

CARE, MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS

School district records are housed in the administrative offices of the school district. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent and board secretary to oversee the maintenance and accuracy of the records. The following records shall be kept and preserved according to the schedule below:

- Secretary's financial records	Permanently
- Treasurer's financial records	Permanently
- Open meeting minutes of the board of directors	Permanently
- Annual audit reports	Permanently
- Annual budget	Permanently
- Permanent record of individual pupil	Permanently
- School election results	Permanently
- Real property records (e.g. deeds, abstracts)	Permanently
- Records of payment of judgments against the school district	20 years
- Bonds and bond coupons	11 years after maturity, cancellation, transfer, redemption, and/or replacement
- Written contracts	10 years
- Cancelled warrants, check stubs, bank statements, bills, invoices, and related records	5 years
- Minutes and recordings of closed meetings	1 year
- Program grants	Grant determined
- Nonpayroll personnel records	10 years after leaving district
- Employment applications	2 years
- Payroll records	3 years
- School meal programs accounts/records	3 years after submission of the final claim for reimbursement

In the event that any federal or state agency requires a record be retained for a period of time longer than that listed above for audit purposes or otherwise, the record shall be retained beyond the listed period as long as is required for the resolution of the issue by the federal or state agency.

Employee personnel records are housed in the administrative offices of the school district. The personnel records shall be maintained by the superintendent.

An inventory of the furniture, equipment, and other non-consumable items other than real property of the school district shall be conducted annually under the supervision of the director of business affairs. This report shall be incorporated into the annual financial statements contained in the audit, and sent to the school district's insurance agent.

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A perpetual inventory shall be maintained on consumable property of the school district under the supervision of the director of business affairs.

The permanent and cumulative records of students currently enrolled in the school district are housed in the administrative office of the attendance center where the student attends. Permanent records shall be housed in a fire resistant safe or vault, or electronically with a secure backup file. The building administrator is responsible for keeping these records current. Permanent records of students who have graduated or are no longer enrolled in the school district are housed in the high school, and will be retained permanently. These records will be maintained by the superintendent.

Special education records shall be maintained in accordance with law.

The superintendent may digitize or otherwise electronically retain school district records and may destroy paper copies of the records. An electronic record which accurately reflects the information set forth in the paper record after it was first generated in its final form as an electronic record, and which remains accessible for later reference meets the same legal requirements for retention as the original paper record.

Legal Reference: 7 C.F.R. § 210.23(c).
Iowa Code §§ 22.3, 22.7; 91A.6; 279.8, 291.6; 554D.114; 554E.119; 614.1(13).
281 I.A.C. 12.3(4); 41.624.
City of Sioux City v. Greater Sioux City Press Club, 421 N.W. 2d 895 (Iowa 1988).
City of Dubuque v. Telegraph Herald, Inc., 297 N.W.2d 523 (Iowa 1980).

Cross Reference: 206.3 Secretary
218 Board of Directors Records
401.6 General Personnel Records
506 Student Records
901.1 Public Examination of School District Records

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