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## 8310A - PUBLIC RECORDS

The School District's public records are available for public inspection and/or copying in accordance with State law.

## **Designation of Officers**

The Treasurer shall be the District Records Officer (DRO).

## **Definitions**

"Public record" includes any document, device, or item, regardless of physical form or characteristic, including an electronic record, created or received by or coming under the jurisdiction of the Board or its employees, which serves to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the District.

"Public record" does not mean any of the following: medical records; documents containing genetic information; trial preparation records; confidential law enforcement investigatory records; and other records the release of which is prohibited by State or Federal law, including, but not limited to, student personally identifiable information and student directory information when the student's parents have affirmatively withdrawn consent for release of it in writing.

"Electronic record" includes any record having been created, generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

"Redaction" means obscuring or deleting any information that is exempt from public inspection or copying from an item that otherwise meets the definition of a "public record".

## **Location and Time**

Public records are to be available for inspection during regular business hours, with the exception of published holidays. The District shall organize and maintain public records in a manner such that they are promptly made available for inspection or copying. "Prompt" and "reasonable" take into account the volume of records requested, the proximity of the location where the records are stored, and the necessity for any legal review of the records requested. No record shall be removed from such location. A member of the staff must be present throughout the inspection and copying of such record.

While requests to inspect and/or obtain copies of records are best made in person, telephone and written requests are permitted.

While the District is responsible for promptly preparing and making available public records, State law does not require the District to provide additional information that may be related to a record but is not part of a record. In addition, the District is not required to create a new record to respond to a public request for information if no public record is available that is responsive to the request or to respond to requests for information when the information requested is not contained in a public record.

While personnel files contain public records, some specific information and/or records contained in such files may be confidential and not subject to disclosure (see AG 8320).

## **Procedures**

The following procedures shall be followed in connection with requests to inspect and secure copies of School District's public records:

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A. Requests to inspect and/or obtain copies of public records shall be submitted to the Treasurer. A public records request must at least identify the records requested with sufficient clarity to allow the District to identify, retrieve, and review the records. If it is not clear what records are being sought, the DRO shall contact the requester for clarification.

B. Individuals requesting to inspect and/or obtain copies of public records do not have to put records requests in writing and do not have to provide his/her identity or the intended use of the requested public record(s).

The District may ask that the requester's identity and reason the information is sought be in writing. The District, however, must first inform the requester that such disclosure is not mandatory, unless the request is for student directory information. The District must also inform the requester that providing such information in writing enhances the District's ability to identify, locate, and/or deliver the records sought. The District may ask that records requests be put in writing, but must also notify the requester that it is not mandatory to do so.

Each request shall be evaluated for an estimated length of time required to gather the records. Routine request for records should be satisfied immediately if feasible to do so. Routine requests include, but are not limited to, meeting minutes (both draft and final form), budgets, salary information, forms and applications, personnel roster, etc. If fewer than twenty (20) pages of copy are requested or if the records are readily available in an electronic format that can be e-mailed or downloaded easily, these should be made as quickly as equipment allows.

All requests for public records must either be satisfied (as above) or be acknowledged in writing by the DRO promptly following the District's receipt of the request. If the request for records was in writing, the acknowledgement shall also be in writing.

If a request is deemed significantly beyond "routine" (such as seeking a large volume/number of copies or requiring extensive research), the acknowledgement must include the following:

- A. an estimated number of business days necessary to satisfy the request
- B. an estimated cost if copies are requested
- C. any items within the request that may be exempt from disclosure and the reason for such exemption, including legal authority

With respect to public records that are determined to be available, the Treasurer will direct the requester to the place where the requested records may be inspected and will arrange for the preparation and certification of copies upon tender of any required fee.

Any denial of public records requested must include an explanation, including legal authority. If portions of a record are public and portions are exempt, the exempt portions are to be redacted and the rest released. If there are redactions, each redaction must be accompanied by a supporting explanation, including legal authority.

With respect to records that are determined not to be available, the Superintendent/designee will notify the requester of same, noting the reason for unavailability on the request form if one is submitted, and return one (1) copy of the form to the requestor. The Superintendent/designee shall also notify the requester of the estimated time necessary to process and fulfill the request, make arrangements with the requester for delivery of the requested records, and arrange a method of communication between the requester and the School District in the event that further information is needed by the District to fulfill the request.

# Fees

Upon request, copies of public records will be provided at the actual cost of making copies:

- A. The charge for paper copies is five cents (\$.05) per page.
- B. The charge for downloaded computer files to a compact disc is \$1.00 per disc.
- C. There is no charge for documents e-mailed.

A person who requests a copy of a public record may choose to have that record sent to him/her by United States mail or by other means of delivery or transmission provided the person making the request pays in advance for said record as well as the costs for postage and mailing supplies.

