

## **New Century School Policy No. 515.1**

*Adopted: 05.07.2018*

*Revised: 11.21.2022*

### **515.1 RETENTION OF RECORDS**

#### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to delineate the general records retention schedule for the school district. The purpose of a records retention schedule is to provide a plan for managing governmental records by giving continuing authority to dispose of records under Minnesota Statutes 138.17.

#### **II. General Statement of Policy**

The district will adopt the School District General Records Retention Schedule (State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Information Policy Analysis Division, January 2000) that establishes minimum retention periods for school district records based on their administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value.

#### **III. Procedures**

- a. New Century School board of directors will notify the State Archives Department of the Minnesota Historical Society that the district has officially adopted the School District General Records Retention Schedule.
- b. The director of the school will be responsible for supervising the implementation of the records retention schedule.
- c. A copy of the "School Records Retention Schedule" will be attached to this policy as published on the school website.

**Recipients of *School District General Records Retention Schedule*  
revised January, 2000**

Enclosed for the consideration and use of your school district is the revised edition of the *School District General Records Retention Schedule*, which has been approved by the Records Disposition Panel. For important information about the *Schedule*, please refer to the introduction written by Charles Rodgers of the Minnesota Historical Society State Archives Department which can be found following the *Schedule* cover.

Your school district may, or may not, need to complete and submit the Notification of Adoption form enclosed. This depends on the *Schedule* presently in place in the school district.

If your school district has not previously adopted a records retention schedule, or adopted its own approved records retention schedule, and would like to adopt this revised version, two steps must be completed. First, all or part of the *School District General Records Retention Schedule* must be adopted by the school board. Once that is accomplished, the school district must submit the Notification of Adoption form to the Records Disposition Panel. The Minnesota Historical Society will sign and return the Notification of Adoption form to the school district. At that point the school district will have the authority to dispose of records in accordance with the schedule.

In addition, if your school district has been part of a consolidation at any time, and the newly consolidated school district did not adopt the previous version of the general schedule and notify the Department of Administration of that adoption, the two steps set forth in the previous paragraph must be accomplished. Once the school district receives the signed Notification of Adoption from the Minnesota Historical Society, the consolidated school district will have the authority to dispose of records in accordance with the revised *Schedule*.

If your school district adopted the previous version of this general schedule, the school district does not need to complete and submit the Notification of Adoption form. The Minnesota Historical Society will assume that school districts which adopted the previous version will now utilize this revised *Schedule*.

If your school district has not previously adopted a records retention schedule, or developed its own schedule approved by the Records Disposition Panel, and does not adopt the revised *School District General Records Retention Schedule* the school district DOES NOT have authority to destroy records without seeking approval to destroy specific records pursuant to Chapter 138 of Minnesota Statutes. Any destruction of records without prior approval is a violation of the law.

## **Resources**

### **Questions about this schedule, data practices or for additional copies:**

Department of Administration  
Information Policy Analysis Division  
305A Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Voice: 651/296-6733  
800/657-3721  
Fax: 651/205-4219

### **Questions about archival records:**

Minnesota Historical Society  
State Archives Department  
Minnesota History Center  
345 Kellogg Boulevard West  
St. Paul, MN 55102-1906  
Voice: 651/297-4502  
Fax: 651/296-9961

# **SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Department of  
Administration

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Information Policy Analysis Division  
January, 2000

## SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

### Purpose of the General Records Retention Schedule

Records are vitally important to the operation of any organization; they serve as the organization's memory and are evidence of past events and the basis for future actions. When created, maintained and disposed of in an orderly and systematic manner, records can be a tremendous asset; when treated in a haphazard and disorderly manner, they can reduce the effectiveness of an organization and increase its costs substantially.

The purpose of a records retention schedule is to provide a plan for managing governmental records by giving continuing authority to dispose of records under Minnesota Statutes 138.17. The basis of any good records management program is the implementation of a well-developed records retention schedule. A retention schedule is a plan for the management of your records.

This School District General Records Retention Schedule establishes **minimum retention periods** for school district records based on their administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value. It lists record series common to school districts and identifies how long to retain them.

This schedule was originally developed by the Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation with the Department of Children, Families and Learning (formerly the Department of Education) and officials from Minnesota school districts. It was funded in part by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

This revised schedule was updated by school district staff, representatives of the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota School Board Association, the Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society.

### Adopting and Using the General Schedule

1. To begin disposing of records according to the general schedule, you must notify the State Archives Department of the Minnesota Historical Society that your school district has officially adopted the schedule. The enclosed form, "Notification of Adoption of School District General Records Retention Schedule," is used for this purpose.

A school district that has adopted the previous version of this general schedule does not need to notify the Minnesota Historical Society that it is adopting this revised edition of the General Records Retention Schedule for School Districts. It will be assumed that school districts which have adopted the previous version will now utilize this revised version.

2. You may adopt the entire schedule even though your school district may not have all the records listed on it. We recommend that you adopt the entire schedule. However, if this is not possible, you may adopt individual sections.
3. The Minnesota Historical Society will sign and return the Notification form to you. You will then have the authority to dispose of your government records as indicated on the schedule.
4. Compare the records in your office with the records listed on the schedule. Retention periods listed on the schedule represent the minimum length of time that you must retain your records. Once that retention period has been reached, you may either destroy them, transfer eligible records to the State Archives, or retain permanently in the school district. If you need to retain some record series longer than the listed retention, you should establish an agency policy for those records.
5. Records identified on the schedule as historical may be transferred to a local historical society, museum, public library, or interested individual with the specific, written permission of the state Records Disposition Panel.
6. The retention stated on the schedule applies to any form of the record (paper, computer tape or disk, microfilm, optical disk, electronic media, etc.). Especially in the case of electronic records, it is the responsibility of the school district to identify the official record copy in whatever form it is. An official record is a record received or created in the transaction of public business as determined by the school district. However, if you decide to change the form of a record (for instance, you microfilm a paper record) you may not be authorized to dispose of the original record. If you are considering changing the form of a record, contact the Minnesota Historical Society, State Archives Department, 651-297-4502.
7. Data Practices Classifications are effective as of the printing of this retention schedule. Because data practices issues change regularly, classifications may have changed. For current information on data practices, consult Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, or call the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Information Policy Analysis Division at (651) 296-6733.

## **Destruction Reporting**

After you destroy records according to the general schedule, send a report to the Minnesota Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society (M.S. 138.17, Subd. 7). Use a copy of the enclosed “Records Destruction Report” (RM-00065) for this purpose. This report may be submitted annually or as records are destroyed.

## **Records not on the General Schedule**

Records not listed on this schedule cannot be destroyed without submitting either an “Application for Authority to dispose of Records” (PR-1 form) or a “Minnesota Records Retention Schedule” (RM-00058).

The PR-1 form is used to request one-time authority to dispose of records. A reproducible copy of the PR-1 form is enclosed. Since an approved PR-1 gives you authority to dispose of only those records listed on the form, we recommend that you use the PR-1 only for obsolete records (records no longer being created).

For ongoing authority to dispose of records not listed on the general schedule, complete a “Minnesota Records Retention Schedule.” This form can be obtained from the Department of Administration, Information Policy Analysis Division, (651) 296-6879.

## **Duplicate Records**

This retention schedule concerns itself only with the school district’s official record copy and the retention periods assigned reflect that. It is each school district’s responsibility to identify the official record copy and to identify when to destroy any other copies of identical records, after they have lost their legal, fiscal, historical and administrative value. Duplicate copies need not be retained.

## **Category Definitions**

**Record Series Description:** A record series is a group of records clustered together because they all relate to the same topic and have the same retention period.

**Retention Period/Statute:** The retention cited is the minimum amount of time a record must be kept. A number printed alone, e.g. 10, means ten years. The stated retention does not include the year the record originates. For example, if Record A is filed by calendar year and it has a retention of 3 years, the disposal date for 1985 records is January, 1989. Statutes listed here cite specific retention periods for the records series.

**Archival:** If a Y, meaning yes, appears in this column these records must be retained permanently by the school district, because they have historical value. Records of closed school districts may be transferred to the State Archives for selection and disposition. These include defunct school districts that consolidate or merge with existing school districts and inter-district cooperative centers that dissolve. The records of closed school districts are at particular risk because there is often no clearly authorized custodian except for the State Archives as mandated by M.S. 138.17.

**Data Practices Classification:** This phrase refers to records classified by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act or other state or federal laws. The classification system includes: public, private, confidential, nonpublic or protected nonpublic. More than one classification may apply.

**Data Practices Statute:** This phrase refers to the statute or law which cites the data practices classification of the record series.



Minnesota Historical Society  
 State Archives Department  
 Minnesota History Center  
 345 Kellogg Blvd., West  
 St. Paul, MN 55102-1906  
 (651) 297-4502 Fax: (651) 296-9961

**NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION  
 OF  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
 RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

1. Complete this form and send the original and 2 copies to the State Archives Department at the above address.
2. Destruction of records according to the general schedule is **NOT** permitted until this form is signed by the Minnesota Historical Society.

School District (Name and Number)	County	Telephone (Include Area Code)
Street Address		City, Zip Code

This is to notify the Minnesota Historical Society that the school district named above has officially adopted the Minnesota School District General Records Retention Schedule. School districts are advised to adopt the entire schedule. If this is not possible, individual sections may be adopted. ("X" the appropriate items.)

