

Contract Audit Review Updates

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- Contract Approval
- Workpaper Review Determination
- Strategic Goal Monitoring
- Research/Consulting
- Assisting Upper Management and Reviewers

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- Sending out annual audit contract requests
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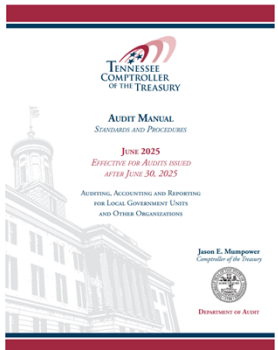
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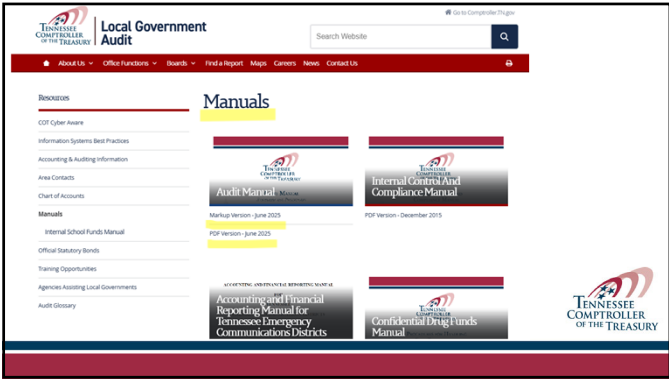
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- ★ Markup Version
- ★ Electronic Contracting and Reporting Requirements
- ★ UN Written Attestation
- ★ Revised Audit Reports
- ★ Direct Appropriation Grants
- ★ Reporting and Auditing Requirements for For-profit Organizations
- ★ Municipal Energy Authority Reporting Requirements
- ★ Schedule of Lease Obligations, Principal, and Interest Requirements
- ★ General Cleanup
- ★ Internal School Funds
- ★ New Legislation
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- ★ Occupancy Tax Reporting
- ★ CMFO

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Audit Manual Markup Copy Instructions

To assist users in locating this 2025 version of the *Audit Manual* updates, bookmarks were inserted into the markup copy to quickly navigate through the changes to the prior 2024 version. The markup copy also uses colored font to alert the user to these changes. Please use the markup copy as a tool to help locate the updates in the current version of the 2025 *Audit Manual* but not as a comprehensive guide to users in which the full version of the 2025 *Audit Manual* should be used.



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Electronic Contracting and Reporting Requirements		
Guidelines and requirements for CARS are included in the Help section of the main web page for the CARS application. Selected requirements related to the types of files that may be uploaded and electronic reports are included below; however, firms and their clients are responsible for complying with all CARS requirements.		
Types of Files that Must be Uploaded if Applicable		
File Content	File Type	
Annual Audit Report: Annual Financial Report	PDF	
Audit Conclusion – Comptroller's Referral Letter	PDF	
Chart of Accounts (Worksheet)	Excel	
Compliance Examination Engagement	PDF	
Federal Form 290 (Specialty License Reporting)	PDF	
Management Letter	PDF	
Schedule of Cash Shortages and Other Theta	PDF	
Signatory Signoff Audit	PDF	
Specialty License Prior Annual Accounting	PDF	
Unaudited Financial Information	PDF	
Written Alteration, TCA 11-1-129	PDF	
Electronic Reports		
With the exception of the <u>written attestation form required for compliance with TCA Section 11-1-122</u> and certain agencies that file unmodified information or that file a courtesy report with our office (see guidance in Section 3), electronic reports, related management letters, and letters to those charged with governance, and other required files may only be filed by the auditor firm.		
Electronic audit reports are posted to our website upon receipt. When a report revision is required, the report is returned (firm and our website). The second report is posted to our website upon receipt, revised reports are submitted, the original file is replaced with the revised one.		

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UN Written Attestation Reporting

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4-1-422. Protection of private property rights in implementation of United Nations policies.

TN - Tennessee Code Annotated | Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-422

Title 4 State Government > Chapter 1 General Provisions > Part 4 Miscellaneous > 4-1-422. Protection of private property rights in implementation of United Nations policies.

