Secretary then fills out the Fixed Asset Form, attaches the fixed asset tag or tags related to the item on the form except in the case of technology.
10. Technology tracks inventory for their department separately on a master inventory google document. The District Office Secretary reviews monthly and

includes any item at or over Policy 704 dollar amount threshold in our Smart Finance Fixed Asset Inventory.

11. Types of tags are: District, Federal or Technology.
12. District Center Secretary copies the form and then inner school mail the original form to the purchaser. In the case of Technology the District Office Secretary reviews the master inventory list and includes the technology tag number in SMART Finance.
13. The individual Federal Department's track their fixed asset inventory on an approved spreadsheet form.
14. The purchaser affixes the Fixed Asset Tag(s) to the purchased item and fills out the model # and serial # on the form.
15. The purchaser then returns the form to the District Center Secretary.
16. The District Office Secretary then enters the model # and serial # into the fixed asset system.
17. If the District Center Secretary doesn't receive the form back, the District Center Secretary follows up with the purchaser based on the copy of the form.
18. At the start of the school year, the District Center Secretary will send to each staff person identified as being in possession of fixed assets a statement of assurance noting the items they possess and an explanation of their responsibility of loss, theft, and/or damage prevention.
19. At year end the physical inventory is completed by each staff person, including a signed and dated copy of any federal inventories which will include a Statement of Assurance.
20. The physical inventory verifies the location of the item, in which the District Center Secretary records any changes.
21. At year end the Director of Business Services verifies that all items purchased in the current year are in the fixed asset system. The Director of Business Services is provided a copy of all federal program tracking spreadsheets at year end and verifies that current year purchases are accounted for.
22. District Center Secretary makes any corrections necessary in the system.
23. Accountant performs the year end close process to recognize the year end fixed assets and disposals. For disposals see Disposal Procedure.

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**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
POLICY 705-INVESTMENTS**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the investment of school district funds.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of this school district is to comply with all state laws relating to investments and to guarantee that investments meet certain primary criteria.

III. SCOPE

This policy applies to all investments of the surplus funds of the school district, regardless of the fund accounts in which they are maintained, unless certain investments are specifically exempted by the school board through formal action.

- A. Pooling of Funds. Except for cash in certain restricted and special funds, Princeton Public Schools will consolidate cash and reserve balances from all funds to maximize investment earnings and to increase efficiencies with regard to investment pricing, safekeeping and administration. Investment income will be allocated to the various funds based on their respective participation and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

IV. AUTHORITY; OBJECTIVES

- A. The funds of the school district shall be deposited or invested in accordance with this policy, Minn. Stat. Chapter 118A and any other applicable law or written administrative procedures.
- B. The primary criteria for the investment of the funds of the school district, in priority order, are as follows
 - 1. Safety. Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. The objective will be to mitigate credit risk and interest rate risk.
 - a) Credit Risk. Princeton Public Schools will minimize credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by:

- (1) Limiting investments to the types of securities listed

in Section IX of this Investment Policy.

(2) Pre-qualifying the financial institutions, broker/dealers, intermediaries, and advisers with which Princeton Public Schools will do business in accordance with Section V.

(3) Diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or from any one individual issuer will be minimized.

b) Interest Rate Risk. Princeton Public Schools will minimize interest rate risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by:

(1) Structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity.

(2) Investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, money market mutual funds, or similar investment pools and limiting the average maturity of the portfolio in accordance with this policy (see section IX).

2. Liquidity. The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated. This is accomplished by structuring the portfolio so that securities mature concurrent with cash needs to meet anticipated demands (static liquidity). Furthermore, since all possible cash demands cannot be anticipated, the portfolio should consist largely of securities with active secondary or resale markets (dynamic liquidity). Alternatively, a portion of the portfolio may be placed in money market mutual funds or local government investment pools which offer same-day liquidity for short-term funds.

3. Yield. The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above. The core of investments are limited to relatively low risk securities in anticipation of earning a fair return relative to the risk being assumed. Securities shall generally be

held until maturity with the following exceptions:

- a) A security with declining credit may be sold early to minimize loss of principal.
 - b) A security swap would improve the quality, yield, or target duration in the portfolio.
 - c) Liquidity needs of the portfolio require that the security be sold.
4. Maintaining the Public's Trust. The investment officer(s) shall seek to act responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall avoid any transaction that might impair public confidence in the District, the Board, or the School Board Treasurer.

V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- A. The Director of Business Services and the Assistant Business Affairs Executive of the school district are designated as the investment officers of the school district and is responsible for investment decisions and activities under the direction of the school board. The investment officer(s) shall operate the school district's investment program consistent with this policy. The investment officer(s) may delegate certain duties to a designee or designees, but shall remain responsible for the operation of the program.
- B. All officials and employees that are a part of the investment process shall act professionally and responsibly as custodians of the public trust, and shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the investment program or which could reasonably cause others to question the process and integrity of the investment program. The investment officer(s) shall avoid any transaction that could impair public confidence in the school district.

VI. STANDARD OF CONDUCT

- A. The standard of conduct regarding school district investments to be applied by the investment officer(s) shall be the "prudent person standard." Under this standard, the investment officer(s) shall exercise that degree of judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence would exercise in the management of their own affairs, investing not for speculation and considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable investment return to be derived from their assets. The prudent person standard shall be applied in the context of managing the overall investment portfolio of the school district. The investment officer(s), acting in accordance with this policy and exercising due

diligence, judgment and care commensurate with the risk, shall not be held personally responsible for a specific security's performance or for market price changes. Deviations from expectations shall be reported in a timely manner and appropriate actions shall be taken to control adverse developments.

- B. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest. Officers and employees involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program, or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Employees and investment officials shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial / investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Employees and officers shall refrain from undertaking personal investment transactions with the same individual with whom business is conducted on behalf of Princeton Public Schools.

VII. MONITORING AND ADJUSTING INVESTMENTS

The investment officer(s) shall routinely monitor existing investments and the contents of the school district's investment portfolio, the available markets and the relative value of competing investment instruments.

VIII. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The investment officer(s) shall establish a system of internal controls which shall be documented in writing. The internal controls shall be reviewed by the school board and shall be annually reviewed for compliance by the school district's independent auditors. The internal controls shall be designed to prevent and control losses of public funds due to fraud, error, misrepresentation, unanticipated market changes or imprudent actions by officers, employees or others. The internal controls may include, but shall not be limited to, provisions relating to controlling collusion, separating functions, separating transaction authority from accounting and recordkeeping, custodial safekeeping, avoiding bearer form securities, clearly delegating authority to applicable staff members, limiting securities losses and remedial action, confirming telephone transactions in writing, supervising and controlling employee actions, minimizing the number of authorized investment officials, and documenting transactions and strategies.

IX. PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

The school district may invest its available funds in those instruments specified in Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05, as these sections may be amended from time to time, or any other law governing the investment of school district funds.

The school district may invest in any type of security allowed by Minnesota

statute, as may be amended to those instruments listed below:

- A. Bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, treasury bills or other securities now or hereafter issued by the United States of America, its agencies and allowable instrumentalities;
- B. Interest bearing savings accounts, interest bearing certificates of deposit or interest bearing time deposits, or any other investments constituting direct obligations of any bank;
- C. Certificates of deposit with federally insured institutions that are collateralized or insured in excess of the \$100,000 provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation coverage limit;
- D. Collateralized repurchase agreements, which conform to the requirements stated in 118A.05, sub.2 of the statutes;
- E. Commercial paper meeting the following requirements:
 - 1. The corporation must be organized in the United States or be a Canadian subsidiary.
 - 2. The corporation's assets must exceed \$500,000,000.
 - 3. The obligations at the time of purchase must be rated at the highest classifications by at least two of the four standard rating services (Standard and Poor's, Duff and Phelps, Moody's and Fitch Investors Service).
 - 4. The obligations cannot have a maturity longer than 270 days.
 - 5. The school district's goal shall be not more than 50% of the total investment fund can be invested in commercial paper at any time.
 - 6. The total investment in any one corporation should not exceed 10% of the corporation's outstanding obligations.
 - 7. The total investment in any one corporation cannot be more than \$10 million.
- F. Investments may be made only in those savings banks or savings and loan associations the shares, or investment certificates of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
- G. Investment products that are considered as derivatives are specifically excluded from approved investments.

X. PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION; MATURITIES

- A. Limitations on instruments, diversification and maturity scheduling shall depend on whether the funds being invested are considered short-term or long-term funds. All funds shall normally be considered short-term except those reserved for building construction projects or specific future projects and any unreserved funds used to provide financial-related managerial flexibility for future fiscal years.
- B. The school district shall diversify its investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in over-investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities.
 - 1. The investment officer(s) shall prepare and recommend to the Superintendent annually for presentation to the school board for review and approval. The table shall specify the maximum percentage of the school district's investment portfolio that may be invested in a single type of investment instrument, such as U.S. Treasury Obligations, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, banker's acceptances, commercial paper, etc. The approved table shall be attached as an exhibit to this policy and shall be incorporated herein by reference.
 - 2. Investment maturities shall be scheduled to coincide with projected school district cash flow needs, taking into account large routine or scheduled expenditures, as well as anticipated receipt dates of anticipated revenues. Maturities for short-term and long-term investments shall be timed according to anticipated need. Within these parameters, portfolio maturities shall be staggered to avoid undue concentration of assets and a specific maturity sector. The maturities selected shall provide for stability of income and reasonable liquidity.
 - 3. Maximum Maturities. To the extent possible, Princeton Public Schools shall attempt to match its investments with anticipated cash flow requirements. Unless matched to a specific cash flow, Princeton Public Schools will not directly invest in securities maturing more than five (5) years from the date of purchase or in accordance with state and local statutes and ordinances. Princeton Public Schools shall adopt weighted average maturity limitations (which often range from 90 days to 3 years), consistent with the investment objectives.