The School District Adopts the Entire Schedule.

The School District Adopts Only the Following Sections:

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration      | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service      | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings           | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance           | <input type="checkbox"/> Student        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum          | <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll           |   |

Name/Title of School District Official (print)	Signature of School District Official	Date
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The Minnesota Historical Society acknowledges your Notification of Adoption of the School District General Records Retention Schedule. You are authorized to retain and dispose of records as indicated on the Schedule.

Director or Designee, Minnesota Historical Society
Date

**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

Information Policy Analysis Division  
 305A Centennial Office Building  
 658 Cedar Street  
 St. Paul, MN 55155  
 (651) 296-6733 or (800) 657-3721  
 FAX: (651) 205-4219

**RECORDS DESTRUCTION REPORT**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Print or type all information.
2. Use this form to report records destroyed under authority of a General Records Retention schedule or an approved agency retention schedule.
3. Report only records that are physically destroyed, not records transferred to the Minnesota Historical Society.
4. Reports can be submitted annually or as records are destroyed.
5. Send the original of this report to the Records Management Program at the above address.
6. Second a copy of this report to: State Archivist, MN Historical Society, MN History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.
7. For additional space, use reverse side.

Agency		Person Reporting Destruction			Date Report Submitted	
Address		City, Zip			Telephone ( )	

General Schedule Name or Agency Schedule Number (e.g. "City Gen. Sch." or "87-123")	Section of Schedule Where Record is Listed	Item No. As Listed on Schedule	Record Title (use same title listed on schedule)	Inclusive Dates	Date Destroyed	Quantity* (Cubic Feet)

<b>*VOLUME CHART TO DETERMINE CUBIC FEET</b>						
Letter Size Drawer	=1.5	Record Center Box	=1.0	3 x 5 Card	= 0.1	Total Cubic Feet Destroyed (include records listed on back)
Legal Size Drawer	=2.0	12" x 15" x 10"		4 x 6 Card	=0.2	
Shelving 4' Letter	=2.3	Transfer Case	=2.5	5 x 8 Card	=0.3	
Shelving 4' Legal	=3.0	24" x 16" x 11"		Printouts 1	=1.25	

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# MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## STATE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

### APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF RECORDS

FOR USE BY RECORDS PANEL	
Application No.	Date

**Instructions:**

- This form does not provide continuous authority to dispose of similar records and cannot be used to approve a records retention schedule.
- Complete original and three copies. Photocopies are acceptable.
- Complete items 1 through 6 and item 8. Use reverse side to continue records description. If more space is needed, use plain paper.
- Send original and two copies to the **State Archives Department, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.**
- Retain one copy until your approved copy is returned. The approved copy will be your authority to dispose of records. It should be retained permanently.
- Additional copies of this form are available from the address above or by telephoning (651) 297-4502. (FAX: (651) 296-9961).

**NOTE: Laws of 1971, Chapter 529, Section 3 reads as follows: "It is the policy of the legislature that the disposal and preservation of public records be controlled exclusively by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 138 and by this act, thus, no prior, special or general statute shall be construed to authorize or prevent the disposal of public records at a time or in a manner different than prescribed by such chapter or by this act and no general or special statute enacted subsequent to this act shall be construed to authorize or prevent the disposal of public records at a time or in a manner different than prescribed in chapter 138 or in this act unless it expressly exempts such records from the provision of such chapter and this act by specific reference to this section."**

1. Agency or Office	2. Division or Section	3. Quantity of Records  _____ Cubic Feet
4. Location of Records	5. Laws other than M.S. 138.17 that relate to the destruction or safekeeping of the records:	
6. I certify that the records listed on this application are accurately described, and that they have no further administrative, legal, or fiscal value for this agency.	<b>AUTHORIZATION:</b> Under the authority of M.S. 138.17, it is hereby ordered that The records listed on this application be destroyed, except as shown in item 7.	
Authorized Signature (Type name below)	Director, Minnesota Historical Society	Date
Name	Legislative or State Auditor	Date
Title	Attorney General	Date

7. Exceptions to Destruction. (For use by Records Disposition Panel).

**8. Description of Records.** Describe each record series or type of record separately. Number each series, beginning with "1".

A. Item No.	B. Name of record, form numbers, content, usage, arrangement, original duplicate, or microfilmed.	C. Inclusive Dates

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## STATE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

### TRANSFER OF RECORDS TO STATE ARCHIVES

<b>MHS USE ONLY</b>	
Received By	
Date	No. Boxes
Comments	

**Instructions:**

1. Pack all records in standard records storage boxes, unless otherwise authorized by Archives staff.
2. Sequentially number boxes.
3. Records must be in labelled folders or otherwise clearly identified.
4. Retain one copy of this form for your records. Send original with your records to State Archives at the address below.
5. Transferred records cannot be withdrawn from the Archives except in special circumstances. Records are available for use in the Society's Research Center at **345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1906 - (651) 297-4502, (FAX: 651 296-9961).**
6. For additional space, use reverse side.

Agency	Division/Section	Telephone ( )
Address	City, State, Zip Code	
Name/Title of Person Transferring Records (Print or Type)	Signature	Date

**RECORDS TRANSFERRED**

Box Number	Description of Records in Each Box (including files, titles, and subtitles)	Inclusive Dates of Records

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State of Minnesota  
School District General Records Retention Schedule  
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## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Administration

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
ADM00100	Affidavit of Publication	Public Hearings, Budget Publication, Debt Offerings	1 Year following completion of audit	No	Public
ADM00200	Election Records	Ballots, Notices, Notifications, Publications	1 Year after Canvas or Challenge	No	Public
ADM00300	Annual Reports to Board of Education	Reports Generated by District (PER, Accountability Reports, formal Annual Report in Accordance With MN Statute 120B.11	Retain permanently; has historical value, MS 120B.11	Yes	Public
ADM00310	Annual/Periodic Reports to Local Board of Education	Final/Actual Reports Generated by State	6 Years	No	Public
ADM00400	Authority to Dispose of Records (If Applicable)	Application for Authority to Dispose of Records form	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43 MS 13.32 MS 13.39
ADM00500	Boundary Changes - District	Consolidation, Detachment, Annexation, and Dissolution	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM00600	Calendar - Adopted and Actual	Number of Days and Length of Day by School and Grade Level, Reflecting Updated Activities During the Year.	3 Years MS 127A.41, Subd. 5	No	Public
ADM00700	Census, Annual School	1979 and Earlier	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Private MS 13.32
ADM00710	Census, Annual School	1980 - Current	3 Years	No	Private MS 13.32

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Section: Administration

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
ADM00720	Census, Certified Reports	Conducted Once Per Decade	Permanent	No	Public
ADM00800	Closed Rural Schools	Includes: Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Teacher's Records of Closed Rural Schools Which Were Consolidated into the Independent District.	Transfer to the State Archives for Selection and Disposition	Yes	Public
ADM00900	Correspondence/ Administrative	Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal and Other Administrators Unless Otherwise Specifically Addressed Elsewhere in Records Retention Schedule	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32 MS 13.43
ADM01000	Court Case/Trial information	Litigation Correspondence	10 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32 MS 13.43 MS 13.90
ADM01010	Court orders		1 Year after Action is Completed	No	Public/Private MS 13.32 MS 13.43
ADM01100	Grant Applications	Successful	3 Years -- For Federal Funds three (3) years after completion of the activity for which the funds were used. 20 U.S.C. Section 1232f(a)	No	Public
ADM01110	Grant Applications	Unsuccessful	1 Year	No	Public

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Section: Administration

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
ADM01200	Inservice Workshops	Attendance Records, Agenda and Materials (Employee Right to Know, Blood Borne Pathogens, Etc.)	3 Years	No	Public
ADM01300	Inter District Cooperatives	Includes Vocational, Special Ed and Special Purpose Cooperatives formed by Joint Powers Agreements. Records Should Be Retained and Disposed of in Accordance With the Retention Periods for the Specific Series of Records Listed in Schedule	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01400	Minutes	Board Minutes	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01410	Minutes	Officially Designated Committees	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01420	Minutes	Other Than Referred to in ADM01300, ADM 01400, and ADM 01410	1 Year	Yes	Public
ADM01430	Minutes - Tape Recordings	Board Minutes Only	Until Transcribed and Approved	No	Public
ADM01440	Board Policies		3 Years after Change	No	Public
ADM01500	Negotiations - See Personnel				
ADM01600	Newsletters and Publications	District Generated	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01610	Newsletters and Publications	Student Generated School Newspapers	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
ADM01700	Parent Teacher Association Records	Secretary's Books, Treasurer's Books, and Scrapbooks.	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01800	Media Center/Librarian Reports		3 Years	No	Public
ADM01900	Video Tapes	Building Security/Transportation Tapes	Until Relooped	No	Private/Public MS 13.32 MS 13.43
ADM02000	E-Mail		Same as Correspondence	No	Private/Public MS 13.32 MS 13.43

