
AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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**AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECORDS
RETENTION AND DESTRUCTION**

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or designee to establish procedures for the retention and destruction of district/school records, as aligned with the Colorado State Archives.

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School Board Records

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General Description: Records generally relating to the elected school Board and its members that govern the school District. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** that record the nature of the meeting, proceedings of the meeting, all actions taken by the Board, all business that comes before the Board, the names of all persons who speak before the Board and their general topic, if an executive session was held and the general topic, and a record of adjournment.

Retention: Permanent

2. **LEGAL OPINIONS** requested by the Board and supplied by school District counsel or the courts, that provide legal guidance on various matters pertinent to the school District.

Retention: Permanent

3. **CERTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS** that have been validated and affirmed by the county clerk and record the number of votes each prospective Board member or Board ballot issue received.

Retention: Permanent

4. **ORGANIZATION AND REORGANIZATION RECORDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT** that may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Public petitions
 - b. Legal descriptions and maps
 - c. Requests for exclusion
 - d. Mill levy data
 - e. Election results

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f. Court orders

Retention: Permanent

5. **BOARD MEETING PACKETS** that include summary and detail information to be considered at the upcoming Board meeting.

Retention: Permanent

6. **BOARD MEETING AGENDAS** that provide the schedule of topics that the Board will consider at each meeting.

Retention: 1 year

7. **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RECORDS** that include but are not limited to:

- Absentee voter ballots
- Election ballots
- Voter signature cards
- List of registered voters

Retention: 30 days after the election provided the election or the results of it have not been challenged. Should an election be contested all records are to be retained until such time that the appropriate court allows them to be destroyed.

8. **BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL** that identifies the official District policies and procedures that are to be followed by staff and students.

Retention: Permanent

9. **RESOLUTIONS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD** that relate to the school District's endorsement of a position, action or policy on a given topic such as supporting a statewide referendum on school funding.

Retention: Permanent

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General Description: Records generally relating to the administration and direction of the school District's various programs. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION** – proof of publication provided by newspapers that are required of the school District's such as budget, Board meetings and other special notices

Retention: 6 years

2. **AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS** of various kinds that document some form of agreement or contract that is enforceable by law between the school District and other parties regarding leases, franchises, professional services and others that the school District should be involved.

Retention: Duration of the agreement or contract plus 6 years, to include any terms limiting action there under

3. **ANNUAL REPORT** of the school District to the Board of Education and/or persons of the District.

Retention: Permanent

4. **AWARDS AND HONORS** that the District has received from various public or private sources.

Retention: Permanent

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5. **COMMITTEE RECORDS** – Internal records that document the actions and decisions of various committees, task forces or other special school sanctioned groups that meet on an ongoing basis or are established for a specific purpose. Some examples of these would be textbook review, school lunch program and the parent-school resource groups.
 - a. Ongoing Committees
Retention: 2 years, provided records have no long-term value
 - b. Specific Purpose Committees
Retention: Until work of the committee ends and there is no long-term value.

6. **COMPLAINTS** - Communications that are received from parents and/or other persons regarding objections, dissatisfactions or disagreement with school District policies or actions.
Retention: 2 years after response or action by the school District, and all rights of appeal have been exhausted

7. **CORRESPONDENCE – ROUTINE** is written communication that is sent or received by one or more individuals via the US mail, private courier, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. The information contained in this type of correspondence is general in nature and does not convey District policy or legal/fiscal positions.
Retention: 2 years

8. **CORRESPONDENCE – LEGAL, FISCAL, POLICY** – This written communication is sent in the same manner as the routine correspondence, but its value is important to the school District by the very nature of its subject matter. Examples of this type of correspondence are communications dealing with District fiscal policy, legal issues, property records, court filings and other topics that may be needed for future use.
Retention: Permanent

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9. **ELECTRONIC MAIL** is an electronic message that is transmitted between two or more computers or electronic terminals.

Retention: Follow the school District's e-mail policy

10. **FORMS – BLANK** that are not considered to be records and should be separated from the school District's records. However, a master forms file may be maintained to track the evolution of the form and instructions regarding use of the form.

Retention: Until superseded, except retain one copy permanently if a master forms file is maintained

11. **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS** that are created or received in the course of administering programs, including daily, weekly or monthly activity reports which are summarized in the District's annual report.

Retention: 2 years or until no longer needed for reference

12. **HOUSEKEEPING FILES** that are maintained by an office and that do not relate directly to the primary educational mission of the office, including records such as charity fund drives, site social events, custodial service requests, parking space assignments, telephone and fax logs, and distribution of keys.

Retention: Until no longer needed for reference

13. **MAIL AND POSTAGE RECORDS** that record the amount of mail dispatched, the site to be charged and the total amounts of postage charged.

