As required by OMB Circular A-87, Carroll County Public Schools (CCPS) has implemented the following policies and procedures to comply with time and effort reporting for employees whose salaries are funded by federal grants.

CCPS has two types of required time and effort reporting which are separate from the payroll attendance documentation.

1. Semi Annual Certifications - to be used by employees with one funding source.
2. Bi-weekly Time Sheets – to be used by employees with more than one federal funding source or employees with a portion of federal funding.

**Semi Annual Certification**
Semi Annual Certifications are prepared by the Budget Department and distributed to administrators/directors on the last day of the reporting period. Each reporting period covers six months, with time worked during July 1 thru December 31, and then January 1 thru June 30. CCPS uses Crystal Reports to identify employees with one federal funding source and then extracts the following information from the payroll database to prepare the certifications:

- Employee’s Name
- Employee’s Title (Title I only)
- Employee’s ID Number
- FTE’s budgeted
- % Actually Worked
- Grant/Funding Source
- Local Project Number
- Employee’s Cost Center
Employees are notified by email when their certification has been sent to their administrators/directors. In this email they are instructed to contact their administrator/director to sign and date their certifications, and then to obtain the signature/date of their administrator before returning them to the Budget Department. They are instructed to sign and date on their last duty day for the reporting period. A due date is also given to encourage a quick turn around time.

All certifications are reviewed by the Budget Department for appropriate signatures and dates. A checklist of all employees requiring certification is updated to determine any that are missing. Missing certifications are followed up by contacting the administrator/directors. Certifications are filed in the Budget Department by reporting period.
Bi-Weekly Timesheets

Bi-Weekly Timesheets are prepared by the Budget Department on the first Monday of each pay period (the pay periods coincide with CCPS bi-weekly pay periods). Using Crystal Reports, the Budget Department identifies all employees with more than one or partial federal funding sources from the payroll database, and then extracts the following information to create an excel worksheet.

- Employee’s Name
- Employee’s ID
- % Employed
- Grant/Funding Source and % budgeted
- Cost Center

A timesheet template, as shown below, is maintained and updated by the Budget Department for each new pay period. Non-duty days are marked to prevent employees from logging incorrect hours.
The excel worksheet is merged into the template using an advanced mail merge, and then emailed to each identified employee. The employees are directed to fill in their position/title, and log their hours worked under each funding source. These items are also highlighted in yellow as a reminder. They are also instructed to complete the “Paid Leave” section, also highlighted yellow, to identify covered absences. These instructions can be found directly on the timesheet and serve as a reminder for the employees. Non-covered absences are presented by not logging in hours on the applicable days. Employees then print their timesheets to obtain signatures and are instructed to return completed sheets to the Budget Department within two weeks.

The Budget Department reviews the timesheets for appropriate signatures, hours and variances from the budgeted percent of effort. To ensure the federal funding sources are adequately charged, any material variations require a journal entry which is prepared by the Budget Department and reviewed by the Grant Manager. All timesheets are filed in the Budget Department.