Reserve funds and other funds with longer-term investment horizons may be invested in securities exceeding five (5) years if the maturities of such investments are made to coincide as nearly

as practicable with the expected use of funds. The intent to invest in securities with longer maturities shall be disclosed in writing to the legislative body (see the GFOA Recommended Practice on “Maturities of Investments in a Portfolio” in Appendix).

XI. COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

Before the school district invests any surplus funds in a specific investment instrument, a competitive bid or quotation process shall be utilized. If a specific maturity date is required, either for cashflow purposes or for conformance to maturity guidelines, quotations or bids shall be requested for instruments which meet the maturity requirement. If no specific maturity is required, a market trend analysis, which includes a yield curve, will normally be used to determine which maturities would be most advantageous. Quotations or bids shall be requested for various options with regard to term and instrument. The school district will accept the quotation or bid which provides the highest rate of return within the maturity required and within the limits of this policy. Generally all quotations or bids will be computed on a consistent basis, i.e., a 360-day or a 365-day yield. Records will be kept of the quotations or bids received, the quotations or bids accepted and a brief explanation of the decision that was made regarding the investment. If the school district contracts with an investment advisor, bids are not required in those circumstances specified in the contract with the advisor.

XII. QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONS AND BROKER-DEALERS

- A. The school district shall maintain a list of the financial institutions that are approved for investment purposes.
- B. Prior to completing an initial transaction with a broker, the school district shall provide to the broker a written statement of investment restrictions which shall include a provision that all future investments are to be made in accordance with Minnesota statutes governing the investment of public funds. The broker must annually acknowledge receipt of the statement of investment restrictions and agree to handle the school district’s account in accordance with these restrictions. The school district may not enter into a transaction with a broker until the broker has provided this annual written agreement to the school district. The notification form to be used shall be that prepared by the State Auditor. A copy of this investment policy, including any amendments thereto, shall be provided to each such broker.

XIII. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

- A. All investment securities purchased by the school district shall be held in third-party safekeeping by an institution designated as custodial agent. The custodial agent may be any Federal Reserve Bank, any bank authorized under the laws of the United States or any state to exercise corporate trust powers, a primary reporting dealer in United States

Government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a securities broker-dealer defined in Minn. Stat. § 118A.06. The institution or dealer shall issue a safekeeping receipt to the school district listing the specific instrument, the name of the issuer, the name in which the security is held, the rate, the maturity, serial numbers and other distinguishing marks, and other pertinent information.

- B. Deposit-type securities shall be collateralized as required by Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 for any amount exceeding FDIC, SAIF, BIF, FCUA, or other federal deposit coverage, as follows:

Subd. 1. For deposits beyond insurance. To the extent that funds on deposit at the close of the financial institution's banking day exceed available federal deposit insurance, the government entity shall require the financial institution to furnish collateral security or a corporate surety bond executed by a company authorized to do business in the state. For the purposes of this section, "banking day" has the meaning given in Federal Reserve Board Regulation CC,

Subd. 2. In lieu of surety bond. The following are the allowable forms of collateral in lieu of a corporate surety bond:

- a) United States government Treasury bills, Treasury notes, Treasury bonds;
- b) issues of United States government agencies and instrumentalities as quoted by a recognized industry quotation service available to the government entity;
- c) general obligation securities of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "A" or better by a national bond rating service, or revenue obligation securities of any state or local government with taxing powers which is rated "AA" or better by a national bond rating service;
- d) unrated general obligation securities of a local government with taxing powers may be pledged as collateral against funds deposited by that same local government entity;
- e) irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by Federal Home Loan Banks to a municipality accompanied by written evidence that the bank's public debt is rated "AA" or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or Standard & Poor's Corporation; and time deposits that are fully insured by any federal agency.

Subd. 3. Amount. The total amount of the collateral computed at its market value shall be at least ten percent more than the amount on deposit plus accrued interest at the close of the financial institution's banking day, except that where the collateral is irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by Federal Home Loan Banks, the amount of collateral shall be at least equal to the amount on deposit plus accrued interest at the close of the financial institution's banking day. The financial institution may furnish both a surety bond and collateral aggregating the required amount.

Subd. 4. Assignment. Any collateral pledged shall be accompanied by a written assignment to the government entity from the financial institution. The written assignment shall recite that, upon default, the financial institution shall release to the government entity on demand, free of exchange or any other charges, the collateral pledged. Interest earned on assigned collateral will be remitted to the financial institution so long as it is not in default. The government entity may sell the collateral to recover the amount due. Any surplus from the sale of the collateral shall be payable to the financial institution, its assigns, or both.

Subd. 5. Withdrawal of excess collateral. A financial institution may withdraw excess collateral or substitute other collateral after giving written notice to the governmental entity and receiving confirmation. The authority to return any delivered and assigned collateral rests with the government entity.

Subd. 6. Default. For purposes of this section, default on the part of the financial institution includes, but is not limited to, failure to make interest payments when due, failure to promptly deliver upon demand all money on deposit, less any early withdrawal penalty that may be required in connection with the withdrawal of a time deposit, or closure of the depository. If a financial institution closes, all deposits shall be immediately due and payable. It shall not be a default under this subdivision to require prior notice of withdrawal if such notice is required as a condition of withdrawal by applicable federal law or regulation.

Subd. 7. Safekeeping. All collateral shall be placed in safekeeping in a restricted account at a Federal Reserve bank, or in an account at a trust department of a commercial bank or other financial institution that is not owned or controlled by the financial institution furnishing the collateral. The selection shall be approved by the government entity.

- C. Repurchase agreements shall be secured by the physical delivery or transfer against payment of the collateral securities to a third party or

custodial agent for safekeeping. The school district may accept a safekeeping receipt instead of requiring physical delivery or third-party safekeeping of collateral on overnight repurchase agreements of less than \$1,000,000.

- D. Collateralization. Where allowed by state law and in accordance with the GFOA Recommended Practices on the Collateralization of Public Deposits, full collateralization will be required on all demand deposit accounts, including checking accounts and non-negotiable certificates of deposit (see GFOA Recommended Practices in Appendix).

XIV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The Investment Officers shall submit to the Finance Committee and the Superintendent an annual investment report which shall include information regarding securities in the portfolio by class or type, book value, income earned, and market values as of the report date. Generally accepted accounting principles shall be used for valuation purposes. The report shall indicate any areas of policy concern and planned revision of investment strategies.
- B. If necessary, the investment officer(s) shall establish systems and procedures to comply with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the investment of bond proceeds and funds in a debt service account for a bond issue. The record keeping system shall be reviewed annually by the independent auditor or by another party contracted or designated to review investments for arbitrage rebate or penalty calculation purposes.

XV. DEPOSITORIES

The school board shall annually designate one or more official depositories for school district funds. The treasurer or the Director of Business Services of the school district may also exercise the power of the school board to designate a depository. The school board shall be provided notice of any such designation by its next regular meeting. The school district and the depository shall each comply with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 and any other applicable law, including any provisions relating to designation of a depository, qualifying institutions, depository bonds, and approval, deposit, assignment, substitution, addition and withdrawal of collateral.

XVI. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT

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Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 118A.01 (Public Funds; Depositories and Investments)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.02 (Authorization for Deposit and Investment)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 (Depositories and Collateral)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.04 (Investments)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.05 (Contracts and Agreements)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.06 (Delivery and Safekeeping)

Cross References: Policy 703 (Annual Audit)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding
Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide Prepared by the Office of the State Auditor

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705 INVESTMENTS

[Note: The provisions of this policy substantially reflect legal requirements.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the investment of school district funds.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

~~It is the~~ **The** policy of this school district **is** to comply with all state laws relating to investments and to guarantee that investments meet certain primary criteria.

III. SCOPE

This policy applies to all investments of the surplus funds of the school district, regardless of the fund accounts in which they are maintained, unless certain investments are specifically exempted by the school board through formal action.

IV. AUTHORITY; OBJECTIVES

- A. The funds of the school district shall be deposited or invested in accordance with this policy, Minn. Stat. Ch. 118A and any other applicable law or written administrative procedures.
- B. The primary criteria for the investment of the funds of the school district, in priority order, are as follows
 1. Safety and Security. Safety of principal is the first priority. The investments of the school district shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of the capital in the overall investment portfolio.
 2. Liquidity. The funds shall be invested to assure that funds are available to meet immediate payment requirements, including payroll, accounts payable, and debt service.
 3. Return and Yield. The investments shall be managed in a manner to attain a market rate of return through various economic and budgetary cycles, while preserving and protecting the capital in the investment portfolio and taking into account constraints on risk and cash flow requirements.

V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- A. The _____ of the school district is designated as the investment officer of the school district and is responsible for investment decisions and activities under the direction of the school board. The investment officer shall operate the school district's investment program consistent with this policy. The investment officer may delegate certain duties to a designee or designees but shall remain responsible for the operation of the program.
- B. All officials and employees that are a part of the investment process shall act professionally and responsibly as custodians of the public trust and shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the investment program or which could reasonably cause others to question the process and integrity of the investment program. The investment officer shall avoid any transaction that could impair public confidence in the school district.

VI. STANDARD OF CONDUCT

The standard of conduct regarding school district investments to be applied by the investment officer shall be the "prudent person standard." Under this standard, the investment officer shall exercise that degree of judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, that persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of their own affairs, investing not for speculation and considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable investment return to be derived from their assets. The prudent person standard shall be applied in the context of managing the overall investment portfolio of the school district. The investment officer, acting in accordance with this policy and exercising due diligence, judgment, and care commensurate with the risk, shall not be held personally responsible for a specific security's performance or for market price changes. Deviations from expectations shall be reported in a timely manner and appropriate actions shall be taken to control adverse developments.

VII. MONITORING AND ADJUSTING INVESTMENTS

The investment officer shall routinely monitor existing investments and the contents of the school district's investment portfolio, the available markets, and the relative value of competing investment instruments.