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Building

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Examples and Descriptions</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	<b>Archival</b>	<b>Data Practices Classification/ Statute</b>
BLD00100	Accident/Damage Records	School Property-Related	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00200	Building Maintenance Records		Until Obsolete	No	Public
BLD00300	Building Permits	Applications (initial/interim), Inspection Reports, Plans, Etc.	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00400	Building Program Records	Current and Projected Needs. Review and Comment	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00500	Buildings and Grounds Records	Blueprints, Construction Specifications, Abstracts, Deeds, Title Papers, Final inspection Reports, Land and Building Occupancy Approval	Permanent	No	Public
BLD00600	Fixed Asset Records	Equipment, Fixtures, and Materials, inventory and Depreciation	Life of Item	No	Public

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Examples and Descriptions</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	<b>Archival</b>	<b>Data Practices Classification/ Statute</b>
BLD00100	Accident/Damage Records	School Property-Related	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00200	Building Maintenance Records		Until Obsolete	No	Public
BLD00300	Building Permits	Applications (initial/interim), Inspection Reports, Plans, Etc.	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00400	Building Program Records	Current and Projected Needs. Review and Comment	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00500	Buildings and Grounds Records	Blueprints, Construction Specifications, Abstracts, Deeds, Title Papers, Final inspection Reports, Land and Building Occupancy Approval	Permanent	No	Public
BLD00600	Fixed Asset Records	Equipment, Fixtures, and Materials, inventory and Depreciation	Life of Item	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Community Education

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
CED00100	Annual Reports	See Finance			
CED00200	Applications by individuals for Adult Education		1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
CED00300	Certificate of Compliance	Verifies Cooperation Between District and Other Governmental Agencies. Joint Powers Agreements	Permanent, MS 471.59	No	Public
CED00400	Class Schedule - Master		1 Year	No	Public
CED00500	Financial Records	See Finance			
CED00600	Grants	See Administration			
CED00700	Minnesota DCF&L Reports	Early Childhood Family Education, Home School, Adult Basic Education, English As A Second Language, General Education Development, Other State Programs	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
CED00800	Minutes	See Administration			

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Curriculum

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
CUR00100	Class Lists-Elementary and Secondary		1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
CUR00200	Class Schedules		1 Year	No	Public
CUR00300	Curriculum Development	Support Data, Recommendations, Programs and Procedures	6 Years	No	Public
CUR00400	Daily Plan Books - Teacher's		1 Year	No	Public
CUR00500	Duty Rosters - Teacher's		1 Year	No	Public
CUR00600	Grade Books - Teacher's		1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
CUR00700	Textbooks	Adoptions	6 Years	No	Public
CUR00710	Textbooks	Inventories	6 Years or Until Obsolete	No	Public



## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Food Services

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FDS00100	General Correspondence	See Administration	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS00200	DCF&L/Federal USDA Reporting	Commodities, Milk Program	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R & 210.8	No	Public
FDS00300	Application /Agreement With State Agency	Free/Reduced Price Meal Policy Statement	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R & 210.3	No	Public
FDS00400	Free/Reduced Price Meal Applications	All Approved and Denied Applications, DHS Free School Meal Notices, Notice of Denial to Parents, Rosters of Eligible Students, Verification Records	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 245.6	No	Private MS 13.32
FDS00600	Service Agreements/Catering Contracts	Head Start, Meals On Wheels, Etc.	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R & 210.3	No	Public
FDS00700	Food Production information	Daily Food Production Record, Menus	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.13	No	Public

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Section: Food Services

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FDS00800	Daily Meal Count Report With Edit Checks		3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.7	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS00900	Monthly Payment Vouchers		3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.13	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS01000	On Site Review Record		3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.8	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS01100	Financial Records	Breakfast, Lunch, Ala Carte, Etc. (Supporting Documentation May include invoices, Purchase orders, Etc.) Student, Adult Federal and State Income and All Other Sources	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.20 and 210.5	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS01200	Inventory	Audit Trail for USDA Commodity Usage, Year End Physical Inventory	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01410	Inventory (Food and Supplies)	Quotes (Unsuccessful and Successful)	1 Year and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01410	Inventory (Food and Supplies)	Bid (Unsuccessful and Successful) Request Summaries	6 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01420	Inventory (Food and Supplies)	Requisitions (for Moving Supplies or Equipment Within District)	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public

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Section: Food Services

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FDS01500	Cashier's Reports	Daily, Weekly, and Monthly	6 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. 210.8 and 210.20	No	Public
FDS01600	Operating Reports	Breakfast, Lunch, and A'La Carte Participation Reports	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01610	Operating Reports	Revenue and Expenditure Reports	6 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Finance

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FIN00100	Abstracts/Deeds/Title Papers/Mortgages	See Buildings			
FIN00200	Accounts Payable	Credit Memos, Freight Bills/Claims, Bills of Lading, Purchase orders, Acknowledgments/Orders/Shipping Notices, Invoices and Purchasing Contracts, Claims/Vouchers (Merchandise Purchased, Services Rendered, Travel Expenses), 1099	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
FIN00210	W-9 form		6 Years after Final 1099 Issued	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
FIN00300	Year-End Financial Reports	Revenue and Expenditure Summary Transaction Reports	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00305	Year-End Financial Reports	Revenue and Expenditure Detailed Transaction Reports	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00310	Year-End Financial Reports	UFARS Revenue and Expenditure Report to State	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00315	Year-End Financial Reports	Special Funded Projects Report	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00320	Year-End Financial Reports	Note: includes Clerks and Treasurer's Reports (Register of Receipts/Disbursements, Treasurer's Annual Report, Treasurer's Books of Records. (1932 and Earlier)	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Finance

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FIN00325	Year-End Financial Reports	Note: includes Clerks and Treasurer's Reports (Register of Receipts/Disbursements, Treasurer's Annual Report, Treasurer's Books of Records. (Post 1932)	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00330	Year-End Financial Reports	Accounts Receivable, Numbered Receipts, Accounts Receivable Invoices, Remittance Advice	6 Years	No	Public
FIN00335	Year-End Financial Reports	General Ledger, General Journals, Journal Entries, Disbursements Journal, Check Register Adopted and Revised Budget, Budget Publications, Balance Sheet, Receipts Journal	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00400	Audit Reports		Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
FIN00500	Bank Statements/ Reconciliation's	Checks, Cancelled, Returned or Voided. (Must Be original Check - Not Microfiche)	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
FIN00510	Bank Statements/ Reconciliation's	Statement of Pledged Securities	6 Years after Expiration	No	Public
FIN00600	Bonds and Coupons	Bond Ledgers/Registers	Until Debt Is Retired and Audit	No	Public
FIN00700	Bond Issues - Official Statements	Enabling Documentation	Permanent	No	Public
FIN00800	Building and Land Contracts	See Buildings			

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Finance

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FIN00900	County Auditor Statements	Tax Settlement Report and Taxes Receivable Report	6 Years	No	Public
FIN01100	Insurance Documents	Fidelity/Surety Bonds	6 Years after Expiration	No	Public
FIN01110	Insurance Documents	Insurance Bids, Health, Dental, Life etc. (Accepted and Rejected)	6 Years	No	Public
FIN01120	Insurance Policies	Health, Property, Liability, etc., Policies, Amendments and Waivers	20 Years	No	Public
FIN01200	Inventory	Year End Inventory List, Warehouse Listing, Library Holdings	3 Years	No	Public
FIN01300	Leases/Agreements		3 Years after Expiration	No	Public
FIN01400	Levies		6 Years	No	Public
FIN01500	Property Appraisals		Until Superseded	No	Public
FIN01600	Sealed Bids	Successful and Unsuccessful	6 Years after Award	No	Public
FIN01700	Quotes	Successful and Unsuccessful, MS 471.345	1 Year after Receipt	No	Public
FIN01800	Student Activity Accounts	Cash Receipts, Vouchers, Cancelled Checks, Ledgers, and Journals	6 Years	No	Public
FIN01900	Transportation - Annual Report		6 Years	No	Public
FIN02000	Transportation Contracts	With Independent Contractors	6 Years	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Heath & Safety

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
HSF00100	Infectious Disease and Occupational Exposure Files*	Files On Each Employee Dealing With Safety and Training On Diseases Such As Hepatitis and Aids. Retain in Employee's Medical File.	3 Yrs. after Separation	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00200	OSHA - Citations of Penalty	Notifications of Violations by the District	Until Violation Has Been Corrected	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00300	OSHA - Employee Accident Reports	OSHA Report Numbers 200 and 101	5 Yrs. after Accident	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00400	OSHA - Employee Exposure Records	Any information Concerning Employee Exposure to Toxic Substances or Harmful Physical Agents.	30 Yrs. after Termination or Retirement	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00500	Safety Committee Agendas and Minutes		3 Years	No	Public
HSF00600	Training Records - Right to Know		3 Yrs. after Separation	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Payroll

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
PAY00100	Cafeteria Plan Records		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00300	Check Requests for Manual Checks	Lost or Missing Check Replacement, etc.	2 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00400	Dues Deduction Authorization	Union Dues	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00500	Garnishments	Wage Garnishment, Notice of Bankruptcy, Wage Levy and Related Documents	3 Years after Expiration	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY00700	Payroll Register	Name; Address; Date of Birth; Occupation; Rate of Pay; Compensation Earned Each Week	Permanent, 29 C.F.R. & 1627.3(a)	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00800	Pera Eligibility Sheets and Reports		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00900	Prior Years' Quarterly FICA		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01000	Quarterly Report of Local Government	Employees and Wages (Weeks or Hours Worked)	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01100	Salary Deduction Sheets		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01200	Voluntary Withholdings	Requests for Withholding (United Way, Savings Bonds, etc)	2 Years after Expiration or Until Superseded	No	Public/Private MS 13.43



## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Payroll

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
PAY01300	Stop Payment Orders and Bonds		6 Years	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY01400	Tax Reports	Federal, Minnesota and Other States	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01500	Tax Sheltered Annuity - Contracts		Permanent, 29 C.F.R. & 1627.3(b)(2)	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY01600	Tax Sheltered Annuity - Authorization	457 and 403(B) Plans	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY01700	Time Sheets		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01800	TRA / PERA - Retirement Remittance Report	Monthly and Annual Reports	6 Years, MS 354.52	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY02000	W-2 Statements (Employer's Copy)		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY02100	W-4 Statements		Until Superseded or 6 Years after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER00100	Employee Medical Records*	Any information Concerning the Health Status of An Employee Which Is Made or Maintained by A Physician, Nurse, or Other Health Care Personnel, or Technician.	30 Yrs. after Termination or Retirement	No	Private MS 13.42 MS 13.43
PER00110	Employee Medical Records*	Includes Medical and Employment Questionnaires or Histories, Medical Exams, Medical Opinions, Descriptions of Treatments and Prescriptions, and Employee Medical Complaints.	30 Yrs. after Termination or Retirement	No	Private MS 13.42 MS 13.43
PER00120	Request for Leave	Requests for Leave (Vacation , Sick, Personal, etc.)	6 Yrs. after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00200	Leave of Absence Reports	Formal Reports to PERA, TRA, etc., Regarding Unpaid, Board-Approved Leaves	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00210	Discrimination Claim Records	Sexual Harassment and Discrimination	Until Final Disposition of the Charge or Action	No	Public/Private/ Confidential MS 13.43 MS 13.39
PER00220	First Report of Injury*	If Maintained With Worker's Compensation File, Retain for 20 Years.	Permanent, MS 176.151	No	Private MS 13.43 MS 176.231

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER00300	Applications for Employment/Resume/ Interview Documents	Licensed and Classified - Not Hired. Any and all employment records, including but not limited to, application forms, resumes, cover letters, interview notes, interview questions and answers, job inquiries, rejection letters and other documents regarding	2 Years or until final disposition of a discrimination charge, 29 C.F.R. 1602.14(a), 29 C.F.R. 1602.40, 29 C.F.R. 1627.3(b)(1), Minn. Rules 5000.2250	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00310	Applications for Employment/Resume/ and Supporting Documentation	Licensed and Classified - Hired ( in personnel file). Any and all employment records, including but not limited to, application forms, resumes, cover letters, interview notes, interview questions and answers, job inquiries, rejection letters and other doc	6 Years or until final disposition of a discrimination charge, 29 C.F.R. 1602.14(a), 29 C.F.R. 1602.40, 29 C.F.R. 1627.3(b)(1), Minn. Rules 5000.2250	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00400	Arbitration Decisions		Permanent	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00500	Contracts and Assignments		6 Yrs. after Termination	No	Public
PER00700	Equal Employment Opportunity Reports/Summary Data (EEOC/MNCRIS)		3 Years, 29 C.F.R. 1602.39	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER00900	Grievance Files	Employee Grievances and/or Complaints Filed Under A Labor Agreement or Personnel Rules. This Also Related to Arbitration Files and Related Court Cases.	Permanent	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01000	Insurance: Group Master Policies, Contracts and Agreements	See Finance			
PER01100	Insurance: Reports	Insurance Census, Premium Reports, Etc.	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01200	STARS Report	Annual STARS Report to State	1 Year Until Superseded	No	Public
PER01300	Insurance Records: Enrollment Cards		Until Superseded	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01400	Insurance Records: Employees On Leave of Absence	Employees on Leave of Absence, Family Medical Leave Act, Long-term Disability, Retired Teachers, Surviving Spouse, Terminated Employees	2 Years after Insurance Coverage Terminates	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01800	Labor Contracts	Contracts Between School District Management and Various Bargaining Units including: Correspondence, Salary Schedules, Personnel Policies.	Permanent	Yes	Public
PER02000	Long Term Disability Claims/Awards		10 Years after Final Settlement of Claims	No	Public/Private MS 13.43

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER02100	Job Descriptions		Until Superseded	No	Public
PER02200	Mediation Records		Permanent	No	Public
PER02300	Negotiations Records	Costing Records, Negotiations Strategy Session Tapes	2 Years after Completion of all BMS Certified Negotiations. MS 471.705(1a)	No	Public/Private MS 471.705
PER02400	Pay Equity: Classification Studies and Working Papers		Until Superseded	No	Public
PER02500	Pay Equity: Summary		Permanent	No	Public
PER02700	Personnel Files - Individual	Containing Citations, Personal History, Employee References, and Letters of Appointment/Promotion, Performance Records, Termination/Resignation, I-9 form, Evaluations, All Personnel and Employment Records, including, but not limited to, Documents Relating	6 Yrs. after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER02720	Personnel: Deficiency Reports	Letters of Advice, Reprimands, Letters of Deficiency, Letter of Direction and Correction, Notices of Suspensions.	6 Years after Termination or by Mutual Agreement To Expunge	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER02730	License and Certifications	Notice of Voluntary Surrender of Teaching License	Until Superseded	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER02740	Employee's Response Letter to Any Document in Personnel File		Same As Document To Which They Are Responding MS122A.40, Subd. 19	No	Private MS 13.43
PER02750	Seniority Lists		Full period the system is in effect and at least one (1) year after termination, 29 C.F.R. 1627.3(b)(2)	No	Public
PER02800	Recruitment Records	Relating to Posting, Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment to Each Position, Advertising	2 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER03000	Unemployment Claims/Compensation	Claims for Unemployment	2 Years after Claim Resolution	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER03100	Worker's Compensation - Claims	Injury Reports and Correspondence Dealing With injuries.	20 Years	No	Private MS 13.43 MS 176.231
PER03200	Worker's Compensation	Claims Summary, Summary information From Carrier	6 Years after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43 MS 176.231

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Special Education

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
SPC00100	Special Education Records		The permanent record of the student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance, and grade level completed may be maintained without time limitation 34 C.F.R. 300.573(b)	No	Private MS 13.32

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Students

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
STD00200	Accident Reports - Student		Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00300	Achievement and Standardized Tests Results	Testing As Determined by District	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00400	Emergency Care Information		Until Superseded or 3 Years after Graduation/Leave District	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00500	Attendance and Membership Data	Summary of Yearly Attendance by Student As Recorded in Cumulative File	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00510	Attendance and Membership Data	MARRS Data - Detailed	3 Years	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00600	Health and Immunization information		At least five (5) years after the student attains the age of majority (18), so until the age of (23) MS 123.70, Subd. 7	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00610	School Nurse Notes	Anecdotal Records	6 Years after Graduation/Leave District	No	Private MS 13.32



## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Students

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
STD00610	Health Room Log	Daily Record of Student Reporting to Health Room (Excluding Anecdotal Records)	6 Years after Graduation/Leave District	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00700	Cumulative File	Including Record of Access, Log In/Out Record for Review or Transfer of Student Records	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00800	Demographic Information	District Census	Permanent	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
STD00810	Demographic Information	Student Directory information	1 Year	No	Public
STD00820	Demographic Information	Student Family information, including Dissolution or Custody Orders, etc.	Until Leave District or Superseded by Subsequent order, whichever sooner	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
STD00900	LEP Reports	Home Language Reports (LEP)	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
STD01000	Extra and Co-curricular Participation Records	Team Results, Participation, Contracts, (If included in Cumulative File - Permanent Retention)	1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01100	Homeschool Records		Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01200	Preschool Screening		Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Students

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
STD01300	Nonresident Pupil Attendance Applications/Agreements		3 Years after Graduation	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01410	School Performance Data	Yearly Report Cards	1 Year after Transfer of Permanent Cumulative File	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01420	School Performance Data	Transcripts	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01500	Auxiliary Organization Records	Clubs, interest Groups, Student Councils, Athletic Associations	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
STD01510	Auxiliary Organization Records	Graduation Programs	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
STD01520	Auxiliary Organization Records	Activity Funds - Treasurer's Records, Bylaws, Membership Records, Meeting Minutes	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
STD01530	Driver Education Files		1 Year	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Transportation

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
TRN00100	Claims for Transportation Aid		3 Years	No	Public
TRN00200	Contractor Correspondence/Reporting		3 Years after Completing Contract	No	Public
TRN00300	Contracts With Independent Contractors		3 Years after Completing Contract	No	Public
TRN00400	Equipment Inventories	See Buildings			
TRN00500	Equipment Maintenance Records		Life of Equipment	No	Public
TRN00600	Minnesota DCF & L Reports	Annual Reports and Student Ridership Categories	3 Years	No	Public
TRN00700	Pupils Transported for Aid Entitlement	Lists Containing Names of Students	3 Years, MS+D19 127A.41	No	Private MS 13.32
TRN00800	Transportation Mileage Records		3 Years	No	Public
TRN00900	Transportation Reimbursements		6 Years	No	Public

**Recipients of *School District General Records Retention Schedule*  
revised January, 2000**

Enclosed for the consideration and use of your school district is the revised edition of the *School District General Records Retention Schedule*, which has been approved by the Records Disposition Panel. For important information about the *Schedule*, please refer to the introduction written by Charles Rodgers of the Minnesota Historical Society State Archives Department which can be found following the *Schedule* cover.