Retention: 2 years

14. **MAPS AND DRAWINGS** that relate to building construction and/or remodeling, site plans, engineering, cartographic or other graphic presentations that are needed for the continued operation of the school District and its facilities.

Retention: Permanent

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15. **NEWS RELEASES** that are prepared statements or announcements issued to the news media regarding school Board decisions, changes in senior administrative personnel, and/or program changes or termination of specific school programs. It should be noted that major policy or historical news releases should be retained indefinitely.

Retention: 4 years

16. **POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT RECORDS** that document the formulation and adoption of policies, procedures and functions of the school District. Includes narrative and/or statistical reports, related correspondence on program activities, organizational charts and records related to significant events in which the school District participated.

Retention: Permanent

17. **PUBLICATIONS** that are produced for wide internal or external distribution, including District brochures, pamphlets, studies, proposals, newsletters, proposed instructional materials, and similar materials produced and made available to the public. One copy should be retained permanently and extra copy destroyed.

Retention: Permanent

18. **REPORTS** (daily, monthly, quarterly) that are prepared by various sites/departments regarding the educational operation and/or activities, and are for use in compiling other reports, planning and budgeting, monitoring academic achievement and progress, etc.

Retention: 3 years

19. **RULES AND REGULATIONS** adopted by the school Board in relation to various school activities and functions. Examples of these would be to protect students and staff, set standards of conduct and dress, and provide accountability to the taxpayers.

Retention: Permanent

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20. **STUDIES AND PLANS** prepared by the school District or contractors for the District. Examples include feasibility studies, planning and land use, population estimates, educational achievement, capital projects, transportation projections and other documents that have long-term reference or historical value to the school District.

Retention: Permanent

21. **SURVEYS AND QUESTIONNAIRES** or other similar documents used by the District to evaluate or gain feedback from students and community members.

Retention: Until no longer needed for administrative or educational purposes

22. **TRAINING AND CONFERENCE MATERIALS** that document school employees at seminars, conferences or other training events not sponsored by the school District, including instructional materials obtained at these meetings or training sessions.

Retention: 2 years

23. **WORKSHEETS AND DRAFTS** such as rough notes, calculations or drafts assembled or created and used to prepare or analyze other documents; records of preliminary or working stages which are used in preparation of the final version or a document or report.

Retention: Until no longer needed

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General Description: Records generally relating to academic records of children within the school District. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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NOTE: RECORDS OF THE STUDENT FROM ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOULD BE MERGED INTO THE STUDENT PERMANENT RECORD WHEN HE OR SHE REACHES HIGH SCHOOL.

1. **STUDENT PERMANENT RECORD:** These records are divided into three categories: personal information, enrollment history and academic performance. Each Colorado school District keeps information about students in different ways and on different forms. Therefore, the retention schedule presents the kinds of information or data elements that are maintained in files, rather than the names of the forms on which information may be found.
 - a. **Personal Information** --This information, except for the immunization record, is usually found with the student's permanent record.
 - Student's identification number: The District assigned number used for record keeping purposes.
 - Legal name of student
 - Legal name of parent(s) or guardian
 - Date of birth
 - Gender
 - Address
 - Telephone number
 - Immunization record for withdrawal
 - b. **Enrollment History** -- This information should be on the transcript. It consists of the following:
 - Exact date the student enrolled in the District

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- Name, city and state of the previous school(s) attended outside the District
 - The schools attended within the District
 - The dates and grade levels of the student
 - Date the student withdrew or graduated from the District
 - Name, city and state of the school to which the student is withdrawing
- c. **Academic Performance** -- usually found on the transcript or on report cards.
- Classes and/or grade level taken
 - Semester grades
 - Postsecondary courses/semester grades
 - Standardized test scores
 - Advanced placement (AP) test scores
 - Grade point average (GPA)
 - Class rank
 - College placement test scores (i.e., ACT/SAT)

Retention: Permanent

2. **STUDENT FALL ENROLLMENT REPORT (OCTOBER COUNT):** Report to the Colorado Department of Education of the number of students enrolled.

Retention: Permanent

3. **STUDENT END OF SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT REPORT:** Report to the Colorado Department of Education that reports the number of students in school at the close of the academic year.