VIII. INTERNAL CONTROLS

The investment officer shall establish a system of internal controls which shall be documented in writing. The internal controls shall be reviewed by the school board and shall be annually reviewed for compliance by the school district's independent auditors. The internal controls shall be designed to prevent and control losses of public funds due to fraud, error, misrepresentation, unanticipated market changes, or imprudent actions by officers, employees, or others. The internal controls may include, but shall not be limited to, provisions relating to controlling collusion, separating functions, separating transaction authority from accounting and record keeping, custodial safekeeping,

avoiding bearer form securities, clearly delegating authority to applicable staff members, limiting securities losses and remedial action, confirming telephone transactions in writing, supervising and controlling employee actions, minimizing the number of authorized investment officials, and documenting transactions and strategies.

IX. PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

The school district may invest its available funds in those instruments specified in Minn. Stat. §§ 118A.04 and 118A.05, as these sections may be amended from time to time, or any other law governing the investment of school district funds. The assets of an other postemployment benefits (OPEB) trust or trust account established pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 471.6175 to pay postemployment benefits to employees or officers after their termination of service, with a trust administrator other than the Public Employees Retirement Association, may be invested in instruments authorized under Minn. Stat. Ch. 118A or § 356A.06, Subd. 7. Investment of funds in an OPEB trust account under Minn. Stat. § 356A.06, Subd. 7, as well as the overall asset allocation strategy for OPEB investments, shall be governed by an OPEB Investment Policy Statement (IPS) developed between the investment officer, as designed herein, and the trust administrator.

X. PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION; MATURITIES

- A. Limitations on instruments, diversification, and maturity scheduling shall depend on whether the funds being invested are considered short-term or long-term funds. All funds shall normally be considered short-term except those reserved for building construction projects or specific future projects and any unreserved funds used to provide financial-related managerial flexibility for future fiscal years.
- B. The school district shall diversify its investments to avoid incurring unreasonable risks inherent in over-investing in specific instruments, individual financial institutions or maturities.
 - 1. The investment officer shall prepare and present a table to the school board for review and approval. The table shall specify the maximum percentage of the school district's investment portfolio that may be invested in a single type of investment instrument, such as U.S. Treasury Obligations, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, banker's acceptances, commercial paper, etc. The approved table shall be attached as an exhibit to this policy and shall be incorporated herein by reference.
 - 2. The investment officer shall prepare and present to the school board for its review and approval a recommendation as to the maximum percentage of the total investment portfolio that may be held in any one depository. The approved recommendation shall be attached as an exhibit or part of an exhibit to this policy and shall be incorporated herein by reference.
 - 3. Investment maturities shall be scheduled to coincide with projected school district cash flow needs, taking into account large routine or scheduled expenditures, as well as anticipated receipt dates of anticipated revenues.

Maturities for short-term and long-term investments shall be timed according to anticipated need. Within these parameters, portfolio maturities shall be staggered to avoid undue concentration of assets and a specific maturity sector. The maturities selected shall provide for stability of income and reasonable liquidity.

XI. COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF INVESTMENT INSTRUMENTS

Before the school district invests any surplus funds in a specific investment instrument, a competitive bid or quotation process shall be utilized. If a specific maturity date is required, either for cash flow purposes or for conformance to maturity guidelines, quotations or bids shall be requested for instruments which meet the maturity requirement. If no specific maturity is required, a market trend analysis, which includes a yield curve, will normally be used to determine which maturities would be most advantageous. Quotations or bids shall be requested for various options with regard to term and instrument. The school district will accept the quotation or bid which provides the highest rate of return within the maturity required and within the limits of this policy. Generally all quotations or bids will be computed on a consistent basis, i.e., a 360-day or a 365-day yield. Records will be kept of the quotations or bids received, the quotations or bids accepted, and a brief explanation of the decision that was made regarding the investment. If the school district contracts with an investment advisor, bids are not required in those circumstances specified in the contract with the advisor.

XII. QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONS AND BROKER-DEALERS

- A. The school district shall maintain a list of the financial institutions that are approved for investment purposes.
- B. Prior to completing an initial transaction with a broker, the school district shall provide to the broker a written statement of investment restrictions which shall include a provision that all future investments are to be made in accordance with Minnesota statutes governing the investment of public funds. The broker must annually acknowledge receipt of the statement of investment restrictions and agree to handle the school district's account in accordance with these restrictions. The school district may not enter into a transaction with a broker until the broker has provided this annual written agreement to the school district. The notification form to be used shall be that prepared by the State Auditor. A copy of this investment policy, including any amendments thereto, shall be provided to each such broker.

XIII. SAFEKEEPING AND COLLATERALIZATION

- A. All investment securities purchased by the school district shall be held in third-party safekeeping by an institution designated as custodial agent. The custodial agent may be any ~~F~~Federal ~~R~~Reserve ~~B~~Bank, any bank authorized under the laws of the United States or any state to exercise corporate trust powers, a primary reporting dealer in United States Government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a securities broker-dealer defined in Minn. Stat. §

118A.06. The institution or dealer shall issue a safekeeping receipt to the school district listing the specific instrument, the name of the issuer, the name in which the security is held, the rate, the maturity, serial numbers and other distinguishing marks, and other pertinent information.

- B. Deposit-type securities shall be collateralized as required by Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 for any amount exceeding FDIC, SAIF, BIF, FCUA, or other federal deposit coverage.
- C. Repurchase agreements shall be secured by the physical delivery or transfer against payment of the collateral securities to a third party or custodial agent for safekeeping. The school district may accept a safekeeping receipt instead of requiring physical delivery or third-party safekeeping of collateral on overnight repurchase agreements of less than \$1,000,000.

XIV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The investment officer shall generate daily and monthly transaction reports for management purposes. In addition, the school board shall be provided a monthly report that shall include data on investment instruments being held as well as any narrative necessary for clarification.
- B. The investment officer shall prepare and submit to the school board a quarterly investment report that summarizes recent market conditions, economic developments, and anticipated investment conditions. The report shall summarize the investment strategies employed in the most recent quarter and describe the investment portfolio in terms of investment securities, maturities, risk characteristics, and other features. The report shall summarize changes in investment instruments and asset allocation strategy approved by the investment officer for an OPEB trust in the most recent quarter. The report shall explain the quarter's total investment return and compare the return with budgetary expectations. The report shall include an appendix that discloses all transactions during the past quarter. Each quarterly report shall indicate any areas of policy concern and suggested or planned revisions of investment strategies. Copies of the report shall be provided to the school district's auditor.
- C. Within ~~forty-five (45)~~ ninety (90) days after the end of each fiscal year of the school district, the investment officer shall prepare and submit to the school board a comprehensive annual report on the investment program and investment activity of the school district for that fiscal year. The annual report shall include 12-month and separate quarterly comparisons of return and shall suggest revisions and improvements that might be made in the investment program.
- D. If necessary, the investment officer shall establish systems and procedures to comply with applicable federal laws and regulations governing the investment of bond proceeds and funds in a debt service account for a bond issue. The record keeping system shall be reviewed annually by the independent auditor or by another party contracted or designated to review investments for arbitrage rebate

or penalty calculation purposes.

XV. DEPOSITORIES

The school board shall annually designate one or more official depositories for school district funds. The treasurer or the chief financial officer of the school district may also exercise the power of the school board to designate a depository. The school board shall be provided notice of any such designation by its next regular meeting. The school district and the depository shall each comply with the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 118A.03 and any other applicable law, including any provisions relating to designation of a depository, qualifying institutions, depository bonds, and approval, deposit, assignment, substitution, addition, and withdrawal of collateral.

XVI. ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT

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Minn. Stat. § 118A.04 (Investments)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.05 (Contracts and Agreements)
Minn. Stat. § 118A.06 (Delivery and Safekeeping)
Minn. Stat. § 356A.06, Subd. 7 (Authorized Investment Securities)
Minn. Stat. § 471.38 (Claims)
Minn. Stat. § 471.6175 (Trust for Postemployment Benefits)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 703 (Annual Audit)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding
Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide Prepared by the Office of the State Auditor

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY 706-ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the acceptance of gifts by the school board from booster clubs, commercial venues, individuals or other organizations.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this school district to accept gifts only in compliance with state law.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS GENERALLY

The school board may receive, for the benefit of the school district, bequests, donations or gifts for any proper purpose. The school board shall have the sole authority to determine whether any gift or any precondition, condition, or limitation on use included in a proposed gift furthers the interests of or benefits the school district and whether it should be accepted or rejected.

IV. GIFTS OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY

The school board may accept a gift, grant or devise of real or personal property only by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members. The resolution must fully describe any conditions placed on the gift. The real or personal property so accepted may not be used for religious or sectarian purposes.

V. ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS

If the school board agrees to accept a bequest, donation, gift, grant or devise which contains preconditions, conditions or limitations on use, the school board shall administer it in accordance with those terms. Once accepted, a gift shall be the property of the school district unless otherwise provided in the agreed upon terms.

VI. GUIDELINES

- A. Acceptance of Gifts Form #706 must be complete and contain all necessary signatures prior to requesting board approval.
- B. Approval MUST be obtained from the School Board prior to implementation or acceptance of gift.
- C.

Legal References Minn. Stat. § 123B.02, Subd. 6 (Bequests, Donations, Gifts)
Minn. Stat. § 465.03 (Gifts)

Cross References: Form 706

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Revised: October 27, 2009
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PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS FORM

In compliance with school district **Policy 706 (Acceptance of Gifts)**, this form must be completed for approval by the School Board before the district receives the gift or donation.

Please obtain Principal or Director signature prior to sending to board for approval.

Donor name: _____

Description of gift:

Pre-Condition, Condition, or Limitation on use: _____

How this gift specifically relates to the program or school: _____

This gift meets all requirements of Policy 706 _____

Accepted Not Accepted _____ Date: _____
Staff Name
Principal or Director

Accepted Not Accepted _____ Date: _____
Superintendent

Accepted Not Accepted _____ Date: _____
School Board Chairperson

Code Assigned: _____ Program Name _____

Routeing:

Principal or Director (thank you note attached)

Copy to Building

Business Services

Board Approval

Revised: October 18, 2016

Adopted: _____

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706 ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

[Note: The provisions of this policy substantially reflect statutory requirements.]