Your school district may, or may not, need to complete and submit the Notification of Adoption form enclosed. This depends on the *Schedule* presently in place in the school district.

If your school district has not previously adopted a records retention schedule, or adopted its own approved records retention schedule, and would like to adopt this revised version, two steps must be completed. First, all or part of the *School District General Records Retention Schedule* must be adopted by the school board. Once that is accomplished, the school district must submit the Notification of Adoption form to the Records Disposition Panel. The Minnesota Historical Society will sign and return the Notification of Adoption form to the school district. At that point the school district will have the authority to dispose of records in accordance with the schedule.

In addition, if your school district has been part of a consolidation at any time, and the newly consolidated school district did not adopt the previous version of the general schedule and notify the Department of Administration of that adoption, the two steps set forth in the previous paragraph must be accomplished. Once the school district receives the signed Notification of Adoption from the Minnesota Historical Society, the consolidated school district will have the authority to dispose of records in accordance with the revised *Schedule*.

If your school district adopted the previous version of this general schedule, the school district does not need to complete and submit the Notification of Adoption form. The Minnesota Historical Society will assume that school districts which adopted the previous version will now utilize this revised *Schedule*.

If your school district has not previously adopted a records retention schedule, or developed its own schedule approved by the Records Disposition Panel, and does not adopt the revised *School District General Records Retention Schedule* the school district DOES NOT have authority to destroy records without seeking approval to destroy specific records pursuant to Chapter 138 of Minnesota Statutes. Any destruction of records without prior approval is a violation of the law.

## **Resources**

### **Questions about this schedule, data practices or for additional copies:**

Department of Administration  
Information Policy Analysis Division  
305A Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Voice: 651/296-6733  
800/657-3721  
Fax: 651/205-4219

### **Questions about archival records:**

Minnesota Historical Society  
State Archives Department  
Minnesota History Center  
345 Kellogg Boulevard West  
St. Paul, MN 55102-1906  
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# **SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Department of  
Administration

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Information Policy Analysis Division  
January, 2000

# SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

## Purpose of the General Records Retention Schedule

Records are vitally important to the operation of any organization; they serve as the organization's memory and are evidence of past events and the basis for future actions. When created, maintained and disposed of in an orderly and systematic manner, records can be a tremendous asset; when treated in a haphazard and disorderly manner, they can reduce the effectiveness of an organization and increase its costs substantially.

The purpose of a records retention schedule is to provide a plan for managing governmental records by giving continuing authority to dispose of records under Minnesota Statutes 138.17. The basis of any good records management program is the implementation of a well-developed records retention schedule. A retention schedule is a plan for the management of your records.

This School District General Records Retention Schedule establishes **minimum retention periods** for school district records based on their administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value. It lists record series common to school districts and identifies how long to retain them.

This schedule was originally developed by the Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society in cooperation with the Department of Children, Families and Learning (formerly the Department of Education) and officials from Minnesota school districts. It was funded in part by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

This revised schedule was updated by school district staff, representatives of the Minnesota Association of School Business Officials, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Minnesota School Board Association, the Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society.

## Adopting and Using the General Schedule

1. To begin disposing of records according to the general schedule, you must notify the State Archives Department of the Minnesota Historical Society that your school district has officially adopted the schedule. The enclosed form, "Notification of Adoption of School District General Records Retention Schedule," is used for this purpose.

A school district that has adopted the previous version of this general schedule does not need to notify the Minnesota Historical Society that it is adopting this revised edition of the General Records Retention Schedule for School Districts. It will be assumed that school districts which have adopted the previous version will now utilize this revised version.

2. You may adopt the entire schedule even though your school district may not have all the records listed on it. We recommend that you adopt the entire schedule. However, if this is not possible, you may adopt individual sections.
3. The Minnesota Historical Society will sign and return the Notification form to you. You will then have the authority to dispose of your government records as indicated on the schedule.
4. Compare the records in your office with the records listed on the schedule. Retention periods listed on the schedule represent the minimum length of time that you must retain your records. Once that retention period has been reached, you may either destroy them, transfer eligible records to the State Archives, or retain permanently in the school district. If you need to retain some record series longer than the listed retention, you should establish an agency policy for those records.
5. Records identified on the schedule as historical may be transferred to a local historical society, museum, public library, or interested individual with the specific, written permission of the state Records Disposition Panel.
6. The retention stated on the schedule applies to any form of the record (paper, computer tape or disk, microfilm, optical disk, electronic media, etc.). Especially in the case of electronic records, it is the responsibility of the school district to identify the official record copy in whatever form it is. An official record is a record received or created in the transaction of public business as determined by the school district. However, if you decide to change the form of a record (for instance, you microfilm a paper record) you may not be authorized to dispose of the original record. If you are considering changing the form of a record, contact the Minnesota Historical Society, State Archives Department, 651-297-4502.
7. Data Practices Classifications are effective as of the printing of this retention schedule. Because data practices issues change regularly, classifications may have changed. For current information on data practices, consult Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13, or call the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Information Policy Analysis Division at (651) 296-6733.



## **Destruction Reporting**

After you destroy records according to the general schedule, send a report to the Minnesota Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society (M.S. 138.17, Subd. 7). Use a copy of the enclosed “Records Destruction Report” (RM-00065) for this purpose. This report may be submitted annually or as records are destroyed.

## **Records not on the General Schedule**

Records not listed on this schedule cannot be destroyed without submitting either an “Application for Authority to dispose of Records” (PR-1 form) or a “Minnesota Records Retention Schedule” (RM-00058).

The PR-1 form is used to request one-time authority to dispose of records. A reproducible copy of the PR-1 form is enclosed. Since an approved PR-1 gives you authority to dispose of only those records listed on the form, we recommend that you use the PR-1 only for obsolete records (records no longer being created).

For ongoing authority to dispose of records not listed on the general schedule, complete a “Minnesota Records Retention Schedule.” This form can be obtained from the Department of Administration, Information Policy Analysis Division , (651) 296-6879.

## **Duplicate Records**

This retention schedule concerns itself only with the school district’s official record copy and the retention periods assigned reflect that. It is each school district’s responsibility to identify the official record copy and to identify when to destroy any other copies of identical records, after they have lost their legal, fiscal, historical and administrative value. Duplicate copies need not be retained.

## **Category Definitions**

**Record Series Description:** A record series is a group of records clustered together because they all relate to the same topic and have the same retention period.

**Retention Period/Statute:** The retention cited is the minimum amount of time a record must be kept. A number printed alone, e.g. 10, means ten years. The stated retention does not include the year the record originates. For example, if Record A is filed by calendar year and it has a retention of 3 years, the disposal date for 1985 records is January, 1989. Statutes listed here cite specific retention periods for the records series.

**Archival:** If a Y, meaning yes, appears in this column these records must be retained permanently by the school district, because they have historical value. Records of closed school districts may be transferred to the State Archives for selection and disposition. These include defunct school districts that consolidate or merge with existing school districts and inter-district cooperative centers that dissolve. The records of closed school districts are at particular risk because there is often no clearly authorized custodian except for the State Archives as mandated by M.S. 138.17.

**Data Practices Classification:** This phrase refers to records classified by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act or other state or federal laws. The classification system includes: public, private, confidential, nonpublic or protected nonpublic. More than one classification may apply.

**Data Practices Statute:** This phrase refers to the statute or law which cites the data practices classification of the record series.

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**NOTIFICATION OF ADOPTION  
 OF  
 SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
 RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE**

1. Complete this form and send the original and 2 copies to the State Archives Department at the above address.
2. Destruction of records according to the general schedule is **NOT** permitted until this form is signed by the Minnesota Historical Society.

School District (Name and Number)	County	Telephone (Include Area Code)
Street Address		City, Zip Code

This is to notify the Minnesota Historical Society that the school district named above has officially adopted the Minnesota School District General Records Retention Schedule. School districts are advised to adopt the entire schedule. If this is not possible, individual sections may be adopted. ("X" the appropriate items.)

The School District Adopts the Entire Schedule.

The School District Adopts Only the Following Sections:

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration      | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Service      | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings           | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance           | <input type="checkbox"/> Student        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum          | <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll           |   |

Name/Title of School District Official (print)	Signature of School District Official	Date
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The Minnesota Historical Society acknowledges your Notification of Adoption of the School District General Records Retention Schedule. You are authorized to retain and dispose of records as indicated on the Schedule.

Director or Designee, Minnesota Historical Society
Date

## DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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 305A Centennial Office Building  
 658 Cedar Street  
 St. Paul, MN 55155  
 (651) 296-6733 or (800) 657-3721  
 FAX: (651) 205-4219

## RECORDS DESTRUCTION REPORT

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Print or type all information.
2. Use this form to report records destroyed under authority of a General Records Retention schedule or an approved agency retention schedule.
3. Report only records that are physically destroyed, not records transferred to the Minnesota Historical Society.
4. Reports can be submitted annually or as records are destroyed.
5. Send the original of this report to the Records Management Program at the above address.
6. Second a copy of this report to: State Archivist, MN Historical Society, MN History Center, 345 Kellogg Blvd. W., St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.
7. For additional space, use reverse side.