Retention: Permanent

4. **STUDENT CUMULATIVE RECORDS:** Records that contain optional information on students attending school in the District. The record may contain but is not limited to:
- Other information that enabled school officials to counsel with students and plan appropriate activities.
 - Immunization record for graduates

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- Ethnic code (This code is of use only to the District in which the student is enrolled.)
- Withdrawal grades (sometimes called grades in progress); withdrawal grades are not official grades, i.e., no credits are earned. Their purpose is to facilitate enrollment at the student's next school.
- Supplementary programs: Examples of such programs are gifted and talented, bi-lingual, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Title 1.
- Health records, hearing and vision screenings, visits to the school clinics, or similar records are not required information.
- Signed release of records: The purpose of this record is to document whether or not student record information was released, as requested by the parent or student.
- Progress reports: Mid-semester grades which inform parents and students of how the student is doing. These are not official grades and do not have long-term value.
- Out-of-District records
- School fines
- Emergency information
- Marriage licenses: Students may obtain a copy from the state or country in which they were married. It is not the responsibility of the school District to maintain these records permanently.
- Birth certificates: Students may obtain a copy from the state or country in which they were born. It is not the responsibility of the school District to maintain these records permanently.
- Court orders denying access to records
- Adoptions: The child's legal name should be changed on the transcript, although the previous name should also remain part of the transcript. It is not the responsibility of the school District to maintain permanent adoption records.
- Guardianships: It is not the responsibility of the school District to maintain guardianship records.
- GED records: This information is retained permanently at the Colorado Department of Education.

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- (1) For graduates: purge immediately after graduation.
(2) For withdrawals: destroy after the student leaves the District unless there is a compelling need to keep it longer.

4. **Student Dropout Records:** Records are distinct from the student cumulative record and are maintained as a separate file.

Retention: 10 years

5. **Student Transfer In/Transfer Out Records:** Records are distinct from the student cumulative record and are maintained as a separate file.

Retention: 10 years

6. **New Student Orientation Schedules**

Retention: 1 year

7. **Report Cards** that document the periodic report by a school about a student's academic, social, emotional, and physical progress. Information includes, but is not limited to, full legal name of student, teacher's name, name and address of school, indication of attendance during reporting period, grades, and other related information.

Retention: 1 year after school year in which records were created, provided semester grade is recorded in the student permanent record

8. **Student Schedules:** File of forms completed by school personnel for student scheduling into class. Information includes printouts of student schedules, class lists, student class assignments and requests for change of schedule.

Retention: Until no longer needed for administrative purposes, then destroy

9. **Student Discipline, Suspension, and Expulsion Records** documenting inappropriate student behavior and corrective actions taken. Information includes referral and action

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form, notes, letters to parents, suspension documentation, detention documents, hearing notices, bus driver referrals, statements and conference notes.

Retention:

- (1) When suspended and subsequently expelled, keep permanently. Information will be stored in the student information system and paperwork will be scanned into an electronic file in student records. The permanent record file must be retained until student reaches the age of 21.
- (2) When disciplined or temporarily suspended and returned to school with no further rules infractions: 3 years

10. **Student Truancy Records:** Records created to document student's excessive absences and action taken to correct the problem by school personnel. Information includes referral and action forms, letters to parents, attendance profile sheets, correspondence, release forms, copies of initial court petitions, copies of court orders, hearing notes, affidavits and visitation documentation.

Retention: 3 years after school year in which records were created

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Special Services/Special Education Records

General Description: Records generally relating to special needs of children within the school District. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **SPECIAL SERVICES STUDENT FILE:** Records may include but are not limited to
 - a. IEP and Supporting Documentation
 - b. ISP (Individual Service Plan)
 - c. IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan)
 - d. Testing Documentation
 - e. Health Record
 - f. Psychological Report
 - g. Student Achievement
 - h. Referrals, Permissions & Notices
 - i. Student Assessment Reports
 - j. Evaluations and Accompanying Reports
 - k. Outside Agency Information
 - l. Literacy Plan
 - m. Behavior Support Plan
 - n. Communication Plan
 - o. Health Plan
 - p. Service Plan
 - q. Request for Records
 - r. Record of Access

Retention: Five years after all special services/special education and related services have ended, provided that the school District has issued a notification of pending destruction to the parents and/or guardians.

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Building and Grounds Records

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General Description: Records generally relating to the construction and operation of facilities and grounds within the school District. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT FILES:** Records may include but are not limited to:
 - a. Surveys and plot plans that pertain to school real estate
 - b. Final blueprints, specifications and shop drawings and all modifications made thereto
 - c. ADA plan
 - d. Evacuation plan
 - e. Federal and state environmental reports (asbestos, lead, radon etc.)
 - f. Certificate of occupancy and final building inspection reports

Retention: Permanent

2. **DEEDS TO REAL PROPERTY** that legally convey the land to the school District ownership and include the filing reception number in the county clerk and recorder's office.

Retention: Permanent

3. **BUILDING KEY SCHEDULES** that itemize the list of different master keys and individual keys, and the assigned holders of those keys.

Retention: Until superseded plus 1 year

4. **INVENTORY OF BUILDINGS OR GROUNDS EQUIPMENT** that itemizes the authorized support equipment assigned to each school or facility.

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Retention: Until superseded plus 1 year

5. **MAINTENANCE RECORDS FOR EACH SCHOOL FACILITY** that record the service and repair record on the building and equipment.