#### **Electronic Mail**

Documents in electronic mail format are records as defined by the Ohio Revised Code when their content relates to the business of the District (i.e., they serve to document the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the District). E-mail shall be treated in the same fashion as records in other formats and shall follow the same retention schedule.

Records in private e-mail accounts are subject to disclosure if their content relates to public business, and all employees or representatives of the District are responsible for retaining e-mails that meet the definition of public records and copying them to their District e-mail account(s) and/or to the records custodian.

The records custodian shall treat such e-mail/records from private accounts as records of the District. These records shall be filed appropriately, retained in accordance with the established schedules, and made available for inspection and copying in accordance with the Public Records Act.

Private e-mail, electronic documents, and documents ("private records") that do not serve to document the District's organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations or other activities are not public records. Although private records do not fall under Policy 8310 – "Public Records" or this guideline, they may fall under Policy 8315 – "Information Management" or AG 8315 – "Litigation Hold Procedure".

#### RETENTION OF RECORDS

The District Records Commission is responsible for completing an "Application for One-time Disposal of Obsolete Records" Form RC-1, and for developing the District's "Schedule of Records Retention and Disposition" – Form RC-2. Both forms must be submitted to and approved by the Ohio History Connection and the State Auditor. Subsequent revisions to the RC-2 Form must also be approved using this same process. Only in conformance with the approved "Application for One-time Disposal of Obsolete Records – Form RC-1" or the "Schedule of Records Retention and Disposition - Form RC-2" may the District's Records Commission review applications for the disposal of obsolete records. The District Records Commission will utilize the "Certificate of Disposal Form" RC-3 when required as indicated by the Ohio History Connection on the approved RC-2 form.

To facilitate the development, updating, and/or revision of the Schedule of Records Retention and Disposition, and in reviewing requests for disposal of obsolete records, the District Records Commission shall utilize the following guidelines recommended by the State Auditor's office.

# (Please Note: The State Archives retains RC-2 forms permanently. It is strongly recommended that the Records Commission retain a permanent copy of this form.)

This schedule lists records commonly created by school districts, educational service centers, and career technical schools. The retention periods specified herein are either required by statute or have been determined by best practice. Local Records Commissions may edit retention periods based on the administrative, fiscal, legal, and historical value of the records.

The local school district, education service center, or career technical school should also notate the media type of the records on the schedule in column 4. The records can be maintained on separate formats (i.e. paper and electronic) for different amounts of time.

Permanent records existing solely in electronic format may become inaccessible through media decay and/or hardware/software obsolescence. The Ohio History Connection recommends that digital records with greater than a ten (10) year retention period also be maintained in either paper or microfilm formats.

Records may not be disposed of until all audits are released and audit discrepancies have been settled. Where a lawsuit or agency proceeding is pending, a legal hold on relevant records is required. Records shall be retained until the legal hold has been removed.

ELECTRONIC MAIL (e-mail) is a format on which records are sent, received and/or drafted using electronic mailing systems. E-mail is NOT a record series. Instead, each individual e- mail should be evaluated according to its content and retained in accordance with the record series adopted within this schedule that the content most closely fits.

Before this records retention schedule is considered in effect for a particular school district it must first be signed by a local responsible official and local records commission chair, the State Archives, and the State Auditor's Office.

SCH. #	Record Series and Description	Retention Period	Media Type	For use by Auditor of State or LGRP	1
	Board and Administrative Records				
1101	Minutes – Official copy of proceedings of regular and special meetings	Permanent			
110/	Audio tapes/DVD's of Minutes – Recording of Board meetings	2 years			
1	Board Meeting Notes – Notes taken during Open Board Meetings used to formulate the minutes	1 year			
1104	Agendas – Written outlines of material to be discussed at the Board of Education meetings	1 calendar year provided audited			
	Board Meeting Packets – Packets prepared for board members. May include agendas, copies				

	of reports and informational handouts.			
106	Administrative Council Notes: Notes from Administrative Council meetings held prior to Board Meeting to review Board agenda and current activity in the District	1 calendar year		
107	Blueprints, Plans, & Maps –Provide detailed description of school facilities and property	Permanent		
108	Deeds, Easements, Leases – Real estate documents of ownership, easements and leased property by district	Permanent		
109	Board Policy Books and Other Adopted Policies – Governing rules adopted and maintained by Board of Education defining expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizing appropriate action to be taken to establish and maintain those expectations	1 year after superseded		
110	Administrative Regulations – Adoption of the school policy manual which outlines, and describes the means by which a policy should be implemented providing for the management of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation.	1 year after superseded		
111	Court Decisions – Court proceedings involving the District excluding claims and litigations	Permanent		
112	Claims and Litigations – Court processing for which the District is being or is suing for damages	Permanent		
113	opportunities and services; student	Retain until completion of State Auditor's examination report or retain for period required by grant or program, whichever is later, then destroy		
114	Boundary Records - Official legal description of school district boundaries, educational service center district boundaries, or director district boundaries	Permanent		
115	Grievance Files/Settlements/Arbitration - Documentation of settlements and arbitration, grievances filed by local collective bargaining groups			
	Historical Records, Materials and Artifacts that should be retained for Commemorative Events and Displays - Records documenting events or milestones of individual schools, school districts and educational service centers, where these events are not documented in other records (such as board minutes, transcripts, etc.) Including but not limited to award lists, baccalaureate and	Permanent		