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[Note: This voting requirement and gift use provision is specified by Minn. Stat. § 465.03.]

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Minn. Stat. § 465.03 (Gifts)

Cross References:

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY 712-VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OTHER THAN ON BUSES

I. PURPOSE

Maintaining the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, and visitors while on school district property and the protection of school district property are important functions of the school district. The behavior of individuals who come on to school property is a significant factor in maintaining order and discipline and protecting students, staff, visitors, and school district property. The school board recognizes the value of video/electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property in furtherance of protecting the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff, visitors, and school district property.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Placement

1. School district buildings and grounds may be equipped with video cameras.
2. Video surveillance may occur in any school district building or on any school district property.
3. Video surveillance will normally not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms, although these areas may be placed under surveillance by individuals of the same sex as the occupants of the bathrooms or locker rooms. Video surveillance in bathrooms or locker rooms will only be utilized in extreme situations, with extraordinary controls, and only as expressly approved by the superintendent.

B. Use of Video Recordings

1. Video recordings will be viewed by school district personnel on a random basis and/or when problems have been brought to the attention of the school district.
2. A video recording of the actions of students and/or employees may be used by the school district as evidence in any disciplinary action brought against any student or employee arising out of the student's or employee's conduct in school district buildings or on school grounds.
3. A video recording will be released only in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, and

the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.

C. Security and Maintenance

1. The school district shall establish appropriate security safeguards to ensure that video recordings are maintained and stored in conformance with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the rules and/or regulations promulgated thereunder.
2. The school district shall ensure that video recordings are retained in accordance with the school district's records retention schedule.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.585 (Notice of Recording Device)
Minn. Stat. § 138.17 (Government Records; Administration)
Minn. Stat. § 609.746 (Interference with Privacy)
20 U.S.C. § 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
34 C.F.R. §§ 99.1-99.67 (Family Educational Rights and Privacy)

Cross References: Princeton Policy 403 (Disciplines, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees)
Princeton Policy 406 (Public and Private Personnel Data)
Princeton Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)
Princeton Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
Princeton Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
Princeton Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
Princeton Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 2, Transportation

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712 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE OTHER THAN ON BUSES

[See Model Policy 711 for Video Recording on School Buses]

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[MSBA/MASA Model Policy 406 \(Public and Private Personnel Data\)](#)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 502 (Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 506 (Student Discipline)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 709 (Student Transportation Safety Policy)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 711 (Video Recording on School Buses)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 2, Transportation

**PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
901 - COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to convey to employees and to the general public the important role of community education within the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board affirms a strong commitment to the community education program. The school board welcomes, and strongly encourages use of school buildings and activity areas by the community when not used for regularly scheduled elementary and secondary programs. The school administration should strive to accomplish the following objectives:

- A. Maximum use should be made of public school facilities within the school district service area.
- B. Educational needs and interests of area residents should be determined periodically.
- C. Community resources and expertise of residents should be utilized to develop a vibrant, well-rounded community education program.
- D. Area residents should be encouraged to actively participate in program opportunities.

III. COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

- A. The council shall assist in promoting the goals and objectives of the program.
- B. The membership of the community education advisory will consist of members who represent: various service organizations; churches; public and nonpublic schools; local government including elected officials; public and private nonprofit agencies serving youth and families; parents; youth; park, recreation or forestry services of municipal or local government units located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the school district; and any other groups participating in the community education program in the school

district.

- C. Bylaws of the community education advisory council shall provide the framework for the organization including criteria pertaining to membership, officers' duties, frequency and structure of meetings as stipulated in the by laws.
- D. The council will implement a procedure to reduce and eliminate program duplication within the school district.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 124D.19, Subd. 1 (Community Education Programs; Advisory Council)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Access for Non curricular Purposes)
Minn. Stat. § 124D.20, Subd. 1 (Community Education Revenue)

Cross References: Policy 902 (Use of School District Facilities and Equipment)

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PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

POLICY 902-FACILITY USE

I. POLICY

It is the policy of Independent School District 477 to make the use of school facilities available primarily by citizens of the district. The implementation of this policy requires both individual and community cooperation. School facility rules and regulations under this policy apply to all property owned and managed by the school district and are in effect at all times when the school property is not in use for regular educational programs.

II. ADMINISTRATION

The administration, through the Community Education Department, will develop and execute appropriate guidelines for the use of school facilities.

III. SCHEDULING

Community Education processes requests for use of all district facilities before and after the regular school day, as well as weekends and vacations. Individuals or groups interested in using school facilities should make such requests through Community Education, which will determine the availability and appropriate usage of the facilities.

District Facilities are available for use according to the following hours of operation.

District Center	Mon. - Fri.	6am - 10:30 pm		
Family Center	Mon.- Fri.	6am -10:30 pm		
Primary School	Mon. - Fri.	6am - 10:30 pm	Sat. 8am - 4pm	Sun. 12pm - 4pm
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Memorial Day*
Presidents Day*
Christmas Eve
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Thanksgiving Day
Day-after Thanksgiving*
New Years Eve*
New Years Day
Independence Day
Good Friday*
Other Dates - to be determined

***Exceptions:**

District sponsored practice type events must have a designated school employee responsible for supervision of attendees and securing school buildings on the following Designated Contract Holidays:

1. Labor Day
2. Memorial Day
3. Presidents Day
4. Day-After Thanksgiving
5. New Years Eve
6. Good Friday

All events held on these days must follow the requirements outlined below:

1. Practice & Scrimmage type events are allowed.
2. Games or Performances are not allowed.
3. Princeton High School & Middle School are the only buildings available for access on these days.
4. Only events with a valid Facility Use Permit issued by the Community Education are allowed on these days.
5. The holder of the permit is responsible for securing the High School during and at the conclusion of the event.
6. Onsite Supervisors must be trained in securing the building.
7. Any Expenses incurred by the district (i.e. alarm fees, damages, staff expenses or other costs) as a result of these events will be billed to the event.
8. Program or events that do not comply with these guidelines will be denied the privilege of further building use on these designated contract holidays.

Any party found to be using district facilities without a facility use permit issued by the

Community Education Department will be charged for the time used and may be charged a \$100 fee per instance of unauthorized usage.

Sponsored events or activities are defined as individual programs or activities in which the district or a recognized supporting organization directly and completely coordinates, funds, plans, and operates.

Co-sponsored events or activities are defined as individual programs or activities in which the district or a recognized supporting organization, through a joint arrangement with another agency, organization or individual, assists in one or more of the following ways: coordinating, funding, planning or operating.

The district reserves the right to cancel or postpone any activity due to conflict, disregard of policies, or other uncontrollable circumstances, including Class I activities. Wednesday evenings are designated as Activity-Free for students in the district. School authorities will schedule and/or plan all District Sponsored E-12 student programs or meetings must conclude before 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Certain Community Education sponsored events may take place at this time. Facilities may be rented to groups on Wednesdays after 6:00pm.

Should the need to schedule events (i.e. games, performances etc.) at these times be unavoidable, special request must be completed and submitted to the Director of Community Education and Superintendent. If approved, a Facility Use permit will be issued for the event.

Only events with a valid Facility Use Permit issued by the Community Education are allowed at these times. Program or events that do not follow these guidelines will be denied the privilege of further building use at these times.

User Group Classifications

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, has the authority to alter the fees for the use of Princeton Public Schools facilities and equipment. However, in no instance will the school district incur additional expenses to accommodate a request for facility use (i.e., direct custodial costs).

To make maximum use of school facilities with minimum conflict, it is necessary to arrange groups on a priority basis. Groups using the facilities are classified as 1 through 4, with Class 1 having highest priority for use when developing the annual master calendar. Thereafter, priority is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The classification of the group or organization is determined by its status and activity. The following classification criteria, listed in priority order, should be followed for the use of all facilities. Examples of users in each classification have been listed.

CLASS 1 - DISTRICT SANCTIONED EVENTS

All directly related school activities and events such as musical events, athletic events, school productions, All-Night Senior Class Party, staff meetings, and community education activities. Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity. Any student meetings or booster club non-event meetings are also included in class 1. Outside local agencies wishing to use district conference rooms during hours of operations will not incur a charge.

No Rental Cost

CLASS 2 - LOCAL NONPROFIT GROUPS & PUBLIC AGENCIES

Public Agencies, School Booster Organizations major events, youth nonprofit organizations and nonprofit civic and service groups with nonprofit tax status. (Non-Profit Filing Number issued by the Secretary of State is required.)

Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity.

Rate: 30% of established Rental Rate or by alternate agreement for youth activities.

CLASS 3 - RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

Individuals, groups or organizations that have headquarters within the boundaries of District 477. Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity.

Rate: 60% of established Rental Rate.

CLASS 4 - OUT-OF-DISTRICT GROUPS

Nonresidents whose headquarters are outside the Princeton School District boundaries. Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity.

Rate: 100% of established Rental Rate

Application Procedure

1. A person requesting use of district facilities or grounds will obtain a School Facility Use Application from the Community Education Office. Applications are

available on the district web page under Community Education/Facility Use Application.

2. Complete Facility Use Application and include a \$15 non-refundable Application Fee payable to District 477. Return it to the Community Education Office either by mail or in person at least 10 working days in advance of the proposed date(s) of usage. District Sanctioned Events need not include Application Fee.
3. Community Education staff will review the form, complete the approval section, and establish costs according to the Facility Use Policy.