Retention: Life of the equipment or 10 years whichever comes later

6. **RECORD OF UTILITY USAGES** documents the electricity, gas, water or other utility that each building consumes each month or year.

Retention: 5 years or until no longer needed

7. **APPLICATION AND APPROVAL FOR USE OF SCHOOL PREMISES** for purposes other than regular school activities.

Retention: 2 years

8. **WORKING DRAFTS OF PROPOSED DRAWINGS/PLANS** that are used to provide for making estimates and other needs before proceeding to request official cost estimates for construction or alteration work.

Retention: 2 years

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General Description: Records generally relating to the operation of student activities programs, athletic events, clubs and organizations within the school District. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **SCHOOL YEARBOOKS** that are printed each year to record the highlights of the school year and document those students who attended each grade level.

Retention: Permanent

2. **STUDENT SCHOOL POLICY HANDBOOK** that informs and advises the students of the Board of Education rules and regulations and any specific school building requirements.

Retention: Until superseded

3. **STUDENT ORGANIZATION RECORDS** that serve as the bylaws, election documentation and minutes of the organization. Some of these organizations are:

- a. National Honor Society
- b. Future Homemakers of America
- c. Future Farmers of America
- d. Future Business Leaders of America
- e. Student Council
- f. Other school clubs

Retention: Until no longer needed by the organization

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4. **ALUMNI LISTS** that identify the names of students who have graduated.

Retention: Until updated

5. **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** that document the students and the scholarships they were awarded.

Retention: 5 years

6. **SCOREBOOKS (ATHLETICS)** that have recorded the game scores and statistics for various athletic events.

Retention: 5 years

7. **ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT INVENTORY** is a summary of authorized uniforms, equipment and other athletic support items necessary for class instruction or interscholastic sports.

Retention: Until audited plus 2 years

8. **ATHLETIC AGREEMENTS BETWEEN SCHOOLS** provide for the specifics of when and where an athletic event will be played, who will provide for officiating, and any other contest requirements.

Retention: 2 years after expiration of the agreement

9. **ATHLETIC OFFICIALS CONTRACTS** these are independent game contracts that an official agrees to officiate on a specific day and time for a set fee. Most, if not all, are coordinated with the Colorado High School Activities Association.

Retention: 2 years

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10. **ATHLETIC CONFERENCE REPORTS** may document the reporting required by the athletic conference, proposed game schedules and other procedural information.

Retention: 2 years or until no longer needed

11. **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS** that verify the eligibility of students to participate in interscholastic events.

Retention: 1 year

12. **ATHLETIC EVENT SCHEDULES**, which identify the date, time, location and team being played.

Retention: 2 years

13. **PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCUSES** that exempt a student from physical education classes or contests.

Retention: Until no longer needed

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General Description: Records documenting and ensuring accountability for the receipt and expenditure of public funds. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RECORDS** that serve as the basis for payment of bills by the school District, including copies of bills paid, copies of checks, invoices, purchase orders and receiving reports, and correspondence with vendors.
 - a. Accounts payable records, in general
Retention: 6 years + current
 - b. Balance sheets
Retention: Until updated
 - c. Bills paid, including invoices and statements
Retention: 6 years + current
 - d. Charge slips and credit card statements - documentation of charges for items such as printing and meals or credit card transactions.
Retention: 2 years + current
 - e. Credit card records - records of credit cards issued to the school District for official school use.

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Retention: 1 year + current, after cancellation

- f. Expense records - records maintained to document travel, mileage, claims for reimbursement and other expenses of school officials while on educational business, including requests, authorizations, reimbursements and other similar information.

Retention: 2 years, provided audit has been completed

- g. Form 1099 - this form is sent to vendors, such as contractors, when the vendor's charges for services exceed \$600 for the year.

Retention: 4 years

- h. Petty cash records - records of petty cash funds account and requests for petty cash for various purposes.

Retention: 1 year + current

- i. Vendor files - files maintained as a unit to track accounts payable activity for specific vendors, including information such as the federal taxpayer identification number, name and address, correspondence, copies of checks, etc.

Retention: 6 years + current

- 2. **ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE RECORDS** that serve as the basis for collection of amounts owed by vendors, organizations and persons having accounts with the school District and documentation of billing and collection of monies.

- a. Accounts receivable records, in general

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- Retention: 2 years + current
- b. Balance sheets

Retention: Until updated

- c. Cash books, receipts and reports - cash book showing receipts, cash account pre-edit listing, daily cash reports and other documentation of receipt of monies for fees, parking tickets, rentals, registrations, etc.

Retention: 2 years + current

- d. Cash register validation tape

Retention: 1 year + current

- e. Invoices and statements issued by the school District - billings by school District to outside companies or institutions for damages, supplies, services or repairs, etc.

