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703 ANNUAL AUDIT

[Note: The provisions of this policy reflect the applicable statutes and are not discretionary in nature.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide for an annual audit of the books and records of the education district in order to comply with law, to provide a permanent record of the financial position of the education district, and to provide guidance to the education district to correct any errors and discrepancies in its practices.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The policy of this education district is to comply with all laws relating to the annual audit of the books and records of the education district.

III. REQUIREMENT

- A. The education district board shall appoint independent certified public accountants to audit, examine, and report upon the books and records of the education district. The education district board may enter into a contract with a person or firm to provide the agreed upon services.
- B. After the close of each fiscal year, the books, records, and accounts of the education district shall be audited by said independent certified public accountants in accordance with applicable standards and legal requirements. The executive director and members of the administration shall cooperate with the auditors.
- C. The education district shall, prior to September 15 of each year, submit unaudited financial data for the preceding year to the Commissioner of Education (Commissioner) on forms prescribed by the Commissioner. The report shall also include those items required by Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7.
- D. The education district shall, prior to November 30 of each year, provide to the Commissioner audited financial data for the preceding fiscal year. The education district shall, prior to December 31 of each year, provide to the Commissioner and the State Auditor an audited financial statement in a form that will allow comparison with and correction of material differences in the unaudited data. The audited financial statement must also provide a statement of assurance pertaining to compliance with uniform financial accounting and reporting standards and a copy of the management letter submitted to the education district by its auditor.

- E. The audit must be conducted in compliance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards, the Federal Single Audit Act and the Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide issued by the Office of the State Auditor.
- F. The education district board must approve the audit report by resolution or require a further or amended report.
- G. The administration shall report to the education district board regarding any actions necessary to correct any deficiencies or exceptions noted in the audit.
- H. The accounts and records of the education district shall also be subject to audit and inspection by the State Auditor to the extent provided in Minn. Stat. Ch. 6.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 6 (State Auditor)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.02 (School District Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.09 (School Board Powers)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.14, Subd. 7 (Duties of School Board Clerk)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.77, Subds. 2 and 3 (Audited Financial Statements;
Statement for Comparison and Correction)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 702 (Accounting)
MSBA Service Manual, Chapter 7, Education Funding