Facility Use Application will be reviewed to:

- A. Determine availability and appropriate facility to meet the request (including personnel and equipment, if applicable).
 - B. Determine the requester's classification.
 - C. Determine estimated cost of application.
 - D. Determine method of fee collection.
4. When these criteria have been determined, a confirmation (Facility Use Permit) will be prepared and emailed to applicant and other parties that may be impacted such as the Building Principal, Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, PAC Manager (when PAC is reserved) and Custodian at the facility being used.
 5. External applicants will be informed through Facility Use Permit after the Community Education Office completes approval. Internal applicants receive booking into requested facility unless conflicts exist. (Permits may not be issued to internal applicants for routine facility use.) Community Education will prepare billings for charges or fees pursuant to this policy.
 6. If the request is to be denied, the requester needs to be informed with reason(s).

They may appeal by calling, writing or meeting with the community education director. If the director upholds the decision, the requester can appeal to the superintendent, who will review the request and make a final decision.
 7. Facilities calendar is available on the district website under community education for building principal, buildings and grounds coordinator, lead building custodian and general public.

8. Requests for use of school grounds or equipment will utilize the same procedures and applicants will complete a similar form.

Application Fee

A \$15 nonrefundable Application Fee payable to District 477 for all external rental groups or individuals will be submitted along with each use Facility Use Application before an application is processed.

A \$10 non-refundable rescheduling fee is charged for each revision of an existing permit.

Cancellations & No Shows

Changes, additions or cancellations must be made through the Community Education Department at least seven working days in advance of scheduled use to receive a refund. Application fees will not be refunded for any reason. Any direct costs already incurred on the user's behalf must be paid in full.

No-Shows will be responsible for all estimated charges and will be assessed a \$50 No-Show fee. All charges for No-Shows must be paid prior to further use of facilities.

Indemnification and Liability Insurance

1. All organizations (including an individual, informal groups, commercial entities, political subdivisions, and nonprofit entities regardless of legal status) must agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district, its officers and employees against any and all losses, claims, damages or liability to which the organization, its officers, or participants may become subject in connection with the conduct of any activity on the premises by the authorized organization. All organizations must agree to reimburse the district, its officers and employees in connection with defending any actions relating thereto.
2. All commercial and nonprofit organizations that are legally established within the State of Minnesota are required to furnish a yearly certificate confirming liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 for combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.

General Rules and Regulations

1. All permits are revocable and are not considered as a lease. The School Board or its authorized agent may reject any applications or cancel any permit. It may be necessary, on occasion, to pre-empt usage for school requirements. Any

rejection, revocation, cancellation, or preemption of any application/permit must have the approval of the community education director with notification to the user within 48 hours or sooner, if possible.

2. The district will attempt to provide equity in the use of its facilities after regular school sponsored uses. Generally those organizations of the school will have first priority.
3. A school district employee capable of providing for the security of the school facility and for service to the user must be on duty as "site supervisor" whenever building facilities are being used. The "school district employee" under this policy shall be limited to: custodian, Community Education building staff, and co-curricular supervisors during the time they are supervising students assigned to their co-curricular assignment. Cost for the school district employee and other charges may be billed to the user.
4. Permits are nontransferable and are restricted to the stated hours and intended use of the facility as stated on the Facility Use Permit. The requester is responsible for notifying Community Education when their group wants to make changes to a confirmed permit.
5. Permit holders are responsible for providing competent and adequate supervision for all activities at all times. Children will have adult supervision at all times. Failure to do so may result in a Community Education employee being assigned such supervision responsibilities at the user's expense. A school district employee will supervise the operation of the facilities but not be required to supervise a group or its activities.
6. The use of school district-owned equipment for private purposes either on or off school property is prohibited without predetermined use of district property being included in the facilities use contractual agreement.
7. Any apparatus or other equipment moved into the building must have prior approval and must be removed promptly so as not to interfere with the E -12 school program.
8. All facilities and grounds of the Princeton School District are TOBACCO/E-Cig-FREE. Alcohol and other drugs may not be consumed in/on school district properties. Abusive and obscene language will not be tolerated.
9. All local and state ordinances and laws of the police and fire department must be observed.

10. Requester will be responsible for leaving the facilities in the same condition as upon arrival. The requester will be billed for any cleaning, maintenance or repair costs incurred as a result of their use of the facility.
11. The school district is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
12. The school district shall not assume liability or responsibility for any equipment owned or leased by any permit holder, which is used or stored on school district property. OSHA standards will apply.
13. Any use of recreational, audio-visual, stage lighting, piano or other music or other school equipment must show item approval on the facility use permit prior to use. Competent equipment operators, approved by the administration, must be available; and any charge will be assessed to the permit holder.
14. The School Board reserves the right to refuse or approve the use of certain school facilities when it determines it would be in the best interest of the community to do so.
15. Any donation or gift solicitation must follow District Policy #706 which requires the submission of the Acceptance of Gifts Form as well as approval by the School Board.

Fees

Community Education will determine the appropriate charges for the use of district facilities based on the following:

1. Classification of the organization or individual requesting use
2. Nature of the activity
3. Size of the facility necessitated by the activity
4. Personnel costs
5. Equipment
6. Fee schedule

Class 1 users will not be charged facility use fees. However, all classes of users may be charged a standard hourly rate for additional costs (equipment, personnel, etc.). Requester will be responsible for leaving the facilities in the same condition as upon arrival. The requester will be billed for any cleaning, maintenance or repair costs incurred as a result of their use of the facility. Facility users will be billed for overtime pay for district employees on designated holidays.

Payment Procedures

Facility Use Application Fee (\$15) is due at the time the application is submitted. This fee is non-refundable any circumstances.

A payment of 50% of the estimated charges is due upon receipt of contract or permit. Facility Use charges of \$20 or less are due in full at this time. Remaining charges will be billed monthly and must be paid within 30 days. A late charge of \$20 will be assessed if the bill is overdue.

Checks are to be made payable to District 477. Failure to pay will result in future permits being denied. If personnel services are necessary, the hours will be verified and the user charged accordingly.

A deposit may be required for any or all groups at the discretion of the Community Education Department.

Supervision

Building custodial personnel or designated site supervisor will supervise the use of facilities. Community Education will inform the facility user and building custodian of the rules and regulations specific to each facility.

The district reserves the right to require police supervision at any event as deemed necessary by the administration or Community Education. The requester will pay for the police supervision.

Overnight Use

Overnight stays by local groups are not encouraged but are permitted by the district. Facilities may be used to house out-of-town visitors for a one-time use under the following conditions:

1. The district will require a district employee or a paid supervisor to be assigned to the building during use.
2. The visiting agency or group will have a roster of all participants available at all times.
3. No heating appliances of any type will be allowed (hot plates, hair dryers) except in those areas so designated (kitchen, restrooms).
4. The requester/supervisor must be present at all times while the activity is in

session. This requester/supervisor will be provided at no cost to the district. No one will be admitted to the facility until the requester/supervisor is present. The group will assume liability for any accidents that occur on the facilities during the time school grounds and buildings are in use.

Food, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Food and beverages are permitted in designated areas only. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in any form is prohibited. All district facilities and grounds are tobacco-free/E-Cig free.

Emergency Procedures

The district reserves the right to cancel facility use if required by weather conditions. Local media stations and district website will carry announcements of school closing and, when possible, Community Education will notify the facility user.

Damages and Maintenance

Any person found willfully damaging or defacing property belonging to the district shall be held responsible for the replacement or repair of such property and all costs shall be the obligation of the offender. Criminal charge may be filed against the offender.

If the individual offender is not known, the group/requester is liable for damages and costs. If the group refuses to make payment, it will not be allowed to use district facilities again.

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

The PAC may be used for purposes and activities appropriate to the facility. Groups requesting use of an auditorium will need to list in detail their equipment needs when making a request. School principals or appropriate administrator will verify all requests for PAC use by internal users. No food or beverages allowed in the Performing Arts Center.

Requester is required to check permanent equipment at start of usage to determine any previous damage with PAC Director and designee. Such damage is to be documented on Walk-Through form and shown to the PAC Director and designee. If requestor refuses or fails to complete the walk-through, they will be denied use of the school district facility, as stated on the Walk-Through form. All groups will be held responsible for the cost of replacement of any items damaged, lost or stolen from school district facilities.

Equipment from the PAC such as lights, sound or grand piano may not be taken from the PAC without approval of the PAC Manager or administration. If the grand piano is moved to a location within the high school, it must be moved by no less than two adults and be included in the facility use agreement. Requestor will be charged custodial time and tuning of the piano after it is returned to the PAC stage.

Swimming Pool

Properly certified Lifeguards are required anytime the pool is in use. Community Education will determine proper certification standards for Lifeguards. (Basic standards, current Lifeguard, First Aid & CPR certifications.)

The district will provide certified lifeguards during rentals. In certain long-term relationships the renter may be allowed to provide their own certified lifeguard. Certified personnel must be on duty at all times during the rental. Community Education must grant approval for all Lifeguard personnel and copies of their current Lifeguard, First Aid & CPR certifications must be on file with Community Education. In-district users are required to have properly certified Lifeguards on duty at all times during pool use. Community Education may assist in providing lifeguards to these users.

Cafeterias - Food Service Guidelines

Use of kitchen facilities and/or equipment before and after the regular school day may be permitted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Food Service Director will be notified of all functions relating to the use of the kitchen prior to the event. Adequate time must be allowed for appropriate staffing.
2. To maintain a safe and sanitary food production environment, the Minnesota Department of Health recommendations regarding food preparation and storage will be followed.
3. Food and beverages must be served in the cafeteria or other approved lounges or locations within the school buildings.
4. No home baked/cooked foods may be stored, sold, or served in district facilities, except as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, section 157.22.
5. No food may be prepared or warmed outside of licensed food preparation areas.
6. A food service staff member is required when preparing food or using kitchen

equipment. Cost of actual hours worked is billed to group requesting kitchen use.