Retention: 6 years + current

3. **AUDIT RECORDS** documenting external audits of the financial position of the school District.

- a. Audit reports - annual or special reports prepared by external auditors examining and verifying the school District financial activities or the financial activities of a fund, department or other component of the municipal government.

Retention: Permanent

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- b. Audit work papers - documentation consisting of routine correspondence with auditors and copies of school District records compiled for use by auditors in performing an audit.

Retention: 2 years + current after completion of audit

4. **BANK RECORDS** that document the current status and transaction activity of school District funds held at banks

- a. Bank statements - monthly statements showing the amount of money on deposit to the credit of the school District

Retention: 6 years + current

- b. Check records
- Canceled checks

Retention: 6 years + current

- Duplicate copies of checks - carbon copies or photocopies of checks issued and maintained solely as a quick reference source.

Retention: 1 year + current

- Check register - chronological listing of check entries.

Retention: 6 years + current

- Check stubs

Retention: 1 year + current

- c. Deposit pass books - records of school District savings account deposits, withdrawals and balances.

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Retention: 6 years + current

- d. Deposit slips - bank cashiers' slips showing amount and date of deposit of monies into school District accounts.

Retention: 1 year + current

- e. Reconciliations

Retention: 6 years + current

- f. Trial balances

Retention: 2 years + current

5. BOND ISSUE RECORDS

- a. Bond issue files - records that document the authorization to finance school improvements through bonded indebtedness and implementation of school bond issues, including bond anticipation notes, industrial development revenue bonds, general obligation bonds, revenue and refunding bonds, water bonds and special improvement bonds; usually include correspondence and general documentation, authorizations supporting financial arrangements, bond ratings, contracts or sales agreements, and sample copies or specimens of bonds sold as evidence of school District indebtedness.

Retention: 2 years after final payment

- b. Bond issue proceedings books - certified record of proceedings related to a bond issue, containing specimen (usually original) documents related to the approval process and issuance of bonds typically compiled in book form for presentation to the school District by the bond agent or bond counsel.

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Retention: Permanent

- c. Bonds, notes and coupons paid - cancelled or redeemed bonds and coupons received from paying agents throughout the lifetime of the bond issue; canceled upon receipt.

Retention: 1 year after maturity

- d. Bond registers and ledgers - used to document the redemption of coupons for school District bonds. Bond registration and redemption transactions may be handled by a bond registration or paying agent for some school Districts.

Retention: Permanent

6. BUDGET RECORDS

- a. Final adopted budget - final financial plan for the budget established by the school District as approved by the school Board for the allocation and budgeting of all expenditures of the school District.

Retention: Permanent

Duplicate copies: Until superseded

- b. Preliminary draft budget - version of the budget presented for public inspection and review prior to consideration of the budget by the school Board.

Retention: 1 year after adoption of final budget

Duplicate copies: Until final budget is adopted

- c. Budget reports

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- Monthly or quarterly reports - periodic reports regarding the status of receipts and disbursements in comparison to the adopted budget.

Retention: 2 years + current

- Year-end reports - summary of annual budget reports compiled at year-end.

Retention: 6 years + current

- d. Budget work papers - papers used to assist in the preparation and review and decision-making processes for department budget request, including reports, budget instructions, work sheets, spending plans, budget proposals, financial forecasting reports and similar records.

Retention: 1 year + current

7. **FEE AND RATE SCHEDULES** that document the fees and rates collected by the school District for various services.

Retention: Retain current and previous schedules

8. **FINANCIAL GUARANTEES:** Records relating to the acquisition and release of various forms of financial guarantee, including escrow accounts, letters of credit, liens, promissory notes. These types of records are required by the school District from other parties to ensure performance, payments or the completion of certain specified actions, such as the completion of projects, required improvements or the payment of delinquent bills or assessments.

Retention: 1 year after expiration, completion of guaranteed project (if applicable) or release of the guarantee by the school District

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9. **FIXED ASSET RECORDS:** Inventories and listings kept to track and control the fixed assets of the school District, including buildings, real estate, office equipment, tools, machinery, and other equipment.

- a. Annual reports - work sheets compiled for annual reports listing totals of all fixed assets, purchases and disposition of assets.

Retention: Until superseded

- b. Auction records - summary reports and other records of school District property sold at public auction.

Retention: 2 years + current

- c. Depreciation detail

Retention: 3 years + current

- d. Disposition records - records of disposal of school District property (not real estate) and unclaimed, abandoned or confiscated property such as bicycles and computer equipment by competitive bidding or destruction, including date, department name, description of item, value, disposition, method and reason for disposition, condition, value and approvals.

Retention: 3 years + current after disposition of property

- e. Fixed asset files - listings of all school District property (buildings and real estate), vehicles, equipment and furniture, including description, cost, date purchased, location, name of vendor and depreciation.

