

INVESTMENT

The school board authorizes the school district treasurer working in conjunction with the superintendent and his/her designee and pursuant to RSA 197:23-a to invest the funds of the district subject to the following objectives and standards of care.

OBJECTIVES

The three objectives, in priority order, of investment activities shall be safety, liquidity, and yield.

1. Safety of principal is the foremost objective in this policy. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital by mitigating credit and interest rate risk. This will be accomplished by limiting the type of the investments and institutions to those stipulated by statute and fully covered by FDIC insurance or collateral approved pursuant to RSA 386:57.

2. Liquidity of the investment portfolio shall remain sufficient to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated.

3. Yield. The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above.

STANDARDS OF CARE

1. Prudence. The standard of prudence to be used by the school district treasurer and superintendent or his/her designee involved in the investment process shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. They are directed to use the GFOA* Recommended Practices and Policy Statements Related to Cash Management as a guide to the prudent investment of public funds.

2. Ethics and Conflicts of Interest. The school district treasurer and superintendent or his/her designee involved in the investment process shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions.

3. Internal Controls. The school district treasurer and superintendent or his/her designee shall establish a system of internal controls which shall be reviewed by an independent auditor.

This investment policy shall be reviewed annually each July by the school board.

Statutory Reference:

RSA 197:23-a

RSA 383:22

RSA 386:57

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