



Book	Policy Manual
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Purpose

The Board recognizes the need to implement the required accounting and financial reporting standards stipulated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The primary objectives of implementing the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 are to assure compliance with state requirements, and properly account for both the financial and economic resources of the district.

Authority

Participation of the school district in any such activity shall be in accordance with Board policy.[\[1\]](#)
[\[2\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The responsibility to coordinate the compilation and preparation of all information necessary to implement this policy is delegated to the Business Manager.

The designated individual shall be responsible for implementing the necessary procedures to establish and maintain a fixed asset inventory, including depreciation schedules. Depreciation shall be computed on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets, using an averaging convention. Normal maintenance and repairs shall be charged to expense as incurred; major renewals and betterments that materially extend the life or increase the value of the asset shall be capitalized. A schedule of accumulated depreciation shall be consistent from year to year. The basis for depreciation, including groups of assets and useful lives, shall be determined by the district's Business Manager and in accordance with this policy.

The Business Manager shall prepare the required Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). The MD&A shall be in the form required by GASB Statement 34 and shall be submitted to the Board for approval, prior to publication.

Prior to submission of the MD&A for Board approval, the district's independent auditors shall review the MD&A, in accordance with SAS No. 52, "Required Supplementary Information".

Assets purchased with a single item dollar value exceeding \$5,000 shall be capitalized.

Similar assets with an individual value less than \$5,000, shall be capitalized when made as a single purchase but in the aggregate equivalent to or exceeding \$5,000.00.

Subscription-based IT leased asset arrangements (SBIT) lasting longer than one year, shall be capitalized when the total cost over the lease period or arrangement exceeds \$40,000.

For group asset depreciation purposes, the estimated useful life of the group may be based on the weighted average or simple average of the useful life of individual items, or on an assessment of the life of the group as a whole. Periodically, the district shall review the estimated life of groups of assets and adjust the remaining depreciation life of the group.

Assets that fall below the capitalization threshold for GASB 34 reporting purposes may still be significant for insurance, warranty service, and obsolescence/replacement policy tracking purposes. The district may record and maintain these non-GASB 34 asset inventories in subsidiary ledgers.

Legal

[1. 24 P.S. 218](#)

[2. 24 P.S. 613](#)

Governmental Accounting Standards Board, Statement No. 34