Agency	Person Reporting Destruction			Date Report Submitted
Address	City, Zip	Inclusive Dates	Date Destroyed	Telephone ( )
General Schedule Name or Agency Schedule Number (e.g. "City Gen. Sch." or "87-123")	Section of Schedule Where Record is Listed	Item No. As Listed on Schedule	Record Title (use same title listed on schedule)	Quantity* (Cubic Feet)

  

*VOLUME CHART TO DETERMINE CUBIC FEET				
Letter Size Drawer	=1.5	Record Center Box	=1.0	
Legal Size Drawer	=2.0	12" x 15" x 10"		3 x 5 Card = 0.1
Shelving 4' Letter	=2.3	Transfer Case	=2.5	4 x 6 Card =0.2
Shelving 4' Legal	=3.0	24" x 16" x 11"		5 x 8 Card =0.3
				Printouts 1 =1.25
				Total Cubic Feet Destroyed (include records listed on back)

General Schedule Name or Agency Schedule Number (e.g. "City Gen. Sch." or "87-123")	Section of Schedule Where Record is Listed	Item No. As Listed on Schedule	Record Title  (use same title listed on schedule)	Inclusive Dates	Date Destroyed	Quantity* (Cubic Feet)



# MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## STATE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

### APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO DISPOSE OF RECORDS

FOR USE BY RECORDS PANEL

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

#### Instructions:

1. This form does not provide continuous authority to dispose of similar records and cannot be used to approve a records retention schedule.
2. Complete original and three copies. Photocopies are acceptable.
3. Complete items 1 through 6 and item 8. Use reverse side to continue records description. If more space is needed, use plain paper.
4. Send original and two copies to the **State Archives Department, 345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, MN 55102-1906.**
5. Retain one copy until your approved copy is returned. The approved copy will be your authority to dispose of records. It should be retained permanently.
6. Additional copies of this form are available from the address above or by telephoning (651) 297-4502. (FAX: (651) 296-9961).

**NOTE: Laws of 1971, Chapter 529, Section 3 reads as follows: "It is the policy of the legislature that the disposal and preservation of public records be controlled exclusively by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 138 and by this act, thus, no prior, special or general statute shall be construed to authorize or prevent the disposal of public records at a time or in a manner different than prescribed by such chapter or by this act and no general or special statute enacted subsequent to this act shall be construed to authorize or prevent the disposal of public records at a time or in a manner different than prescribed in chapter 138 or in this act unless it expressly exempts such records from the provision of such chapter and this act by specific reference to this section."**

1. Agency or Office	2. Division or Section	3. Quantity of Records _____ Cubic Feet
4. Location of Records	5. Laws other than M.S. 138.17 that relate to the destruction or safekeeping of the records:	
6. I certify that the records listed on this application are accurately described, and that they have no further administrative, legal, or fiscal value for this agency.  Authorized Signature (Type name below) _____  Name _____ Date _____  Title _____ Phone _____	<b>AUTHORIZATION:</b> Under the authority of M.S. 138.17, it is hereby ordered that The records listed on this application be destroyed, except as shown in item 7.  Director, Minnesota Historical Society _____ Date _____  Legislative or State Auditor _____ Date _____  Attorney General _____ Date _____	

7. Exceptions to Destruction. (For use by Records Disposition Panel).

8. **Description of Records.** Describe each record series or type of record separately. Number each series, beginning with "1".

A. Item No.	B. Name of record, form numbers, content, usage, arrangement, original duplicate, or microfilmed.	C. Inclusive Dates

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## STATE ARCHIVES DEPARTMENT

### TRANSFER OF RECORDS TO STATE ARCHIVES

<b>MHS USE ONLY</b>	
Received By	
Date	No. Boxes
Comments	

**Instructions:**

1. Pack all records in standard records storage boxes, unless otherwise authorized by Archives staff.
2. Sequentially number boxes.
3. Records must be in labelled folders or otherwise clearly identified.
4. Retain one copy of this form for your records. Send original with your records to State Archives at the address below.
5. Transferred records cannot be withdrawn from the Archives except in special circumstances. Records are available for use in the Society's Research Center at **345 Kellogg Boulevard West, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1906 - (651) 297-4502, (FAX: 651 296-9961).**
6. For additional space, use reverse side.

Agency	Division/Section	Telephone
		( )
Address	City, State, Zip Code	
Name/Title of Person Transferring Records (Print or Type)	Signature	Date

**RECORDS TRANSFERRED**

Box Number	Description of Records in Each Box (including files, titles, and subtitles)	Inclusive Dates of Records



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Section: Administration

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ADM00100	Affidavit of Publication	Public Hearings, Budget Publication, Debt Offerings	1 Year following completion of audit	No	Public
ADM00200	Election Records	Ballots, Notices, Notifications, Publications	1 Year after Canvas or Challenge	No	Public
ADM00300	Annual Reports to Board of Education	Reports Generated by District (PER, Accountability Reports, formal Annual Report in Accordance With MN Statute 120B.11	Retain permanently; has historical value, MS 120B.11	Yes	Public
ADM00310	Annual/Periodic Reports to Local Board of Education	Final/Actual Reports Generated by State	6 Years	No	Public
ADM00400	Authority to Dispose of Records (If Applicable)	Application for Authority to Dispose of Records form	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43 MS 13.32 MS 13.39
ADM00500	Boundary Changes - District	Consolidation, Detachment, Annexation, and Dissolution	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM00600	Calendar - Adopted and Actual	Number of Days and Length of Day by School and Grade Level, Reflecting Updated Activities During the Year.	3 Years MS 127A.41, Subd. 5	No	Public
ADM00700	Census, Annual School	1979 and Earlier	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Private MS 13.32
ADM00710	Census, Annual School	1980 - Current	3 Years	No	Private MS 13.32

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ADM00720	Census, Certified Reports	Conducted Once Per Decade	Permanent	No	Public
ADM00800	Closed Rural Schools	Includes: Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Teacher's Records of Closed Rural Schools Which Were Consolidated into the Independent District.	Transfer to the State Archives for Selection and Disposition	Yes	Public
ADM00900	Correspondence/ Administrative	Superintendent, Principal, Assistant Principal and Other Administrators Unless Otherwise Specifically Addressed Elsewhere in Records Retention Schedule	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32 MS 13.43
ADM01000	Court Case/Trial information	Litigation Correspondence	10 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32 MS 13.43 MS 13.90
ADM01010	Court orders		1 Year after Action is Completed	No	Public/Private MS 13.32 MS 13.43
ADM01100	Grant Applications	Successful	3 Years -- For Federal Funds three (3) years after completion of the activity for which the funds were used. 20 U.S.C. Section 1232f(a)	No	Public
ADM01110	Grant Applications	Unsuccessful	1 Year	No	Public

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ADM01200	Inservice Workshops	Attendance Records, Agenda and Materials (Employee Right to Know, Blood Borne Pathogens, Etc.)	3 Years	No	Public
ADM01300	Inter District Cooperatives	Includes Vocational, Special Ed and Special Purpose Cooperatives formed by Joint Powers Agreements. Records Should Be Retained and Disposed of in Accordance With the Retention Periods for the Specific Series of Records Listed in Schedule	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01400	Minutes	Board Minutes	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01410	Minutes	Officially Designated Committees	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01420	Minutes	Other Than Referred to in ADM01300, ADM 01400, and ADM 01410	1 Year	Yes	Public
ADM01430	Minutes - Tape Recordings	Board Minutes Only	Until Transcribed and Approved	No	Public
ADM01440	Board Policies		3 Years after Change	No	Public
ADM01500	Negotiations - See Personnel				
ADM01600	Newsletters and Publications	District Generated	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01610	Newsletters and Publications	Student Generated School Newspapers	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public

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ADM01700	Parent Teacher Association Records	Secretary's Books, Treasurer's Books, and Scrapbooks.	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
ADM01800	Media Center/Librarian Reports		3 Years	No	Public
ADM01900	Video Tapes	Building Security/Transportation Tapes	Until Relooped	No	Private/Public MS 13.32 MS 13.43
ADM02000	E-Mail		Same as Correspondence	No	Private/Public MS 13.32 MS 13.43

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Section: Building

Item	Title	Examples and Descriptions	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
BLD00100	Accident/Damage Records	School Property-Related	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00200	Building Maintenance Records		Until Obsolete	No	Public
BLD00300	Building Permits	Applications (initial/interim), Inspection Reports, Plans, Etc.	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00400	Building Program Records	Current and Projected Needs. Review and Comment	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00500	Buildings and Grounds Records	Blueprints, Construction Specifications, Abstracts, Deeds, Title Papers, Final inspection Reports, Land and Building Occupancy Approval	Permanent	No	Public
BLD00600	Fixed Asset Records	Equipment, Fixtures, and Materials, inventory and Depreciation	Life of Item	No	Public