	commencement programs, cumulative class rankings, diploma order lists, final grade point summaries, honor roll lists, graduating class history files, student newspapers, yearbooks/annuals.			
117	Monthly Administrative Reports & Supporting Documentation – Reports submitted monthly by administrators and supervisors on current activity in District associated with Board Agenda	1 calendar year		
118	Elections – Items put on the ballot (tax levy related) regarding the financial support of the District	10 years		
119	Records Retention and Disposition Forms – Records, also called RC-1, RC-2, and RC-3 forms, and other locally developed forms documenting the retention and disposition of the records of an office	Permanent		
120	Bargaining Agreements – Record of Agreements between the board and recognized local associations of certified and classified staff with regard to wages, hours and other terms of employment including notes taken during the negotiation process	8 years after superseded		
121	Budget Policy Files – annual budget (tax and appropriation) preparation and documentation	5 years		
122	Workers Compensation Claims – Claims filed by employees due to on the job injury	10 years after financial payment made		
123	Bank Depository Agreements – An agreement between a bank and the district where the bank provides a guaranteed rate of return in exchange for keeping a deposit for a fixed amount of time	4 years after completion		
124	Organization Reports	2 years provided audited		
125	needs of the students of the District	Until superseded		
126	Adopted Special Education Program – A record of programs provided to children with disabilities identified in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, rules and regulations. These programs satisfy the requirements of Ohio Educational Agencies Serving Children with Disabilities (Ohio's Operating Standards")	Until superseded		
127	Adopted Special Programs – Record of programs made available to the students to enhance their education through a variety of appropriate co-curricular and extra-curricular activities	Until superseded		
128		Retain for six years after end of school year		
129	denial of permission for the school/district to	Retain until end of school year or until superseded, whichever is later, then destroy.		

	Records documenting permission for the school/district to use student images recorded during official school activities/events, by staff or students in an official capacity (e.g. school newspaper, annual staff, etc.) Includes annual student identification/class pictures taken by school-contracted photographer. Student images include, but are not limited to, photos, video, and audio recordings.	image/recording no longer being used, Ithen destroy.		
13	Public Record Requests – Requests for records & documentation that requests were fulfilled	2 years		
13	2 Organizational Memberships	Until superseded		
133		One school year		
134	Sign In/Out Sheets	2 years		
13	& detail information to back-up Treasurer receipts		,	
136	Before and After School Child Care (Latchkey) Registration Forms	2 years		
137	Child Care License – Copy of Child Care license issued by ODE, required for outside school hours sites. Not required for after school at risk sites.	3 years plus current year provided audited		
	Employee Records			-
201	include: employment applications, performance evaluations, grievances, employment verifications, accident report(s), payroll change sheets, PERS information, exit interview, disciplinary action(s), waiver(s).	Purge and destroy 7 years after employment termination		
202	Records include: service time, salary history, leaves balances, taxes paid, resignation or retirement letter, retirement information, and waivers	75 years after employment termination.		
203	Employee Discipline Records – Records of a series of disciplinary actions leading to improvement of performance or termination from employment	7 years after termination of employment or case closed, whichever is later, or in accordance with collective contract		
204	Comp Time Cards - Accumulated and used	Current fiscal year		
205	Drug Test Records – Includes random pool eligibility lists of employees eligible to have random drug screen and drug screening results	5 years		
206		End of current school year or until superseded		
207	Employee Contracts – Written agreement between the District and the employee	4 years after termination		