7. The group is responsible for loss of food service inventory when using coolers, milk coolers or freezers for group events.
8. An estimate of fees for personnel and/or use of facilities and equipment will be provided by Community Education prior to the event.
9. Food service personnel may be assigned to supervise the use and clean up of all non production equipment (sinks, warming carts, refrigerator, servicing tables). This employee will be trained and knowledgeable of equipment and sanitation requirements and may remain in the kitchen during the entire event.
10. Dinners and banquets may be catered through the district catering service or by an outside catering service. The Food Service Director must approve any requests for food service.
11. The Food Service Department will collect appropriate fees from the user to pay for food service personnel and equipment supplied for internal users. Community Education will collect appropriate fees from the user to pay for other direct personnel costs for a district function.

If renters choose to serve food without the use of District Food Services, they must hold a food service license or obtain a concession license through the Minnesota Department of Health and a copy of said licenses must be on file in the Princeton Community Education Services office prior to the first date of the event. The obtained license must also be posted by the food stand during the event.

Community Education will collect all fees aside from food service fees for non district functions (community use).

Classrooms

The public (for purposes and activities appropriate to the facility) may schedule classrooms in elementary and secondary schools for use. Each building will be notified prior to community use to ensure storage of materials. Users will be expected to respect the teacher's and students' equipment, supplies and materials. Users also will be expected

to leave the classroom in the same (if not better) condition than they found it.

Equipment

The primary purpose of equipment in a school is education of students by district staff. Requests for equipment may be made with Community Education at the time a facility is reserved. Community Education will include equipment requests on all facility confirmations. Designated personnel will be responsible for the supervision and operation of requested equipment. When a usage cost is involved, the requester will pay the charge. Any loss or damage to district equipment is the full obligation of the requester. Property belonging to the district is not to be removed from the district premises for any reason except when included as part of the facility use agreement.

Media Centers

Media centers may be used for approved use, meetings and quiet study. Materials are to be requested in advance. Materials are not to be removed from the media centers.

Multi-Purpose Rooms and/or Gymnasiums

School gymnasiums and multipurpose rooms may be used for purposes and activities appropriate to the facility. Gym shoes are required of participants in all active sports and games.

Scheduling Space

Community Education will facilitate all scheduling of gymnasiums and facilities for organized community programs.

Outside Areas

The use of outside areas (football, softball, baseball and soccer fields, tracks, parking lots) will also require completion of the Facility Use Application form.

Organizations using outside areas will be expected to clean up all trash, papers, cups, or anything littering the fields or areas surrounding the fields. Organizations not providing the clean up will be charged for groundskeeper/custodian wages as indicated on the fee schedule.

All outside facilities and grounds of District 477 Schools are TOBACCO-FREE. Alcohol and other drugs may not be consumed in/on school district properties. Abusive and obscene language will not be tolerated.

Community Education may require users to allow a minimum of one-half hour between the end of school activities and the beginning of community user activities, practices

and games.

All non district outdoor practices, games and activities may be canceled when it rains to prevent damage to the fields. Community Education may rotate use of fields for aeration, drainage, re-seeding and maintenance. Fields may be fenced off by the Maintenance Department to prevent use. Signs will be posted to prevent trespassing and use.

Revision

The Community Education Director and the School Board Policy Committee will review these administrative guidelines annually. Should revisions be made, the approval of the Superintendent and the Board will be necessary before the changes take effect.

Facility Use Charges

Extra charges for air-conditioning or other special services may be added to these charges.

Class 1: No Rental Charge

Class 2: 30% of established Rental rate

Class 3: 60% of established Rental rate

Facility Types		Hourly Rate
Rates in this section are eligible for class discounts		
Classroom		\$20.00
Cafeteria/HS Commons		\$100.00
Kitchen		\$100.00
Media Center		\$100.00
Hallway		\$20.00
Computer Room		\$200.00
Band Room		\$40.00
Choir Room		\$40.00
Gymnasium (per court)	Intermediate & Primary	\$40.00
Gymnasium (per court)	High School & Middle School	\$60.00
Wrestling Room		\$40.00
Stadium		\$300.00
Track		\$100.00
Swimming Pool	No lifeguards included	\$80.00

Concession Stand		\$20.00
Ballfield		\$20.00
Tennis Court (per court)		\$10.00
Locker Room		\$50.00
Weight Room		\$200.00
Ballfields (tournament use)		\$50.00
PAC- Performance, Tech, Dress Rehearsal Use		\$200.00
PAC- Non-Performance Use		\$100.00

Class 4: 100% of established Rental rate

Additional Fees (Not subject to class discounts)

Lifeguard	\$15 hr., 2-hour minimum
Application Fee	\$15 Non-refundable
Permit Revision Fee	\$10
Building Monitor	\$16/hr., 2-hour minimum
Custodian	\$30/hr., 2-hour minimum
Kitchen Staff	\$25/hr., 2-hour minimum
PAC or Tech Manager	\$30/hr., 2-hour minimum
Additional PAC Tech Student Staff	\$12/hr., 2-hour minimum
Express Application Processing Fee	\$40
(Less than 10 working days prior to event)	
Unapproved Event Fee	\$100
Riser/Platform	\$10/use
Resuscitation Annie	\$35/use
Portable Projection Screen	\$10/use
Overhead or Projector	\$5/use
Piano	\$75/use
Scoreboard	\$5/use

Other Fees

1. Any time custodial services are needed; a custodian will be hired at the assigned rate. If special furniture and/or equipment are used for an activity, an additional custodial charge may also be assessed. The Community Education Director will determine such charge. A damage deposit may also be required.
2. Any time kitchen facilities are used; a facility use charge will be assessed and a kitchen employee assigned to the event will be charged at the assigned rate.

3. Other charges for facilities not identified in this policy will be determined when the request for facility use is made.
4. Additional fees may be charged for services such as police security, ticket takers, field lining (marking), waste removal or additional cleanup.

Cross References: Princeton Policy 801: Equal Access to School Facilities
Princeton Policy 706: Acceptance of Gifts

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902 USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for community use of school facilities and equipment.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The school board encourages maximum use of school facilities and equipment for community purposes if, in its judgment, that use will not interfere with use for school purposes.

III. SCHEDULED COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

- A. The school district administration shall be charged with the process of scheduling rooms and special areas for community education classes and activities planned to be offered during each session.
- B. Procedures for providing publicity, registration, and collection of fees shall be the responsibility of the school district administration.
- C. Registration fees may be structured to include a pro-rata portion of costs for custodial services that may be needed.

IV. GENERAL COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

- A. The school board may authorize the use of school facilities by community groups or individuals. It may impose reasonable regulations and conditions upon the use of school facilities as it deems appropriate.
- B. Requests for use of school facilities by community groups or individuals shall be made through the school district administrative office. The administration will present recommended procedures for the processing and review of requests to the school board. Upon approval by the school board, such procedures shall be an addendum to this policy.
- C. The school board may require a rental fee for the use of school facilities. Such fee may include the cost of custodial and supervisory service if deemed necessary. It may also require a deposit or surety bond for the proper use and repair of damage to school facilities. A rental fee schedule, deposit or surety bond schedule, and payment procedure shall be presented for review and approval by

the school board.

- D. When emergencies or unusual circumstances arise that necessitate rescheduling the use of school facilities, every effort will be made to find acceptable alternative meeting space.

V. USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

The administration will present a procedure to the school board for review and approval regarding the type of equipment that is available for community use, the extent to which it may be utilized, and the manner by which it may be scheduled for use and any charges to be made relating thereto. Upon approval of the school board, such procedure shall be an addendum to this policy.

VI. RULES FOR USE OF FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The school board expects members of the community who use facilities and equipment to do so with respect for school district property and an understanding of proper use. Individuals and groups shall be responsible for damage to facilities and equipment. [A certificate of insurance may be required by the school district to ensure payment for these damages and any liability for injuries.](#)

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.51 (Schoolhouses and Sites; Access for Noncurricular Purposes)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 801 (Equal Access to School Facilities)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 901 (Community Education)

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FACILITY USE

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C. The school board may require a rental fee for the use of school facilities. Such fee may include the cost of custodial and supervisory services if deemed necessary. It may also require a deposit or surety bond for the proper use and repair of damage to school facilities. ~~A rental fee schedule, deposit or surety bond schedule and payment procedure shall be presented for review and approval by the school board.~~ When emergencies or unusual circumstances arise

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Cross References: Princeton District Policy 801 (Equal Access to School Facilities)
Princeton School District Policy 901 (Community Education)

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PROCEDURES FOR FACILITY USE

revised 8/12/19

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Memorial Day*
Presidents Day*
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day-after Thanksgiving*
New Years Eve*
New Years Day
Independence Day
Good Friday*
Other Dates - to be determined

*Exceptions:

District sponsored practice type events must have a designated school employee responsible for supervision of attendees and securing school buildings on the following Designated Contract Holidays:

1. Labor Day
2. Memorial Day

3. Presidents Day
4. Day-After Thanksgiving
5. New Years Eve
6. Good Friday

All events held on these days must follow the requirements outlined below:

1. Practice & Scrimmage type events are allowed.
2. Games or Performances are not allowed.
3. Princeton High School & Middle School are the only buildings available for access on these days.
4. Only events with a valid Facility Use Permit issued by the Community Education are allowed on these days.
5. The holder of the permit is responsible for securing the High School during and at the conclusion of the event.
6. Onsite Supervisors must be trained in securing the building.
7. Any Expenses incurred by the district (i.e. alarm fees, damages, staff expenses or other costs) as a result of these events will be billed to the event.
8. Program or events that do not comply with these guidelines will be denied the privilege of further building use on these designated contract holidays.

Any party found to be using district facilities without a facility use permit issued by the Community Education Department will be charged for the time used and may be charged a \$100 fee per instance of unauthorized usage.

Sponsored events or activities are defined as individual programs or activities in which the district or a recognized supporting organization directly and completely coordinates, funds, plans, and operates.

Co-sponsored events or activities are defined as individual programs or activities in which the district or a recognized supporting organization, through a joint arrangement with another agency, organization or individual, assists in one or more of the following ways: coordinating, funding, planning or operating.