(a) As used in this section, "political subdivision" means a local governmental entity, including, but not limited to a municipality, metropolitan government, county, utility district, school district, public building authority, and development district created and existing pursuant to the laws of this state, or any instrumentality of government created by any one (1) or more of the named local governmental entities. (b) This state and its political subdivisions shall not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable ...

... Tenn. Code Ann. **§ 4-1-422-4-1-422.** Protection of private property rights in implementation of United Nations policies. (a) As used in this section, "political subdivision" means a local governmental entity, including, but not limited to a municipality, metropolitan government, county, utility district, school district, public building authority, and development...

... Actual damages; and (B) Punitive damages. Acts 2023, ch. 479, § 1; 2024, ch. 877, § 1. Title 4 State Government Chapter: 1 General Provisions Part 4 Miscellaneous **4-1-422.** Protection of private property rights in implementation of United Nations policies...

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Purpose of TCA §4-1-422

1. Protecting State and Local Sovereignty

The law is rooted in concern over outside influence from international organizations, especially the United Nations, over local policy decisions. Specifically, it targets programs like:

- Agenda 21
- United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Net-zero emissions initiatives
- Any grant promoting policies described in subsection (b) of the law

The Tennessee legislature expressed a belief that these types of programs could steer local decision-making away from state-determined priorities and values.

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Attach reports & files: Select “Written Attestation TCA 4-1-422” from the drawdown of file types.

Attach reports & files

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Audit Report
 Audit Conclusions – Comptroller’s Referral Letter
 Chart of Accounts Crosswalk
 Compliance Examination Report
 Federal Form 990
 Governance Letter
 Management Letter
 Miscellaneous
 Schedule of Cash Shortages and Thefts
 Separate Single Audit
 Specialty License Plate Annual Accounting
 Unaudited Financial Information
Written Attestation TCA 4-1-422

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Audit Report Revisions

Electronic audit reports are posted to our website upon receipt. When a report revision is required, the report is removed from our website. The revised report is posted to our website upon receipt. revised reports are submitted, the original file is replaced with the revised one.

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Direct Appropriation Grants

A specific allocation of state funds authorized by the Tennessee General Assembly.

Characteristics of Direct Appropriation Grants:

- Legislative Authorization
- Specificity
- Non-Recurring Nature
- Compliance Requirements



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For-Profit Organizations

- New section added (Section F)
- May receive state grants or federal funds under subrecipient grant contracts
- If these state and/or federal funds exceed the threshold, an audit contract is required

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Municipal Energy Authorities

Clarified additional items required by the Comptroller's Office

- Auditor opinion on combining and individual financial statements, detailed utility schedules, and grant schedule
- Supplementary Schedules (as applicable)
 - Schedule of Expenditures of Federal and State Awards
 - Schedule of Long-Term Debt, Principal and Interest Requirements by Fiscal Year
 - Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt by Individual Issue
 - Schedule of Changes in Lease Obligations
 - Detailed schedules, if several utility services are accounted for in one fund
 - Telecommunication schedules to demonstrate compliance with state law



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Schedule of Lease Obligations, Principal and Interest Requirements by Fiscal Year

- Lease principal and interest supplementary schedule no longer required
- Still include the Schedule of Changes in Lease Obligations

2. The following schedules are required, if applicable. Certain schedules may exceed GASB's minimum requirements; however, the information provided is used by other state departments and is required to be presented in supplementary information and not the notes. The following are required schedules:

- Schedule(s) of Long-Term Debt, Principal, and Interest Requirements (e.g., bonds, notes, and other long-term debt by individual issue) by Fiscal Year.
- Schedule of Changes in Long-Term Debt by Individual Issue. (See example schedule in [Appendix 4](#))
- Schedule of Changes in Lease Obligations (See example in [Appendix 4](#))

d.—Schedule of Lease Obligations, Principal, and Interest Requirements by Fiscal Year.