208	Professional Conference Applications – Professional leave forms requesting permission to attend professional development activity	2 years provided audited	
209	Irregular Employee Contracts – Written agreement between the District and substitutes and other irregular employees benefits	4 years after contract expires	
210	Unemployment Claims – Invoice maintained by Human Resources for the payment of unemployment claims approved or denied	5 years provided audited	
211	unemployment records	5 years	
212	Applications (not hired) – Applications submitted of individuals not hired into the District	2 years provided audited	
213	Schedules of Employees	Fiscal year plus 2 years	
214	Teacher Personnel Reports (internal)	Fiscal year plus 1 year	
215	I-9 Immigration Form – Form I-9 "Employment and Eligibility Verification" for all newly hired employees to verify their identity and authorization to work in the United States. Per Department of Homeland Security regulation 8 CFR 274a.2.	3 years after date of hire or 1 year after termination, whichever is later	
216	Job Descriptions – Description of expectations and responsibilities of each job	Retain until superseded or obsolete	
217	Job Postings – Records documenting the posting and advertisement of employment positions, including, but not limited to, job descriptions, job requirements, application deadline, personnel requisition and compensation range.	2 years	
218	LPDC (Local Professional Development Committee) Licensure Records and Staff Summary Reports	Until superseded	
219	LPDC (Local Professional Development Committee) Meeting Minutes	10 years	
	responsibly for District related work	6 years	
	and contract information	5 years	
222		3 years plus current year provided audited	
	the same and the s	6 years after end of fiscal year, then destroy	
224	employee receives upon being nirea	Until superseded	
225	employees	7 years	
	Student Records Student Records - (Long-Term)		
301		Permanent	

	attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed		
302	Grades/Transcripts – Reports of subjects studied and individual student grades. Retain final grade card each year and final high school transcript. If student withdraws, retain all transcripts	75 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
303	Individual State Test Results – IOWA, COGAT, OAT, OAA, OGT, OTELA, PSAT, ACT, SAT, PLAN, EXPLORE, OPT, ASVAB, TERRA NOVA, LAS, DIAL, KRA-L, IQ - achievement ability tests	75 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
304	Foreign Exchange Records – Records of students from foreign countries	75 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
305	Home Schooled Records – Records of students living within the District that are being schooled from home	75 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
	Student Records- (Short-Term)		
306	Registration/Withdrawal Information – Record of each time a student registers or withdraws within the District	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
307	Activity Record – A list of activities students participated in during their high school years	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
308	Student Worker Applications	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
309	Discipline Records – Record of discipline that a student has received including Saturday school, suspensions, and expulsions. Record includes notices to parents.	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
310	Intervention Records – Intervention Assistance Team notes listing all of the interventions that were tried with a student to help improve academic achievement which may or may not lead to a referral for special education testing. Includes functional behavioral assessments and behavior intervention plans	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
311	Bullying/Harassment Forms – Documentation of bullying/harassment incidents within the District, along with action taken	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	
312	Gifted and Talented Student Records – Student folders including but not limited to application or offer for participation, testing or eligibility determination records, progress reports, product assessment, samples of student's works, notes, and correspondence.	6 years after graduation, withdrawal, or transfer	` <b>□</b>
313	Attendance/Absence Records – Record of student attendance/absence including daily office call sheets, sign-in sheets, and doctor & parent's notes	1 year	
314	Cumulative Photo Records	1 year after graduation	
315	Curriculum Requests/Waivers/Substitutions - Records relating to student requests for classes or waivers/substitutions, where authorizing signature/initials from school district staff is required (principal, teacher, counselor, etc.).	1 year after graduation	
316		Retain until end of school year, then destroy	
	Student Acceptable Use Policy – A form signed by parents permitting student online access, student information to be used in the	6 years	

	media as well as parent/teacher email communication					
318	Statement of Requirements and Expectations Signed and Returned by Parent/Legal Guardian	Retain until end of school year, then destroy.				
319	Student Schedules/Contact Information	Until superseded				
320	Interim Grade Reports – Mid-term status report of student performance with teacher comments not part of permanent record	End of current school year				
321	Student Organization Activity Records – Purpose clauses/budgets of student clubs engaging in financial activities	2 years after end of fiscal year				
322	Adult Basic Literacy Education/General Education Development. (ABLE/GED) Records – Includes student registration forms, release of information form, student progress forms, and standardized assessment answer sheets.	1 year				
323	Custody Court Documents – Verification of court established guardianship/custody	Until superseded or student reaches 18 years of age				
324	Notice of Placement Termination – A notice of termination of placement relinquishing care and control, noticed received from the County Juvenile Court	5 years				
325	Child Abuse/Neglect Referral Letters – Records related to suspected child abuse as reported to Child Protective Services or to the proper law enforcement agency - includes reports, confirmation of submission, correspondence, inquiries, records documenting revisions/corrections, etc.	Through graduation				
326	Teacher Grade Books/Records	3 years provided audited				
327	Pre-School Screening Profile – ASQ/SE, GGG assessment record. A screening profile used for pre-school students	3 years				
328	into the school District	5 years				
329	(granted/not granted)	5 years				
330	Emergency Information – A form containing student emergency contact information	Until superseded				
	Health/Medical Records – Student visual and hearing screening and immunization records. Also includes record of health screenings such as audio/visual, physical therapy, speechlanguage pathology, and physician instructions	10 years after last contact				
332	first aid.	2 years				
333	Free/Reduced Price Lunch Application – Confidential applications for free and reduced lunch benefits	4 years				
	Special Needs Records  In accordance with OAC 3301-51-04 and 34 CFR 300.624, parents should be informed when personally identifiable information collected, maintained or used under OAC 3301-51-04 is no longer needed to provide educational services to the child. This information must also be destroyed at the request of the parent with the exception of information described in item 301. These records may be needed beyond the retention period in connection with applications for social security or other benefits. However, unnecessarily long retention may jeopardize personal privacy.					