The district reserves the right to cancel or postpone any activity due to conflict, disregard of policies, or other uncontrollable circumstances, including Class I activities. Wednesday evenings are designated as Activity-Free for students in the district. School authorities will schedule and/or plan all District Sponsored E-12 student programs or meetings must conclude before 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Certain Community Education sponsored events may take place at this time. Facilities may be rented to groups on Wednesdays after 6:00pm.

Should the need to schedule events (i.e. games, performances etc.) at these times be

unavoidable, special request must be completed and submitted to the Director of Community Education and Superintendent. If approved, a Facility Use permit will be issued for the event.

Only events with a valid Facility Use Permit issued by the Community Education are allowed at these times. Program or events that do not follow these guidelines will be denied the privilege of further building use at these times.

User Group Classifications

The Superintendent, or his/her designee, has the authority to alter the fees for the use of Princeton Public Schools facilities and equipment. However, in no instance will the school district incur additional expenses to accommodate a request for facility use (i.e., direct custodial costs).

To make maximum use of school facilities with minimum conflict, it is necessary to arrange groups on a priority basis. Groups using the facilities are classified as 1 through 4, with Class 1 having highest priority for use when developing the annual master calendar. Thereafter, priority is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The classification of the group or organization is determined by its status and activity. The following classification criteria, listed in priority order, should be followed for the use of all facilities. Examples of users in each classification have been listed.

CLASS 1 - DISTRICT SANCTIONED EVENTS

All directly related school activities and events such as musical events, athletic events, school productions, All-Night Senior Class Party, staff meetings, and community education activities. Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity. Any student meetings or booster club non-event meetings are also included in class 1. Outside local agencies wishing to use district conference rooms during hours of operation will not incur a charge.

No Rental Cost

CLASS 2 - LOCAL NONPROFIT GROUPS & PUBLIC AGENCIES

Public Agencies, School Booster Organizations major events, youth nonprofit organizations and nonprofit civic and service groups with nonprofit tax status. (Non-Profit Filing Number issued by the Secretary of State is required.)

Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity.

Rate: 30% of established Rental Rate or by alternate agreement for youth activities.

CLASS 3 - RESIDENT INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

Individuals, groups or organizations that have headquarters within the boundaries of District 477. Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity.

Rate: 60% of established Rental Rate.

CLASS 4 - OUT-OF-DISTRICT GROUPS

Nonresidents whose headquarters are outside the Princeton School District boundaries. Any direct personnel, equipment costs or damages may be assessed to the activity.

Rate: 100% of established Rental Rate

Application Procedure

1. A person requesting use of district facilities or grounds will obtain a School Facility Use Application from the Community Education Office. Applications are available on the district web page under Community Education/Facility Use Application.
2. Complete Facility Use Application and include a \$15 non-refundable Application Fee payable to District 477. Return it to the Community Education Office either by mail or in person at least 10 working days in advance of the proposed date(s) of usage. District Sanctioned Events need not include Application Fee.
3. Community Education staff will review the form, complete the approval section, and establish costs according to the Facility Use Policy.

Facility Use Application will be reviewed to:

- A. Determine availability and appropriate facility to meet the request (including personnel and equipment, if applicable).
- B. Determine the requester's classification.
- C. Determine estimated cost of application.
- D. Determine method of fee collection.

4. When these criteria have been determined, a confirmation (Facility Use Permit) will be prepared and emailed to applicant and other parties that may be impacted such as the Building Principal, Buildings and Grounds Coordinator, PAC Manager (when PAC is reserved) and Custodian at the facility being used.
5. External applicants will be informed through Facility Use Permit after the Community Education Office completes approval. Internal applicants receive booking into requested facility unless conflicts exist. (Permits may not be issued to internal applicants for routine facility use.) Community Education will prepare billings for charges or fees pursuant to this policy.
6. If the request is to be denied, the requester needs to be informed with reason(s).

They may appeal by calling, writing or meeting with the community education director. If the director upholds the decision, the requester can appeal to the superintendent, who will review the request and make a final decision.
7. Facilities calendar is available on the district website under community education for building principal, buildings and grounds coordinator, lead building custodian and general public.
8. Requests for use of school grounds or equipment will utilize the same procedures and applicants will complete a similar form.

Application Fee

A \$15 nonrefundable Application Fee payable to District 477 for all external rental groups or individuals will be submitted along with each use Facility Use Application before an application is processed.

A \$10 non-refundable rescheduling fee is charged for each revision of an existing permit.

Cancellations & No Shows

Changes, additions or cancellations must be made through the Community Education Department at least seven working days in advance of scheduled use to receive a refund. Application fees will not be refunded for any reason. Any direct costs already incurred on the user's behalf must be paid in full.

No-Shows will be responsible for all estimated charges and will be assessed a \$50 No-Show fee. All charges for No-Shows must be paid prior to further use of facilities.

Indemnification and Liability Insurance

1. All organizations (including an individual, informal groups, commercial entities, political subdivisions, and nonprofit entities regardless of legal status) must agree to indemnify and hold harmless the district, its officers and employees against any and all losses, claims, damages or liability to which the organization, its officers, or participants may become subject in connection with the conduct of any activity on the premises by the authorized organization. All organizations must agree to reimburse the district, its officers and employees in connection with defending any actions relating thereto.
2. All commercial and nonprofit organizations that are legally established within the State of Minnesota are required to furnish a yearly certificate confirming liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 for combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.

General Rules and Regulations

1. All permits are revocable and are not considered as a lease. The School Board or its authorized agent may reject any applications or cancel any permit. It may be necessary, on occasion, to pre-empt usage for school requirements. Any rejection, revocation, cancellation, or preemption of any application/permit must have the approval of the community education director with notification to the user within 48 hours or sooner, if possible.
2. The district will attempt to provide equity in the use of its facilities after regular school sponsored uses. Generally those organizations of the school will have first priority.
3. A school district employee capable of providing for the security of the school facility and for service to the user must be on duty as "site supervisor" whenever building facilities are being used. The "school district employee" under this policy shall be limited to: custodian, Community Education building staff, and co-curricular supervisors during the time they are supervising students assigned to their co-curricular assignment. Cost for the school district employee and other charges may be billed to the user.
4. Permits are nontransferable and are restricted to the stated hours and intended use of the facility as stated on the Facility Use Permit. The requester is responsible for notifying Community Education when their group wants to make changes to a confirmed permit.

5. Permit holders are responsible for providing competent and adequate supervision for all activities at all times. Children will have adult supervision at all times. Failure to do so may result in a Community Education employee being assigned such supervision responsibilities at the user's expense. A school district employee will supervise the operation of the facilities but not be required to supervise a group or its activities.
6. The use of school district-owned equipment for private purposes either on or off school property is prohibited without predetermined use of district property being included in the facilities use contractual agreement.
7. Any apparatus or other equipment moved into the building must have prior approval and must be removed promptly so as not to interfere with the E -12 school program.
8. All facilities and grounds of the Princeton School District are TOBACCO/E-Cig-FREE. Alcohol and other drugs may not be consumed in/on school district properties. Abusive and obscene language will not be tolerated.
9. All local and state ordinances and laws of the police and fire department must be observed.
10. Requester will be responsible for leaving the facilities in the same condition as upon arrival. The requester will be billed for any cleaning, maintenance or repair costs incurred as a result of their use of the facility.
11. The school district is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
12. The school district shall not assume liability or responsibility for any equipment owned or leased by any permit holder, which is used or stored on school district property. OSHA standards will apply.
13. Any use of recreational, audio-visual, stage lighting, piano or other music or other school equipment must show item approval on the facility use permit prior to use. Competent equipment operators, approved by the administration, must be available; and any charge will be assessed to the permit holder.
14. The School Board reserves the right to refuse or approve the use of certain school facilities when it determines it would be in the best interest of the community to do so.

15. Any donation or gift solicitation must follow District Policy #706 which requires the submission of the Acceptance of Gifts Form as well as approval by the School Board.

Fees

Community Education will determine the appropriate charges for the use of district facilities based on the following:

1. Classification of the organization or individual requesting use
2. Nature of the activity
3. Size of the facility necessitated by the activity
4. Personnel costs
5. Equipment
6. Fee schedule

Class 1 users will not be charged facility use fees. However, all classes of users may be charged a standard hourly rate for additional costs (equipment, personnel, etc.). Requester will be responsible for leaving the facilities in the same condition as upon arrival. The requester will be billed for any cleaning, maintenance or repair costs incurred as a result of their use of the facility. Facility users will be billed for overtime pay for district employees on designated holidays.

Payment Procedures

Facility Use Application Fee (\$15) is due at the time the application is submitted. This fee is non-refundable regardless of circumstances.

A payment of 50% of the estimated charges is due upon receipt of contract or permit. Facility Use charges of \$20 or less are due in full at this time. Remaining charges will be billed monthly and must be paid within 30 days. A late charge of \$20 will be assessed if the bill is overdue.

Checks are to be made payable to District 477. Failure to pay will result in future permits being denied. If personnel services are necessary, the hours will be verified and the user charged accordingly.

A deposit may be required for any or all groups at the discretion of the Community Education Department.

Supervision

Building custodial personnel or designated site supervisor will supervise the use of facilities. Community Education will inform the facility user and building custodian of the rules and regulations specific to each facility.

The district reserves the right to require police supervision at any event as deemed necessary by the administration or Community Education. The requester will pay for the police supervision.

Overnight Use

Overnight stays by local groups are not encouraged but are permitted by the district. Facilities may be used to house out-of-town visitors for a one-time use under the following conditions:

1. The district will require a district employee or a paid supervisor to be assigned to the building during use.
2. The visiting agency or group will have a roster of all participants available at all times.
3. No heating appliances of any type will be allowed (hot plates, hair dryers) except in those areas so designated (kitchen, restrooms).
4. The requester/supervisor must be present at all times while the activity is in session. This requester/supervisor will be provided at no cost to the district. No one will be admitted to the facility until the requester/supervisor is present. The group will assume liability for any accidents that occur on the facilities during the time school grounds and buildings are in use.