Retention: 10 years

- f. Fixed assets/inventories - listings of expendable and non-expendable property of the school District, including buildings, real estate, vehicles,

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furniture, equipment, supplies and other items owned or administered by the school District.

Retention: Until revised + 1 year

- g. Surplus property records - documentation of the sale of surplus real property, including invitations, bids, acceptances, lists of materials, evidence of sales and related correspondence.

Retention: 6 years after final payment

10. **TRUST FUND RECORDS:** Documentation of bequests to the school District

Retention: 2 years after trust fund closed

11. **GOVERNMENT REVENUE PROGRAMS:** Records pertaining to governmental programs allocating state or federal revenue sharing funds to school District for specific purposes.

Federal revenue programs

- a. Federal excise tax - exemption certificates from gasoline vendors issued to the school District, which are required for allowance of federal tax credits for vendors to bill less the excise tax.

Retention: 6 years + current

- b. Revenue sharing - documentation and reports of the school District's receipt and reallocation of federal revenue sharing funds, including public notices, expenditure records and reports, project records, financial and payroll records, etc.

Retention: 6 years + current

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- c. Instructions for completing government forms

Retention: Until superseded or obsolete

12. **GRANT RECORDS:** Files pertaining to applications for grants and the administration, monitoring and status of grants received by the school District from private and governmental sources.

- a. Awarded grants - documentation of awarded grants that are accepted by the school District, including records of grant application, performance under the grant, grant contracts and agreements, annual and final performance reports.

Retention: Duration of grant + 6 years

- b. Rejected grants - documentation of grants applied for by the school District and either rejected by the grantor or not accepted by the school District.

Retention: 2 years + current after rejection or withdrawal

- c. Reports from grant funded programs - periodic reports on the administrative and fiscal operations of federal or state funded programs compiled on a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis.

Retention: 3 years after completion of all applicable audits

- d. Supporting documentation - background supplemental information relating to grant applications and administration.

Retention: 3 years after conclusion of the grant

13. **INSURANCE RECORDS**

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- a. Certificates of insurance - documentation provided by insurance providers as proof of insurance coverage for specific purposes.
- Major school District
Retention: 10 years after substantial completion
 - Other certificates of insurance
Retention: 6 years after expiration
- b. Claim records - records of claims for damages made by the school District against other parties and made by other parties against the school District.
- Claim records - statements of claims and completed claim forms.
Retention: 6 years + current
 - Claim reports - summary reports regarding handling and disposition of claims made against the school District and/or its insurance company by other parties
Retention: 6 years + current
 - Employee insurance claim records - records pertaining to employee claims for medical, dental, long term disability and other insurance coverage.
Retention: 3 years + current after incident is closed and all rights of appeal have expired
 - Insurance policies - documents issued by the insurance company to outline liability, theft, fire, accident, property damage and other

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coverage and risk control standards for the school District under the insurance policy.

Retention: 6 years after expiration of policy, or after all claims made under the policy are settled, whichever is later

14. **INVESTMENT RECORDS:** Records documenting various investments made by the school District.
- a. Bank statements - investments
Retention: 2 years after investment ends
 - b. Certificates of deposit - registers
Retention: 6 years after maturity
 - c. Money market certificates
Retention: 6 years + current after maturity
 - d. Reports - investment of funds
Retention: 6 years provided audit has been completed
 - e. Saving bond records
Retention: 6 years + current after final payment
 - f. Treasury bills and notes
Retention: 6 years + current after maturity

15. **LEDGERS AND JOURNALS**

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- a. General ledger - year-end summary of receipts and disbursements by account and fund reflecting the general financial condition and operation of the school District; may also include documentation from subsidiary ledgers to general ledger and accounting adjustments in the form of general entries.

Retention: Permanent

- b. Subsidiary ledgers and journals - daily, monthly or quarterly transaction detail showing receipts and expenditures such as depositor payment amount, date payee, purpose, fund credited or debited, and check number; provides backup documentation to general ledger.

Retention: 2 years

16. **LOAN RECORDS:** Records of loans entered into by the school District

Retention: 6 years + current after payment and cancellation

17. **PURCHASING RECORDS:** Records pertaining to procurement of services or commodities, including purchase requisitions, purchase order, vouchers, field order, work orders, invoices and supporting documentation for purchases.

- a. Purchasing records, in general - orders and requisitions

Retention: 4 years + current

- b. Bids - bids, quotes and proposals regarding services and commodities received by the school District in response to solicitations.

