



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board recognizes that the maintenance of a fund balance is essential to the preservation of the financial integrity of the school district and is fiscally advantageous for both the district and the taxpayer. This policy establishes goals and provides guidance concerning the desired level of year-end fund balance to be maintained by the district.

Definitions

Fund balance is a measurement of available financial resources. Fund balance is the difference between total assets and total liabilities in each fund.

GASB Statement 54 distinguishes fund balance between amounts that are considered nonspendable, such as fund balance associated with inventories, and other amounts that are classified based on the relative strength of the constraints that control the purposes for which specific amounts can be spent. Beginning with the most binding constraints, fund balance amounts shall be reported in the following classifications:

Restricted - amounts limited by external parties, or legislation (e.g., debt covenants and grants).

Committed - amounts limited by Board policy or Board action (e.g., future anticipated costs). Action must be taken by the Board to commit fund balance for the designated purpose prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Assigned - amounts that are intended for a particular purpose. Generally balances in special revenue funds or capital project funds will be designated as assigned.

Unassigned - amounts available for consumption or not restricted in any manner.

Authority

An official Board resolution shall be required to establish, modify or rescind a commitment of fund balance.

Guidelines

Use of Fund Balance