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BLD00400	Building Program Records	Current and Projected Needs. Review and Comment	10 Years	No	Public
BLD00500	Buildings and Grounds Records	Blueprints, Construction Specifications, Abstracts, Deeds, Title Papers, Final inspection Reports, Land and Building Occupancy Approval	Permanent	No	Public
BLD00600	Fixed Asset Records	Equipment, Fixtures, and Materials, inventory and Depreciation	Life of Item	No	Public



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Section: Community Education

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
CED00100	Annual Reports	See Finance			
CED00200	Applications by individuals for Adult Education		1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
CED00300	Certificate of Compliance	Verifies Cooperation Between District and Other Governmental Agencies. Joint Powers Agreements	Permanent, MS 471.59	No	Public
CED00400	Class Schedule - Master		1 Year	No	Public
CED00500	Financial Records	See Finance			
CED00600	Grants	See Administration			
CED00700	Minnesota DCF&L Reports	Early Childhood Family Education, Home School, Adult Basic Education, English As A Second Language, General Education Development, Other State Programs	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
CED00800	Minutes	See Administration			

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Section: Curriculum

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
CUR00100	Class Lists-Elementary and Secondary		1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
CUR00200	Class Schedules		1 Year	No	Public
CUR00300	Curriculum Development	Support Data, Recommendations, Programs and Procedures	6 Years	No	Public
CUR00400	Daily Plan Books - Teacher's		1 Year	No	Public
CUR00500	Duty Rosters - Teacher's		1 Year	No	Public
CUR00600	Grade Books - Teacher's		1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
CUR00700	Textbooks	Adoptions	6 Years	No	Public
CUR00710	Textbooks	Inventories	6 Years or Until Obsolete	No	Public

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Section: Food Services

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FDS00100	General Correspondence	See Administration	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS00200	DCF&L/Federal USDA Reporting	Commodities, Milk Program	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R & 210.8	No	Public
FDS00300	Application /Agreement With State Agency	Free/Reduced Price Meal Policy Statement	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R & 210.3	No	Public
FDS00400	Free/Reduced Price Meal Applications	All Approved and Denied Applications, DHS Free School Meal Notices, Notice of Denial to Parents, Rosters of Eligible Students, Verification Records	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 245.6	No	Private MS 13.32
FDS00600	Service Agreements/Catering Contracts	Head Start, Meals On Wheels, Etc.	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R & 210.3	No	Public
FDS00700	Food Production information	Daily Food Production Record, Menus	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.13	No	Public

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FDS00800	Daily Meal Count Report With Edit Checks		3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.7	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS00900	Monthly Payment Vouchers		3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.13	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS01000	On Site Review Record		3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.8	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS01100	Financial Records	Breakfast, Lunch, Ala Carte, Etc. (Supporting Documentation May include invoices, Purchase orders, Etc.) Student, Adult Federal and State Income and All Other Sources	3 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. & 210.20 and 210.5	No	Private/Public MS 13.32
FDS01200	Inventory	Audit Trail for USDA Commodity Usage, Year End Physical Inventory	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01410	Inventory (Food and Supplies)	Quotes (Unsuccessful and Successful)	1 Year and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01410	Inventory (Food and Supplies)	Bid (Unsuccessful and Successful) Request Summaries	6 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01420	Inventory (Food and Supplies)	Requisitions (for Moving Supplies or Equipment Within District)	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FDS01500	Cashier's Reports	Daily, Weekly, and Monthly	6 Years and DCF&L Audit, 7 C.F.R. 210.8 and 210.20	No	Public
FDS01600	Operating Reports	Breakfast, Lunch, and A'La Carte Participation Reports	3 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public
FDS01610	Operating Reports	Revenue and Expenditure Reports	6 Years and DCF&L Audit	No	Public

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Finance

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FIN00100	Abstracts/Deeds/Title Papers/Mortgages	See Buildings			
FIN00200	Accounts Payable	Credit Memos, Freight Bills/Claims, Bills of Lading, Purchase orders, Acknowledgments/Orders/Shipping Notices, Invoices and Purchasing Contracts, Claims/Vouchers (Merchandise Purchased, Services Rendered, Travel Expenses), 1099	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
FIN00210	W-9 form		6 Years after Final 1099 Issued	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
FIN00300	Year-End Financial Reports	Revenue and Expenditure Summary Transaction Reports	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00305	Year-End Financial Reports	Revenue and Expenditure Detailed Transaction Reports	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00310	Year-End Financial Reports	UFARS Revenue and Expenditure Report to State	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00315	Year-End Financial Reports	Special Funded Projects Report	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00320	Year-End Financial Reports	Note: includes Clerks and Treasurer's Reports (Register of Receipts/Disbursements, Treasurer's Annual Report, Treasurer's Books of Records. (1932 and Earlier)	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FIN00325	Year-End Financial Reports	Note: includes Clerks and Treasurer's Reports (Register of Receipts/Disbursements, Treasurer's Annual Report, Treasurer's Books of Records. (Post 1932)	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00330	Year-End Financial Reports	Accounts Receivable, Numbered Receipts, Accounts Receivable Invoices, Remittance Advice	6 Years	No	Public
FIN00335	Year-End Financial Reports	General Ledger, General Journals, Journal Entries, Disbursements Journal, Check Register Adopted and Revised Budget, Budget Publications, Balance Sheet, Receipts Journal	Retain Permanently	No	Public
FIN00400	Audit Reports		Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
FIN00500	Bank Statements/ Reconciliation's	Checks, Cancelled, Returned or Voided. (Must Be original Check - Not Microfiche)	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
FIN00510	Bank Statements/ Reconciliation's	Statement of Pledged Securities	6 Years after Expiration	No	Public
FIN00600	Bonds and Coupons	Bond Ledgers/Registers	Until Debt Is Retired and Audit	No	Public
FIN00700	Bond Issues - Official Statements	Enabling Documentation	Permanent	No	Public
FIN00800	Building and Land Contracts	See Buildings			

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
FIN00900	County Auditor Statements	Tax Settlement Report and Taxes Receivable Report	6 Years	No	Public
FIN01100	Insurance Documents	Fidelity/Surety Bonds	6 Years after Expiration	No	Public
FIN01110	Insurance Documents	Insurance Bids, Health, Dental, Life etc. (Accepted and Rejected)	6 Years	No	Public
FIN01120	Insurance Policies	Health, Property, Liability, etc., Policies, Amendments and Waivers	20 Years	No	Public
FIN01200	Inventory	Year End Inventory List, Warehouse Listing, Library Holdings	3 Years	No	Public
FIN01300	Leases/Agreements		3 Years after Expiration	No	Public
FIN01400	Levies		6 Years	No	Public
FIN01500	Property Appraisals		Until Superseded	No	Public
FIN01600	Sealed Bids	Successful and Unsuccessful	6 Years after Award	No	Public
FIN01700	Quotes	Successful and Unsuccessful, MS 471.345	1 Year after Receipt	No	Public
FIN01800	Student Activity Accounts	Cash Receipts, Vouchers, Cancelled Checks, Ledgers, and Journals	6 Years	No	Public
FIN01900	Transportation - Annual Report		6 Years	No	Public
FIN02000	Transportation Contracts	With Independent Contractors	6 Years	No	Public



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Section: Health & Safety

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
HSF00100	Infectious Disease and Occupational Exposure Files*	Files On Each Employee Dealing With Safety and Training On Diseases Such As Hepatitis and Aids. Retain in Employee's Medical File.	3 Yrs. after Separation	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00200	OSHA - Citations of Penalty	Notifications of Violations by the District	Until Violation Has Been Corrected	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00300	OSHA - Employee Accident Reports	OSHA Report Numbers 200 and 101	5 Yrs. after Accident	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00400	OSHA - Employee Exposure Records	Any information Concerning Employee Exposure to Toxic Substances or Harmful Physical Agents.	30 Yrs. after Termination or Retirement	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
HSF00500	Safety Committee Agendas and Minutes		3 Years	No	Public
HSF00600	Training Records - Right to Know		3 Yrs. after Separation	No	Public

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Section: Payroll

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
PAY00100	Cafeteria Plan Records		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00300	Check Requests for Manual Checks	Lost or Missing Check Replacement, etc.	2 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00400	Dues Deduction Authorization	Union Dues	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00500	Garnishments	Wage Garnishment, Notice of Bankruptcy, Wage Levy and Related Documents	3 Years after Expiration	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY00700	Payroll Register	Name; Address; Date of Birth; Occupation; Rate of Pay; Compensation Earned Each Week	Permanent, 29 C.F.R. & 1627.3(a)	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00800	Pera Eligibility Sheets and Reports		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY00900	Prior Years' Quarterly FICA		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01000	Quarterly Report of Local Government	Employees and Wages (Weeks or Hours Worked)	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01100	Salary Deduction Sheets		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01200	Voluntary Withholdings	Requests for Withholding (United Way, Savings Bonds, etc)	2 Years after Expiration or Until Superseded	No	Public/Private MS 13.43