Food, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Food and beverages are permitted in designated areas only. The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs in any form is prohibited. All district facilities and grounds are tobacco-free/E-Cig free.

Emergency Procedures

The district reserves the right to cancel facility use if required by weather conditions. Local media stations and district website will carry announcements of school closing and, when possible, Community Education will notify the facility user.

Damages and Maintenance

Any person found willfully damaging or defacing property belonging to the district shall

be held responsible for the replacement or repair of such property and all costs shall be the obligation of the offender. Criminal charge may be filed against the offender.

If the individual offender is not known, the group/requester is liable for damages and costs. If the group refuses to make payment, it will not be allowed to use district facilities again.

Performing Arts Center (PAC)

The PAC may be used for purposes and activities appropriate to the facility. Groups requesting use of an auditorium will need to list in detail their equipment needs when making a request. School principals or appropriate administrator will verify all requests for PAC use by internal users. No food or beverages allowed in the Performing Arts Center.

Requester is required to check permanent equipment at the start of usage to determine any previous damage with PAC Director and designee. Such damage is to be documented on Walk-Through form and shown to the PAC Director and designee. If requestor refuses or fails to complete the walk-through, they will be denied facility use of the school district facility, as stated on the Walk-Through form. All groups will be held responsible for the cost of replacement of any items damaged, lost or stolen from school district facilities.

Equipment from the PAC such as lights, sound or grand piano may not be taken from the PAC without approval of the PAC Manager or administration. If the grand piano is moved to a location within the high school, it must be moved by no less than two adults and be included in the facility use agreement. Requestor will be charged custodial time and tuning of the piano after it is returned to the PAC stage.

Swimming Pool

Properly certified Lifeguards are required anytime the pool is in use. Community Education will determine proper certification standards for Lifeguards. (Basic standards, current Lifeguard, First Aid & CPR certifications.)

The district will provide certified lifeguards during rentals. In certain long-term relationships the renter may be allowed to provide their own certified lifeguard. Certified personnel must be on duty at all times during the rental. Community Education must grant approval for all Lifeguard personnel and copies of their current Lifeguard, First Aid & CPR certifications must be on file with Community Education. In-district users are required to have properly certified Lifeguards on duty at all times during pool use. Community Education may assist in providing lifeguards to these users.

Cafeterias - Food Service Guidelines

Use of kitchen facilities and/or equipment before and after the regular school day may be permitted, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Food Service Director will be notified of all functions relating to the use of the kitchen prior to the event. Adequate time must be allowed for appropriate staffing.
2. To maintain a safe and sanitary food production environment, the Minnesota Department of Health recommendations regarding food preparation and storage will be followed.
3. Food and beverages must be served in the cafeteria or other approved lounges or locations within the school buildings.
4. No home baked/cooked foods may be stored, sold, or served in district facilities, except as allowed by Minnesota Statutes, section 157.22.
5. No food may be prepared or warmed outside of licensed food preparation areas.
6. A food service staff member is required when preparing food or using kitchen equipment. Cost of actual hours worked is billed to group requesting kitchen use.
7. The group is responsible for loss of food service inventory when using coolers, milk coolers or freezers for group events.
8. An estimate of fees for personnel and/or use of facilities and equipment will be provided by Community Education prior to the event.
9. Food service personnel may be assigned to supervise the use and clean up of all non production equipment (sinks, warming carts, refrigerator, servicing tables). This employee will be trained and knowledgeable of equipment and sanitation requirements and may remain in the kitchen during the entire event.
10. Dinners and banquets may be catered through the district catering service or by an outside catering service. The Food Service Director must approve any requests for food service.
11. The Food Service Department will collect appropriate fees from the user to pay for food service personnel and equipment supplied for internal users. Community Education will collect appropriate fees from the user to pay for other direct

personnel costs for a district function.

If renters choose to serve food without the use of District Food Services, they must hold a food service license or obtain a concession license through the Minnesota Department of Health and a copy of said licenses must be on file in the Princeton Community Education Services office prior to the first date of the event. The obtained license must also be posted by the food stand during the event.

Community Education will collect all fees aside from food service fees for non district functions (community use).

Classrooms

The public (for purposes and activities appropriate to the facility) may schedule classrooms in elementary and secondary schools for use. Each building will be notified prior to community use to ensure storage of materials. Users will be expected to respect the teacher's and students' equipment, supplies and materials. Users also will be expected to leave the classroom in the same (if not better) condition than they found it.

Equipment

The primary purpose of equipment in a school is education of students by district staff. Requests for equipment may be made with Community Education at the time a facility is reserved. Community Education will include equipment requests on all facility confirmations. Designated personnel will be responsible for the supervision and operation of requested equipment. When a usage cost is involved, the requester will pay the charge. Any loss or damage to district equipment is the full obligation of the requester. Property belonging to the district is not to be removed from the district premises for any reason except when included as part of the facility use agreement.

Media Centers

Media centers may be used for approved use, meetings and quiet study. Materials are to be requested in advance. Materials are not to be removed from the media centers.

Multi-Purpose Rooms and/or Gymnasiums

School gymnasiums and multipurpose rooms may be used for purposes and activities appropriate to the facility. Gym shoes are required of participants in all active sports and games.

Scheduling Space

Community Education will facilitate all scheduling of gymnasiums and facilities for organized community programs.

Outside Areas

The use of outside areas (football, softball, baseball and soccer fields, tracks, parking lots) will also require completion of the Facility Use Application form.

Organizations using outside areas will be expected to clean up all trash, papers, cups, or anything littering the fields or areas surrounding the fields. Organizations not providing the clean up will be charged for groundskeeper/custodian wages as indicated on the fee schedule.

All outside facilities and grounds of District 477 Schools are TOBACCO-FREE. Alcohol and other drugs may not be consumed in/on school district properties. Abusive and obscene language will not be tolerated.

Community Education may require users to allow a minimum of one-half hour between the end of school activities and the beginning of community user activities, practices and games.

All non district outdoor practices, games and activities may be canceled when it rains to prevent damage to the fields. Community Education may rotate use of fields for aeration, drainage, re-seeding and maintenance. Fields may be fenced off by the Maintenance Department to prevent use. Signs will be posted to prevent trespassing and use.

Revision

The Community Education Director and the School Board Policy Committee will review these administrative guidelines annually. Should revisions be made, the approval of the Superintendent and the Board will be necessary before the changes take effect.

Facility Use Charges

Extra charges for air-conditioning or other special services may be added to these charges.

Class 1: No Rental Charge

Class 2: 30% of established Rental rate

Class 3: 60% of established Rental rate

Facility Types		Hourly Rate
Rates in this section are eligible for class discounts		
Classroom		\$20.00
Cafeteria/HS Commons		\$75
Kitchen		\$100.00
Media Center		\$100.00
Hallway		\$20.00
Computer Room		\$200.00
Band Room		\$40.00
Choir Room		\$40.00
Gymnasium (per court)	Intermediate	\$40.00
Gymnasium (per court)	High School & Middle PrimarySchool	\$66.00
Wrestling Room		\$40.00
Stadium		\$300.00
Track		\$100.00
Swimming Pool	No lifeguards included	\$80.00
Concession Stand		\$20.00
Ballfield		\$20.00
Tennis Court (per court)		\$10.00
Locker Room		\$50.00
Weight Room		\$200.00
Ballfields (tournament use)		\$50.00
PAC- Performance, Tech, Dress Rehearsal Use		\$200.00
PAC- Non-Performance Use		\$100.00

Class 4: 100% of established Rental rate

Additional Fees (Not subject to class discounts)

Lifeguard	\$15 hr., 2-hour minimum
Application Fee	\$15 Non-refundable
Permit Revision Fee	\$10
Building Monitor	\$17/hr., 2-hour minimum
Custodian	\$35/hr., 2-hour minimum
Kitchen Staff	\$25/hr., 2-hour minimum
PAC or Tech Manager	\$30/hr., 2-hour minimum
Additional PAC Tech Student Staff	\$12/hr., 2-hour minimum
Express Application Processing Fee	\$40

~~(Less than 10 working days prior to event)~~

Unapproved Event Fee	\$100
Riser/Platform	\$10/use
Resuscitation Annie	\$35/use
Portable Projection Screen	\$10/use
Overhead or Projector	\$5/use
Piano	\$75/use
Scoreboard	\$5/use

Other Fees

1. Any time custodial services are needed; a custodian will be hired at the assigned rate. If special furniture and/or equipment are used for an activity, an additional custodial charge may also be assessed. The Community Education Director will determine such charge. A damage deposit may also be required.
2. Any time kitchen facilities are used; a facility use charge will be assessed and a kitchen employee assigned to the event will be charged at the assigned rate.
3. Other charges for facilities not identified in this policy will be determined when the request for facility use is made.
4. Additional fees may be charged for services such as police security, ticket takers, field lining (marking), waste removal or additional cleanup.

PRINCETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
903 - VISITORS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES

I. PURPOSE

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A. A student enrolled in a post-secondary enrollment options course may remain at the school site during regular school hours in accordance with established procedures.

B. A student enrolled in a post-secondary enrollment options course may be provided with reasonable access, during regular school hours, to a computer and other technology resources that the student needs to complete coursework for a post-secondary enrollment course in accordance with established procedures.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

A. The school district administration is responsible for visitor and post-secondary enrollment options student procedures and requirements.

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V. VISITOR LIMITATIONS

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- B. Visitors, including post-secondary enrollment options students, are authorized to park vehicles on school property at times and in locations specified in the approved visitor procedures and requirements which are an addendum to this policy or as otherwise specifically authorized by school officials. When unauthorized vehicles of visitors are parked on school property, school officials may:
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Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (General Powers of Independent School Districts)

Minn. Stat. § 124D.09 (Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program)
Minn. Stat. § 128C.08 (Assaulting a Sports Official Prohibited)
Minn. Stat. § 609.605, Subd. 4 (Trespasses on School Property)

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