334	files document tutoring provided to students through special programs. They include authorization forms signed by parents allowing their child to participate in the program.	or would have normally graduated.			
335	Psychological Records (Restricted) – Records that document all students who are provided counseling, psychological services by the school's counseling center. Clinicians provide treatment concerning personal problems, academic concerns, and career concerns. Records may include extensive notes made by providers concerning the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and contacts (written, telephone, or in person) with each student; referral letters; release of medical records; letters to agencies or others concerning the students; and other related material	Retain 10 years after last contact. Inform parent or adult student before destruction pursuant to OAC-3301-51- 04 (O) (1)			
336	Evaluation Team Report (ETR) – A report that is developed after a series of assessments given by the school psychologist and others to determine whether or not the student has a disability	Retain 6 years after student graduates or would have normally graduated. Inform parent or adult student before destruction pursuant to OAC-3301-51- 04 (O) (1)			
337	Individual Education Plan (IEP) – A legal binding document that lists goals/objectives and related services that the student will receive throughout the calendar year based on the assessment results of the ETR (Evaluation Team Report)	Retain 6 years after student graduates or would have normally graduated. Inform parent or adult student before destruction pursuant to OAC-3301-51- 04 (O) (1)			
338	504/ADA Plan – Plan that allows various accommodations for a student with a general disability	Retain 6 years after student graduates or would have normally graduated. Inform parent or adult student before destruction pursuant to OAC-3301-51- 04 (O) (1)			
339	Home Instruction (HI) – Records that identify students that are on home instruction due to medical or severe behavioral needs. These records include lesson plans, progress reports, grades and time sheets of the tutor that worked with the student	Retain for 6 years after student graduates or withdraws from district, then destroy.			
340	transfer of home-based student to school/district, including placement/evaluation test results, notice of transfer, etc.	Retain for 3 years after student graduates or withdraws from district, then destroy.			
341	and notices for students determined not to be	Retain for 5 years after student determined to be ineligible then destroy.			
401	Building Account Reports – Report of maintenance and custodial services accounts	Until superseded		П	
	E-Rate Funding Application – Federal	6 years			
403	Multi-Site Monitor Review Forms – A checklist	3 years plus current year provided audited			
404	School Safety Plans – Records related to ensuring student and staff safety at school, including harassment and bullying prevention plans	Retain 6 years after obsolete or superseded, then destroy			
	Records of Drills or Rapid Dismissals and	1 year after end of fiscal year			

	School Safety Drills – Records of all tornado, fire, rapid dismissal, and school safety drills performed within a building. Records should include the identity of the person conducting the drill, date and time, notification method, staff members on duty and participating, number of occupants evacuated, special conditions simulated, problems encountered, heath conditions, and time required to accomplish complete evacuation. Records for school safety drills must contain the date and time of each drill conducted the prior school year and when they will be conducted in the current school year. See ORC 3737.73.			
406	Fire Inspection – Reports of building inspection performed by the city Fire Division	4 years provided audited		
407	Building Inspection Reports – Elevator, sprinkler, and alarm system reports	2 years		
408	Building Health Inspections – A record of all health inspections performed within a building	2 years after end of fiscal year		
409	Student Activity Records – Pay in forms, payout forms; account forms/Dist.; budget forms, requisitions; purchase order; ticket sales reports	2 years		
410	Receipt and Deposit Slips – copies of receipts for monies turned into the office	4 years provided audited		
411	Budget and Appropriation Records – Record of building budget	4 years provided audited		
412	Requisitions and Purchase Orders – Record of money being requested and a record of items purchased from the building budget	2 years		
413	Inventories – Inventory of supplies, textbooks, and other materials purchased and used with the building	Until superseded		
414	Student Handbook – Handbook containing student policies, regulations and codes	Until superseded		
415	Building Security/Surveillance videos	Use for one cycle then reuse provided no action pending		
	Central Department Records			
	Administrative Offices			
	professional days for teachers	5 years		
502	Personnel Directory – Names, phone numbers and addresses of all employees	10 years		
503	Enrollment Record (by grade/building)	Permanent		
504	District	4 years provided audited		
303	Building/Facilities and Equipment Inventory – Inventory of equipment owned by District	Until superseded provided audited		
506	Building, Boiler & Maintenance Reports – Inspection/ maintenance reports for each building including boiler inspection/ maintenance	Until superseded provided audited		
	Prevailing Wage Records - Report of hourly wages, benefits and overtime, established by regulatory agencies for each trade and	4 years provided audited		