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Example and Description</b>	<b>Retention Period</b>	<b>Archival</b>	<b>Data Practices Classification/ Statute</b>
PAY01300	Stop Payment Orders and Bonds		6 Years	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY01400	Tax Reports	Federal, Minnesota and Other States	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01500	Tax Sheltered Annuity - Contracts		Permanent, 29 C.F.R. & 1627.3(b)(2)	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY01600	Tax Sheltered Annuity - Authorization	457 and 403(B) Plans	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.43
PAY01700	Time Sheets		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY01800	TRA / PERA - Retirement Remittance Report	Monthly and Annual Reports	6 Years, MS 354.52	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY02000	W-2 Statements (Employer's Copy)		6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PAY02100	W-4 Statements		Until Superseded or 6 Years after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER00100	Employee Medical Records*	Any information Concerning the Health Status of An Employee Which Is Made or Maintained by A Physician, Nurse, or Other Health Care Personnel, or Technician.	30 Yrs. after Termination or Retirement	No	Private MS 13.42 MS 13.43
PER00110	Employee Medical Records*	Includes Medical and Employment Questionnaires or Histories, Medical Exams, Medical Opinions, Descriptions of Treatments and Prescriptions, and Employee Medical Complaints.	30 Yrs. after Termination or Retirement	No	Private MS 13.42 MS 13.43
PER00120	Request for Leave	Requests for Leave (Vacation , Sick, Personal, etc.)	6 Yrs. after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00200	Leave of Absence Reports	Formal Reports to PERA, TRA, etc., Regarding Unpaid, Board-Approved Leaves	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00210	Discrimination Claim Records	Sexual Harassment and Discrimination	Until Final Disposition of the Charge or Action	No	Public/Private/ Confidential MS 13.43 MS 13.39
PER00220	First Report of Injury*	If Maintained With Worker's Compensation File, Retain for 20 Years.	Permanent, MS 176.151	No	Private MS 13.43 MS 176.231

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER00300	Applications for Employment/Resume/Interview Documents	Licensed and Classified - Not Hired. Any and all employment records, including but not limited to, application forms, resumes, cover letters, interview notes, interview questions and answers, job inquiries, rejection letters and other documents regarding	2 Years or until final disposition of a discrimination charge, 29 C.F.R. 1602.14(a), 29 C.F.R. 1602.40, 29 C.F.R. 1627.3(b)(1), Minn. Rules 5000.2250	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00310	Applications for Employment/Resume/ and Supporting Documentation	Licensed and Classified - Hired ( in personnel file). Any and all employment records, including but not limited to, application forms, resumes, cover letters, interview notes, interview questions and answers, job inquiries, rejection letters and other doc	6 Years or until final disposition of a discrimination charge, 29 C.F.R. 1602.14(a), 29 C.F.R. 1602.40, 29 C.F.R. 1627.3(b)(1), Minn. Rules 5000.2250	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00400	Arbitration Decisions		Permanent	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER00500	Contracts and Assignments		6 Yrs. after Termination	No	Public
PER00700	Equal Employment Opportunity Reports/Summary Data (EEOC/MNCRIS)		3 Years, 29 C.F.R. 1602.39	No	Public

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER00900	Grievance Files	Employee Grievances and/or Complaints Filed Under A Labor Agreement or Personnel Rules. This Also Related to Arbitration Files and Related Court Cases.	Permanent	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01000	Insurance: Group Master Policies, Contracts and Agreements	See Finance			
PER01100	Insurance: Reports	Insurance Census, Premium Reports, Etc.	6 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01200	STARS Report	Annual STARS Report to State	1 Year Until Superseded	No	Public
PER01300	Insurance Records: Enrollment Cards		Until Superseded	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01400	Insurance Records: Employees On Leave of Absence	Employees on Leave of Absence, Family Medical Leave Act, Long-term Disability, Retired Teachers, Surviving Spouse, Terminated Employees	2 Years after Insurance Coverage Terminates	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER01800	Labor Contracts	Contracts Between School District Management and Various Bargaining Units including: Correspondence, Salary Schedules, Personnel Policies.	Permanent	Yes	Public
PER02000	Long Term Disability Claims/Awards		10 Years after Final Settlement of Claims	No	Public/Private MS 13.43

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PER02100	Job Descriptions		Until Superseded	No	Public
PER02200	Mediation Records		Permanent	No	Public
PER02300	Negotiations Records	Costing Records, Negotiations Strategy Session Tapes	2 Years after Completion of all BMS Certified Negotiations. MS 471.705(1a)	No	Public/Private MS 471.705
PER02400	Pay Equity: Classification Studies and Working Papers		Until Superseded	No	Public
PER02500	Pay Equity: Summary		Permanent	No	Public
PER02700	Personnel Files - Individual	Containing Citations, Personal History, Employee References, and Letters of Appointment/Promotion, Performance Records, Termination/Resignation, I-9 form, Evaluations, All Personnel and Employment Records, including, but not limited to, Documents Relating	6 Yrs. after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER02720	Personnel: Deficiency Reports	Letters of Advice, Reprimands, Letters of Deficiency, Letter of Direction and Correction, Notices of Suspensions.	6 Years after Termination or by Mutual Agreement To Expunge	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER02730	License and Certifications	Notice of Voluntary Surrender of Teaching License	Until Superseded	No	Public

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Section: Personnel

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
PER02740	Employee's Response Letter to Any Document in Personnel File		Same As Document To Which They Are Responding MS122A.40, Subd. 19	No	Private MS 13.43
PER02750	Seniority Lists		Full period the system is in effect and at least one (1) year after termination, 29 C.F.R. 1627.3(b)(2)	No	Public
PER02800	Recruitment Records	Relating to Posting, Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment to Each Position, Advertising	2 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER03000	Unemployment Claims/Compensation	Claims for Unemployment	2 Years after Claim Resolution	No	Public/Private MS 13.43
PER03100	Worker's Compensation - Claims	Injury Reports and Correspondence Dealing With injuries.	20 Years	No	Private MS 13.43 MS 176.231
PER03200	Worker's Compensation	Claims Summary, Summary information From Carrier	6 Years after Termination	No	Public/Private MS 13.43 MS 176.231



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Section: Special Education

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification / Statute
SPC00100	Special Education Records		The permanent record of the student's name, address, phone number, grades, attendance, and grade level completed may be maintained without time limitation	No	Private MS 13.32

## School District General Records Retention Schedule

Section: Students

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
STD00200	Accident Reports - Student		Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00300	Achievement and Standardized Tests Results	Testing As Determined by District	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00400	Emergency Care Information		Until Superceded or 3 Years after Graduation/Leave District	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00500	Attendance and Membership Data	Summary of Yearly Attendance by Student As Recorded in Cumulative File	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00510	Attendance and Membership Data	MARRS Data - Detailed	3 Years	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00600	Health and Immunization information		At least five (5) years after the student attains the age of majority (18), so until the age of (23) MS 123.70, Subd. 7	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00610	School Nurse Notes	Anecdotal Records	6 Years after Graduation/Leave District	No	Private MS 13.32

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
STD00610	Health Room Log	Daily Record of Student Reporting to Health Room (Excluding Anecdotal Records)	6 Years after Graduation/Leave District	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00700	Cumulative File	Including Record of Access, Log In/Out Record for Review or Transfer of Student Records	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD00800	Demographic Information	District Census	Permanent	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
STD00810	Demographic Information	Student Directory information	1 Year	No	Public
STD00820	Demographic Information	Student Family information, including Dissolution or Custody Orders, etc.	Until Leave District or Superseded by Subsequent order, whichever sooner	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
STD00900	LEP Reports	Home Language Reports (LEP)	3 Years	No	Public/Private MS 13.32
STD01000	Extra and Co-curricular Participation Records	Team Results, Participation, Contracts, (If included in Cumulative File - Permanent Retention)	1 Year	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01100	Homeschool Records		Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01200	Preschool Screening		Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32

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Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
STD01300	Nonresident Pupil Attendance Applications/Agreements		3 Years after Graduation	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01410	School Performance Data	Yearly Report Cards	1 Year after Transfer of Permanent Cumulative File	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01420	School Performance Data	Transcripts	Permanent	No	Private MS 13.32
STD01500	Auxiliary Organization Records	Clubs, interest Groups, Student Councils, Athletic Associations	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
STD01510	Auxiliary Organization Records	Graduation Programs	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
STD01520	Auxiliary Organization Records	Activity Funds - Treasurer's Records, Bylaws, Membership Records, Meeting Minutes	Retain permanently; has historical value	Yes	Public
STD01530	Driver Education Files		1 Year	No	Public

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Section: Transportation

Item	Title	Example and Description	Retention Period	Archival	Data Practices Classification/ Statute
TRN00100	Claims for Transportation Aid		3 Years	No	Public
TRN00200	Contractor Correspondence/Reporting		3 Years after Completing Contract	No	Public
TRN00300	Contracts With Independent Contractors		3 Years after Completing Contract	No	Public
TRN00400	Equipment Inventories	See Buildings			
TRN00500	Equipment Maintenance Records		Life of Equipment	No	Public
TRN00600	Minnesota DCF & L Reports	Annual Reports and Student Ridership Categories	3 Years	No	Public
TRN00700	Pupils Transported for Aid Entitlement	Lists Containing Names of Students	3 Years, MS+D19 127A.41	No	Private MS 13.32
TRN00800	Transportation Mileage Records		3 Years	No	Public
TRN00900	Transportation Reimbursements		6 Years	No	Public