

FUND BALANCE

I. PURPOSE

This Fund Balance Policy establishes the procedures for reporting unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund financial statements. Certain commitments and assignments of fund balance will help ensure that there will be adequate financial resources to protect the District against unforeseen circumstances and events such as revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures.

II. GENERAL POLICY

Fund balance is essentially the difference between the assets and liabilities reported in a governmental fund. There are five separate components of fund balance, each of which identifies the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purpose for which the amounts can be spent.

- Non-spendable fund balance (inherently non-spendable)
- Restricted fund balance (externally enforceable limitations on use)
- Committed fund balance (self-imposed limitations on use)
- Assigned fund balance (limitation resulting from intended use)
- Unassigned fund balance (residual net resources)

The first two components listed above are not addressed in this policy due to the nature of their restrictions. An example of non-spendable fund balance is inventory. Restricted fund balance is either imposed by law or constrained by grantors, constrained by grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments. This policy is focused on the financial reporting of unrestricted fund balance, or the last three components listed above. These three components are further defined below.

III. PROVISIONS

Committed Fund Balance

The Board may commit fund balance for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal actions taken, such as a majority vote or resolution. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specific use through the same type of formal action taken to establish the commitment.

IV. ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

Amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed, should be reported as assigned fund balance. The Board, District Superintendent, or District Finance Director may commit monies to the Assigned Fund Balance.

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V. UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

These are residual positive net resources of the general fund in excess of what can properly be classified in one of the other four categories. There are some reserves that do not meet the requirements of the four mentioned components of fund balance. For financial statement reporting purposes these reserves are included in unassigned fund balance.

This policy is in place to provide a measure of protection for the District against unforeseen circumstances and to comply with GASB Statement No. 54. No other policy or procedure supersedes the authority and provisions of this policy.

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