	occupation employed in the performance of public work			
508	Rental Information – Records regarding facilities usage: building permits submitted to use facilities by school or community individuals, athletic teams or groups	2 years provided audited		
509	Work Orders – A report of all requested maintenance/custodial work	4 years provided audited		
510	Environmental Reports and Data – Reports on asbestos and other environmental issues	4 years provided audited		
511	Vandalism Reports – Reports of vandalism throughout the District	4 years provided audited		
512	Student Activity Purpose Clauses	Until superseded		
513	Sales Potential Form (Student Activities)	4 years provided audited		
514	Sales Potential Forms – Fundraising permission form including the financial summary of the fundraiser upon completion of the event	4 years provided audited		
515	Bids and Specifications (Unsuccessful) - Documentation of bids supplied by vendors for any project requesting bids in compliance with ORC	1 year provided audited		
516	Bids and Specifications (Successful) - Documentation of bids supplied by vendors awarded any project requesting bids in compliance with ORC	4 years after completion of project		
517	Contractor Files – Contractor resolutions, additions drawings, etc.	5 years after completion of project provided audited and no action pending		
	Transportation Department			
518	Driver Physical – A report of the annual physical performed on drivers	6 years (See OAC 3301-83-07-E-7)		
	Daily Bus Schedules – may show bus route, time trip began and ended, number of pupils carried, and drivers signature	Retain for 6 years after end of school year, then destroy		
520	Fuel Consumption Data – Fuel records for the buses	4 years provided audited		
521	Transportation Records – Transportation requests received from schools that include student and busing information	4 years provided audited		
522	field trips	Fiscal year plus 2 years		
7/3	Preventive Maintenance Reports – A report of work performed to maintain equipment	Fiscal years plus 2 years		
524	Warranty/Guarantee – Warranty of equipment	Life of equipment		
	Plant and Equipment Inventory	Until superseded provided audited		
526	retention period is applied.	6 years & current provided audited		
	Accident Reports - Law enforcement reports regarding bus accidents	3 years provided no action pending		
528	Vehicle Registration – Certificates of title and registration paperwork from the BMV for cars, vans, trucks, and buses.	Life of vehicle		
029	documentation of motor venicles	1 year after termination		
	Vehicle Records – Vehicle insurance, finance paperwork	As long as vehicle is owned by District		

531	Driver Certification – Bus driver certification form	1 year after termination	
532	Supplies Inventory – Shop/mechanic inventory	Until superseded	
533	Vehicle Defect Report – Record of defects on each bus	Life of vehicle	
534	Bus on Board Security & Surveillance videos	Use for one recording cycle then reuse provided no action pending	
535	Improper Student Conduct on School Buses – Records documenting instances of improper student conduct on school buses including bus route, time of incident, nature of incident, and students name	Retain for 1 year after incident, then destroy	
536	Application for Special Transportation - Application for students with physical disabilities/medical problems	Retain for 4 years after end of fiscal year or until completion of State Auditor's examination report, whichever is sooner	
537	Bus Condition Checklist - Daily evaluation of bus by drivers	Retain for 1 year after end of school year	
	Food Services Department		
538	Food Service Records – Financial information, breakfast cost sheets, milk sold, menus, students served	4 years provided audited	
539	Lunchroom Records – Cashier's daily production sheets from each building, cash register tapes	4 years provided audited	
540	Lunchroom Reports – Confidential applications for free and reduced lunch benefits	4 years provided audited	
541		4 years provided audited	
542	Lunchroom/ Food Service License – Current food service license, issued annually by the board of health of the health district in which the food service operation is located.	1 year after expiration	
543	Vendor Food Service Contract – Contract between the District and an outside vendor providing meals and snacks	3 years plus current year provided audited	
544	documentation submitted to Ohio Board of Education for program approval	Retain for 6 years after plan obsolete or superseded, then destroy	
	Financial Records		
501	Audit Reports – Past management evaluation reports, monthly claim documentation, master lists, and income eligibility applications	3 years plus current year provided audited	
	Annual Financial Reports – Financial reports prepared from the accounting system that can be reproduced from the computer records. This includes: Annual Ledgers, Budget Ledgers, Vendor Listing, Check Register, Invoice List, Purchase Order Listing, Accounts Reports, Financial Summary and Detail Reports	5 years provided audited	
503	Activity Fund Cash Journal & Ledger	5 years provided audited	
504	Bond Register	20 years after issue expires	
		Permanent	
	Investment Ledger – Report of investments owned by District	5 years provided audited	