- Accepted bids - received from successful bidders

Retention: 6 years + current, after acceptance of the bid

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- Rejected/Unsuccessful bids - received from unsuccessful bidders
Retention: 2 years + current
- Unsolicited bids - received from bidders without solicitation
Retention: 2 years + current
- c. Lease-purchase records - records pertaining to the acquisition of property by lease-purchase transactions.
Retention: Term of lease-purchase arrangement + 6 years
- d. Procurement and purchasing policies - directives, memoranda or manuals pertaining to policies established by the school District for the procurement of commodities and services
Retention: Permanent
Duplicate Copies: Until superseded
- e. Purchasing control forms - purchase orders, purchase requisitions, field purchase orders, vouchers and other forms documentation to procurement process.
Retention: 6 years + current
- f. Solicitations and specifications - requests for proposals (RFPs), requests for quotations (RFQs), and other solicitations by the school District for competitive bids, proposals or quotes for the provision of services or commodities; includes bid specifications.
Retention: 6 years + current
- g. State bid list

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Retention: Until superseded

- h. Vendor lists - listings of vendors providing goods and services to the school District, usually including names, addresses, phone numbers, description of goods or services provided.

Retention: Until superseded or obsolete

- 18. **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Reports created for internal use to document the status of funds, bank accounts, investments and other accounting of school District funds, including financial projection reports.

- a. Annual financial reports - statistical reports on the financial affairs of the school District or specific departments, including a statement on the value of all school District owned property and an accounting of all income and expenditures in relationship to the final budget.

Retention: Permanent

- b. County treasurer's reports - periodic reports of the county treasurer regarding the distributions of taxes collected on behalf of the school District, including information regarding taxes collected, interest and fees.

Retention: 10 years + current

- c. Revenue and expenditure reports - reports including information regarding cost analysis, itemized expenditures and revenue sharing.

Retention: 6 years + current

- Departmental expenditure reports

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Retention: 1 year + current

- Financial reports – monthly

Retention: 2 years + current

19. CASH RECEIPT JOURNALS

Retention: 2 years + current

- 20. WORKSHEETS FINANCIAL:** Documents such as rough notes, calculations or drafts assembled or created and used to prepare or analyze other documents; spreadsheets, worksheets, preparatory notes, tentative financial estimates and projections, and other documentation of a preliminary or deliberative and transitory nature.

Retention: Until no longer needed.

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General Description: Records generally relating to the operation and maintenance of the school District's transportation program. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **DRIVER QUALIFICATION FILE** to include but not limited to:

- a. CDE school bus driver annual written test
- b. CDE small vehicle driver annual written test
- c. Driving performance test
- d. DOT medical report
- e. Motor vehicle record check
- f. First aid certificate
- g. Commercial driving license (CDL) copy

Retention: 6 years

2. **NEW HIRE DRIVER QUALIFICATION FILE:** In addition to the items listed in above:

- a. Pre-service training record outline
- b. Mountain driving written test
- c. Adverse weather driving written test
- d. CDL skills test

Retention: Until driver resigns, is terminated or retires

3. **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FILE** to include but not limited to:

- a. Annual inspection form
- b. Vehicle repair form

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- c. Preventive maintenance inspection form

Retention: Life of the vehicle or 10 years

4. **DAILY PRE-TRIP INSPECTION SHEETS** that verify the driver has completed the required inspections.

Retention: 6 months

5. **EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS** that document the driver's knowledge and application of evacuation procedures.

Retention: 3 years

6. **EMERGENCY EVACUATION TALK CHECKLIST** that spell out the correct and proper procedures for students and teachers to follow in the event of an emergency.

Retention: 6 months

7. **TRANSPORTATION SERVICE HOURS** that detail the schedule of service for the District's vehicles.

Retention: 6 months

8. **DRUG AND ALCOHOL TEST RESULTS** that are required of transportation section employees.

Retention: 5 years

9. **INSERVICE TRAINING RECORD** that documents the annual training provided to each driver and maintenance person.

Retention: 6 years

10. **FINGERPRINT REPORTS** from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and FBI

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Retention: Until driver resigns, is terminated or retires

11. **ANNUAL INSPECTOR FILES** that verify an inspector's competence in certain areas.
- a. Initial certification
 - b. Hands on score sheets
 - c. Inspector written test
 - d. Recertification sticker
 - e. Brake inspector qualifications

Retention: Until inspector resigns, is terminated or retires

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General Description: Records generally relating to the teaching instruction efforts that occur within the school District. The specified retention period applies to the information contained within the record, regardless of the physical format of the record (paper, microfilm, computer disk or tape, optical disk, etc.).

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1. **DISTRICT TEST SCORES (STATE AND FEDERAL MANDATED)** that reflect student academic achievement.

Retention: Permanent

2. **TEXTBOOK INVENTORY** of instructional books that are used in the classroom.

Retention: Retain until superseded + 1 year

3. **TEACHER'S GRADE BOOKS** that record the daily and term grades for each student.

