

# CSBA Sample Board Policy

**Business and Noninstructional Operations**

BP 3230(a)

## **FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS**

Note: All grants awarded by the federal government, including formula grants (e.g., Title I funding, Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and discretionary grants, are subject to the requirements contained in the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (commonly called "Uniform Guidance"), as specified in 2 CFR 200.0-200.521 and Appendices I-XII.

The Uniform Guidance, adopted in December 2014, includes new provisions but primarily consolidates guidance from earlier OMB circulars.

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.110, as amended by 80 Fed. Reg. 54407, the Uniform Guidance applies to all new and continuing grant awards made on or after December 26, 2014, except that districts may choose to delay implementation of the new procurement standards until July 1, 2017 or such later date as may be approved in the Uniform Guidance. See the accompanying administrative regulation for optional language accepting the delayed implementation.

Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.302, 200.318, and 200.319, the district is **mandated** to adopt written procedures related to procurement, conflict of interest, cash management, payments, and allowable costs. In addition to the following policy, it is recommended that districts maintain a detailed administrative regulation or procedures manual addressing the mandated components.

The Governing Board recognizes the district's responsibility to maintain fiscal integrity and transparency in the use of all funds awarded through federal grants. The district shall comply with all requirements detailed in any grant agreement with an awarding agency and with the federal Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards specified in 7 CFR 200.0-200.521 and any stricter state laws and district policy.

Any goods or services purchased with federal funds shall be reasonable in cost and necessary for the proper and efficient performance or administration of the program.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's financial management systems and procedures provide for the following: (2 CFR 200.302)

1. Identification in district accounts of each federal award received and expended and the federal program under which it was received

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

2. Accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial and performance results of each federal award or program in accordance with the reporting requirements of 2 CFR 200.327 and 200.328

*(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)*

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3. Records and supporting documentation that adequately identify the source and application of funds for federally funded activities, including information pertaining to federal awards, authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, expenditures, income, and interest

*(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)*

*(cf. 3580 - District Records)*

4. Effective controls and accountability for all funds, property, and other assets and assurance that all assets are used solely for authorized purposes
5. Comparison of actual expenditures with budgeted amounts for each federal award
6. Written procedures to implement provisions governing payments as specified in 2 CFR 200.305
7. Written procedures for determining the allowability of costs in accordance with 2 CFR 200.400-200.475 and the terms and conditions of the federal grant award

*(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)*

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement appropriate internal control processes to reasonably assure that transactions are properly executed, recorded, and accounted for so that the district can prepare reliable financial statements and federal reports, maintain accountability over assets, and demonstrate compliance with federal laws, regulations, and conditions of the federal award. (2 CFR 200.61, 200.62, 200.303)

Equipment purchased with federal funds shall be properly inventoried and adequately maintained to safeguard against loss, damage, or theft of the property.

*(cf. 3270 - Sale and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies)*

*(cf. 3440 - Inventories)*

*(cf. 3512 - Equipment)*

All staff involved in the administration or implementation of programs and activities supported by federal funds shall receive information and training on the allowable use of federal funds, purchasing procedures, and reporting processes commensurate with their duties.

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

Note: Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.328, districts must submit performance reports at the interval required by the awarding agency, which shall be at least annually but no more often than quarterly except in unusual
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circumstances. The district may request an extension of the due date for any performance report for justifiable reasons.

In addition, the California Department of Education (CDE) is required under Education Code 64001 to monitor districts' compliance with legal requirements for federal categorical programs. This monitoring is accomplished through the Federal Program Monitoring process, which is based on a combination of data and document reviews and on-site visits. For further information, see the CDE's web site and BP 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program.

The district shall submit performance reports to the awarding agency in accordance with the schedule and indicators required for that federal grant by law and the awarding agency. As required, such reports may include a comparison of actual accomplishments to the objectives of the federal award, the relationship between financial data and performance accomplishments, the reasons that established goals were not met if applicable, cost information to demonstrate cost effective practices, analysis and explanation of any cost overruns or high unit costs, and other relevant information. The final performance report shall be submitted within 90 days after the ending date of the grant. (2 CFR 200.301, 200.328)

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 6190 - Evaluation of the Instructional Program)*

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

42122-42129 Budget requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

180.220 Amount of contract subject to suspension and debarment rules

200.0-200.521 Federal uniform grant guidance, especially:

200.1-200.99 Definitions

200.100-200.113 General provisions

200.317-200.326 Procurement standards

200.327-200.329 Monitoring and reporting

200.333-200.337 Record retention

200.400-200.475 Cost principles

200.500-200.521 Audit requirements

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

76.730-76.731 Records related to federal grant programs

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 48

2.101 Federal acquisition regulation; definitions

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

California Department of Education Audit Guide

California School Accounting Manual

EDUCATION AUDIT APPEALS PANEL PUBLICATIONS

Guide for Annual Audits of K-12 Local Education Agencies and State Compliance Reporting

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Questions and Answers Regarding 2 CFR Part 200, March 17, 2016

WEB SITES

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Education Audit Appeals Panel: <http://www.eaap.ca.gov>

Office of Management and Budget, Uniform Guidance: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants\\_docs](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants_docs)

State Controller's Office: <http://www.sco.ca.gov>

System for Award Management (SAM): [www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/##11](http://www.sam.gov/portal/SAM/##11)

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

U.S. Government Accountability Office: <http://www.gao.gov>