607	Foundation Distribution – Report from the Ohio Dept. of Education for bi-monthly foundation (state basic aid) receipts	5 years provided audited	
608	Tax Settlements (Semi-Annual) and Advances  - Property tax settlement sheet including advances from the County Auditor included in the receipts	5 years provided audited	
609	Budgets (Annual) - Tax budget that is submitted annually to the County Auditor	5 years provided audited	
610	Budget Working Papers	5 years provided audited	
611	Insurance Policies – Contracts between insurer and the School district where the insurer, in exchange for premium payment, pays for damages to the School District which are caused by covered perils under the policy language.	15 years after expiration provided all claims settled	
612	Contracts – An agreement with specific terms between an entity with the School District	15 years after expiration	
613	Bonds and Coupons	Until redeemed provided audited	
614	Accounts Payable Ledger – Outstanding payables	5 years provided audited	
615	Accounts Receivable Ledgers – Outstanding revenue due to the school District	5 years provided audited	
616	Vouchers, Invoices and purchase orders – A voucher is a documentary record of a business transaction (i.e. check or invoice). A purchase order is a document itemizing products/services to be purchased from a vendor. Serves as a contract.	10 years provided audited. ORC 3313.29.	
617	State Program Files – Auxiliary services, records of non-public school funding provided by the Ohio Department of Education and through public and private grants	10 years provided audited	
618	Federal Programs – Title I (Student Progress Reports), II, III, IV-B, IDEA, IV-C, VI-B, Chapter 1, 2; Drug Free, etc.	10 years provided audited	
619	Travel Expense Vouchers – Document of expenditures for travel of district employees	10 years provided audited	
620	Tax Anticipation Notes – Documents related to the preparation, sale and history related to issuance of notes borrowed against future tax dollars	10 years provided audited	
621	State Reimbursement Settlement Sheets	5 years provided audited	
622	Unemployment Claims – Documentation of unemployment for application of unemployment benefits	5 years	
623	employee and board members	5 years	
	Certificate of Estimated Resources – County document supplied to the district certifying the estimated resources prepared by the District	15 years after expiration	
625	for the District	5 years	
526	Tax Apportionments (Semi-Annual) – Documentation prepared by the County	5 years	

	Auditor and report to the District to record receipt of property tax settlement		
627	Canceled Checks and Bank Settlements – All checking accounts reconciliation and statements	4 years provided audited	
628	Publication Notice – Legal notice of publication in the newspaper	4 years	
629	Tuition Fees and Payments – Receipt records at the Treasurer's Office	4 years provided audited	
630	Unpaid Student Fees	Through graduation	
631	School Finance (S.F.) Monthly Statements – Bi-monthly reports for the Ohio Dept. of Education to record receipts and expenditures related to the foundation payments.	4 years provided audited	
632	Investment Records – Individual record of investments bank confirmations, wire transfers, copies of CD's	4 years provided audited	
633	Travel Expense Reports	10 years provided audited	
634	State Sales Tax Reports – State of Ohio semi- annual sales tax filings, reporting any taxable sales.	4 years provided audited	
635	Student Activity Funds – Student activity funds, pay in forms, bank deposit forms and receipts confirming deposits made into student activity accounts	4 years provided audited	
636	Check Registers – Lists of checks issued by the District	4 years provided audited	
637	Deposit Slips/Cash Proofs – Receipts for deposit slips	4 years provided audited	
638	Receipt Books – Receipts issued for money received.	4 years provided audited	
639	Extra Trip Records	4 years provided audited	
640	Monthly Financial Reports – Report generated from the system to report the financial status the District prepared on a monthly basis	4 years provided audited	
641	Accounting Data – Documentation of bids supplied by vendors for any project requesting bids in compliance with ORC	4 years provided audited	
642	Service Contracts - Contracts for services provided from an outside education	4 years provided audited	
643	State Subsidy Reports – Applications for driver education, pupil transportation and special education	3 years provided audited	
644	Delivery/Packing Slips	1 year provided audited	
645	Requisitions – Documents used to request the purchase of something that is submitted for approval and then can be converted to a purchase order	1 year after end of fiscal year	
646	Non-Sufficient Fund Checks Documentation & Notifications	4 years provided audited	
	Payroll Related Records		
	period of disability	7 years	
702	Payroll Ledgers – Record of gross to net calculations by employee	75 years	
703	Earning Registers – Record of gross to net	75 years	