Retention: 1 year + current provided term grades are recorded to the permanent student record

4. **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS TO TRAIN DRIVER EDUCATION TEACHERS**

Retention: 3 years + current

5. **APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS TO PURCHASE DRIVER EDUCATION SIMULATION EQUIPMENT**

Retention: 3 years + current

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6. **COUNSELOR RECORDS** that are used to counsel a student on specific and general aptitudes, and areas of student interest.

Retention: 3 years + current

7. **TEACHER PREP PLANS** completed by the classroom teacher that identify the weekly educational objectives and/or goals of each class instruction period.

Retention: Until no longer needed

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1. **ACQUISITION AND DEACCESSION RECORDS** that document the process of requesting, purchasing and acquiring, as well as deaccessioning, books, periodicals, audio-visual, and other library materials. Records may include but are not limited to accession and deaccession registers; correspondence with publishers; questionnaires; request forms; bibliographic data; receipt notations; and related documentation.

Retention: 3 years + current

2. **AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT LOAN RECORDS** that document the loan, rental, scheduling, and delivery of audio-visual or media material and equipment to school, District, faculty or staff. Records may include but are not limited to request forms; extension and cancellation records; borrower identification; title and material identification; shipping or delivery information; booking records; attendance and number of times media used or shown; usage statistics; accounting records concerning the cost of material; and related documentation.

Retention: 3 years + current

3. **CIRCULATION RECORDS** that document the borrowing of circulating library, audio-visual, media and learning resource center materials by students and faculty. Records may include but are not limited to name of borrower, title of material borrowed, due date, overdue status, overdue notices, and related documentation.

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Retention: 1 year after school year in which records were created.

4. **COPYRIGHT AND DUPLICATION RECORDS** that document permission received from authors, publishers, producers, and distributors of video programs and other media and materials to allow the school or District to duplicate the material without copyright infringement. Records may include but are not limited to agreements which state the terms and conditions, copyright releases, authorizing signatures, and related documentation and correspondence.

Retention: 6 years + current

5. **LIBRARY AND MEDIA INVENTORY RECORDS** that document approved lists of books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, and other library materials. Records may include but are not limited to annual inventories and lists of books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, and other materials; and lists of books and materials on specific subjects. Lists document material approved for use in the school or District; materials that may be borrowed from centralized media and resource centers; and are used in the acquisition of materials.

Retention: 3 years + current

6. **LIBRARY CATALOG RECORDS** that document the maintenance, and retrieval of the holdings of the school library; professional library; teaching resource center; and audio-visual, media, or resource center of the school and District.

Retention: Until updated + 1 year

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1. **FOOD INVENTORIES** that document all foods purchased, received and distributed by the schools.

Retention: Until audited + 1 year

2. **FOOD EQUIPMENT INVENTORIES** that record major pieces of equipment and include warranties and guarantees of cafeteria and kitchen equipment.

Retention: Life of the equipment + 1 year

3. **MENUS** which list the planned food to be served for each school day.

Retention: 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year to which they pertain

4. **DAILY FOOD PRODUCTION RECORD** documenting the quantities of food used each day.

Retention: 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year to which they pertain

5. **MEALS SERVED** identifies the daily number of meals served in each school.

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6. **PREPAID MEAL RECORD** that records meal ticket information of payments made in advance.

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7. **FREE/REDUCED MEAL ROSTER** that lists the names of the participating students.

Retention: 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year to which they pertain

8. **FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEAL RECORDS** which include application for free or reduced prices and compliance and verification records. May include additional criteria that a District uses in making a decision to approve an application.

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9. **DAILY RECEIPT REPORTS** that document the food/meal sales receipts for each day; may include cash register tape sales, cash sales, and a summary report.

Retention: Until audited + 1 year

10. **FEDERAL CLAIM FOR REIMBURSEMENT** that documents the total number of free, reduced, paid breakfasts and lunches served during the month that are being claimed for reimbursement of federal funds.

Retention: 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year to which they pertain

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11. **RECEIPTS/RECEIPT BOOKS** that documents monies received by food services for meals and services rendered.

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12. **FOOD PURCHASE ORDERS** (includes food commodities) that authorize the delivery of a specified food product, merchandise showing the amount of funds authorized for the same.

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13. **PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR FOOD SERVICE CLAIMS** that identify a request for payment to a vendor for food goods or services in accordance with approved purchase orders.

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14. **FOOD SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT** which documents in summary fashion the activities of this service area for the past year.

Retention: 5 years + current

15. **COMMODITY RECORDS** related to the distribution and usage of USDA donated foods that may include the following:

- a. Commodity agreement with the school District
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- c. Current/Daily commodity inventory
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- i. Food transfer record (food transferred to another school)
- j. Food loss/destroyed inventory

Retention: 3 years after the end of the federal fiscal year to which they pertain