	calculations by employee and by calendar year		
704	as retirement contributions by employee	75 years	
705	Bureau of Employment Service Quarterly Reports – OBES reports (quarterly earnings and record of weeks worked by employee)	7 years	
706	W-2's and W-4's – Employer's copy of calendar year record of taxable earnings, a record of employee federal exemptions	6 years and current provided audited	
707	Federal Income Tax – Quarterly and annual record of federal income tax withheld and remitted IRS form 941	6 years and current provided audited	
708	4	6 years and current provided audited	
709	City Income Tax – Monthly and annual record of municipality income tax withheld and remitted	6 years and current provided audited	
710	School Income Tax – Monthly and annual record of School District income tax withheld and remitted SDIT-1	6 years and current provided audited	
711	Payroll Reports – Payroll deduction and distribution reports	4 years provided audited	
712	Payroll Update Listing	4 years provided audited	
713	Payroll Calculations – Paper and electronic reports used to balance gross net calculations	4 years provided audited	
714	State Teachers System and School Employees Retirement System Waivers – Waiver forms for students and/or jobs not eligible for retirement withholding	Permanent	
715	State Employees Retirement System (SERS) - Record of SERS withholdings monthly	4 years provided audited	
716	State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) Record of STRS withholdings per pay and annual	4 years provided audited	
717	Annuity Reports	4 years provided audited	
718	Benefit Folders/Reports – Listing of employee's benefit enrollments	4 years provided audited	
719	personal, or other leave	4 years provided audited	
720	Deduction Reports – Voluntary payroll deductions per pay that include all deduction withholdings for each employee	4 years provided audited	
721	Employee Vacation/Sick Leave Records - Records of each employee's sick and vacation leave	4 years provided audited	
722	Time Sheets - Record of hours worked	6 years provided audited	
723	Overtime Authorization	6 years	
724	Employee Insurance Bills – Monthly reconciliation of employee medical, dental and life insurance bills	4 years provided audited	
725	Paycheck Register – Listing of checks issued each pay	4 years provided audited	
726	Payroll Bank Statement – Includes bank statements and reconciliation	4 years provided audited	

727	Deduction Authorization – Forms to withhold deductions from an employee's pay	Until superseded or employee terminates	
728	Court Ordered Garnishments	4 years after cause fully paid	
	Reports		
801	State Audit s /GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) Reports- Annual financial audit reports	5 years	
802	Special Education (S.E.) Reports – Annual	7 years	
803	Vocation Education (V.E.) Reports - Annual	5 years	
804	Ohio Common Core Data (OCCD) Reports: Data on revenues and expenditures per pupil made by school districts.	5 years	
805	Drivers Education Report	5 years	
807	Alternative Learning Experience - Records documenting student participation in an alternative learning experience program. Includes but is not limited to: Letter of attestation/statement of understanding; district release form and/or shared agreement (if sharing student); written student learning plan (start/stop dates), approval date when district/teacher approves plan; estimated hours per week of student participation; instructional materials needed; timelines and methods for evaluating student progress; specific learning goals/objectives/requirements; student/teacher instructional two-way interactions/contacts/ monthly progress evaluations and weekly communications with student (and parent/legal guardian for student grades K-8) including dates when occurred	Retain for 5 years after end of school year then destroy.	
808	Civil Rights Reports – U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights Data Collection and any past reports	Permanent	
809	Title IX Reports – Includes any required reporting as requested by state or federal agencies	10 years	
810	State Minimum Standards – A record of minimum standards given to the District by the State Department	10 years	
811	Personnel State Reports (SF-1, CS-1)	4 years provided audited	
812	Worker's Comp Wage Reports	5 years	
813	Worker's Comp Payroll Reports	5 years	
814	Bank Balance Certification (Co. Auditor)	5 years	П
815	Transportation Reports – State transportation reports, T-1 and T-2	4 years provided audited	
816	EMIS Reports	7 years	
	General Records		П
901	Directives, Standards, Laws for Local, State, and Federal Governmental Agencies	Until Superseded	П
902		5 years; file with related records if	

	of the District Superintendent and Administrative staff dealing with significant aspects of the administration of the District. Includes information concerning agency policies, procedures, program, fiscal and personnel matters.	content requires longer retention; appraise for historical value.		
903	General Correspondence – Requests for information pertaining to interpretations and other misc. inquiries; informative – does not attempt to influence policy. Including copies of outgoing correspondence maintained for reference purposes.	2 years		
904	Transient Correspondence/Material – All informal and/or temporary messages and notes, including email and voice mail messages, and all drafts used in the production of public records that do not set policy, establish guidelines or procedures, certify a transaction or become a receipt. Includes communications which convey information of temporary importance, referral letters, and requests for routine information or publications provided to the public by the District which are answered by standard form letters	Retain until no longer of administrative value, then destroy		
905	Copies, Duplicates, Non-Records - Items not included in the scope of official records as defined by ORC 149.011 (G) which may include convenience copies, described as non-official copies of records, used for convenient reference, that duplicate official records kept by the office of record.	Until no longer of administrative value		
906	Exposure Reports – Report of contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials	7 years		
907	Incident/Accident Reports – A report of student/employee injuries or accidents including place, time and witnesses	7 years provided no action pending		

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