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Other Information

Removed language as auditing standards clearly require this information

The auditor should address all supplementary information presented in the financial report. An opinion on whether the accompanying information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole is preferred for ALL supplementary information. This does not include management's corrective action plan, for which no opinion is required. Minimum requirements for opining on the supplemental information are included in Sections B through G. ~~The auditor should address any accompanying other information presented in the financial report (e.g., introductory section, statistical section, and roster of officials) in the other information section of the Independent Auditor's Report.~~



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Finding Titles

Audit finding titles should be clear, concise, and informative, providing an immediate understanding of the issue identified.

June 2024
Example Schedule of Prior Year Findings^{1,2,3,4}

Tennessee Entity
Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Financial Statement Findings

Prior Year Finding Number ⁵	Finding Title ⁶	Status/ Current Year Finding Number ⁷
2023-0001	Segregation of Duties (original finding # 2023-0001)	Resolved 2024-0001
2023-0002	Cash not Deposited Timely (original finding # 2023-0001)	Corrected 2024-0002
2023-0003	Lack of Computer Controls (original finding # 2018-0003)	Partially Corrected 2024-0003

Individual Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Prior Year Finding Number ⁵	Finding Title ⁶	Status/ Current Year Finding Number ⁷
2023-0004	Eligibility not Verified (original finding # 2023-0001)	Resolved 2024-0004
2023-0005	Unallowable Costs Claimed for Reimbursed (original finding #2019-0005)	Corrected

¹ If there were no prior year findings, a note should be included such as "There were no prior findings reported."
² If all findings are reported, the schedule should be prepared in the same manner as when some findings are corrected.
³ The original titles should be carried over on the prior and current year schedule of findings each year from the year that the finding was first developed for uncorrected findings, with a subheading indicating the original finding number.
⁴ The format for finding numbers (both current and prior year findings) should be consistent with the above format. That is, a 4 digit year, dash, 3 digit finding number, beginning with 001, and continuing 002, 003, etc.
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Internal School Funds



INTERNAL SCHOOL FUNDS

Background

Section 49-2-110, Tennessee Code Annotated, is titled "Student Activity Funds". However, the text of the law references activity funds and other internal school funds in several places. The accounting policy manual developed in response to that law refers to "other internal school funds" and law sections which define the three (3) accounting funds that are made generally restricted and auditable funds. However, what constituted internal school funds was not explicitly stated. Section 49-2-603, Tennessee Code Annotated, though explicitly only applicable to that part, has a detailed definition and description of what internal school funds are. That definition is reproduced below:

(2) Internal school funds mean any and all money received and accounted for at individual schools, and specifically include, but are not limited to:

- (A) Any donation or grant made to the school, a school club, or any academic, arts, athletic, or social activity related to a school;
- (B) Funds for cafeteria services operated at the school;
- (C) Fees collected by the school;
- (D) Funds transferred to the local school from the school board that are to be accounted for at the local school level;
- (E) Funds raised through cooperative agreements with outside organizations;
- (F) Rental fees charged outside entities for use of school facilities; and
- (G) Student activity funds;

Student activity funds and other internal school funds maintained by each school must be audited annually in accordance with Section 49-2-112, Tennessee Code Annotated.

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New Legislation of Interest for all Local Governments and Special Purpose Governments

Effective 3/12/2025, Public Chapter 17, as enacted, broadens certain disclosure obligations of state and local governmental entities by requiring their disclosure of covenant violations and credit rating downgrades to the comptroller of the treasury or the comptroller's designees.

Effective 7/1/2025, Public Chapter 18, as enacted, specifies penalties for a municipality that fails to timely provide the comptroller of the treasury with copies of audits of the accounts and records of all departments, boards, and agencies under the municipality's jurisdiction that receive and disburse funds. All such audits must be completed and submitted to the comptroller of the treasury no later than six (6) months following the end of the municipality's fiscal year.

Effective 3/28/2025, Public Chapter 44, as enacted, authorizes a certified municipal finance officer who is contracted with a municipality to provide financial oversight on behalf of the municipality to devote fewer than 16 hours per month to such duties, if the municipality seeks and receives written approval from the comptroller of the treasury.

Effective 3/28/2025, Public Chapter 98, as enacted, authorizes a local government to execute a cooperative purchasing agreement with other local, state, and federal governmental entities for purposes of purchasing materials, labor, and services used for maintenance, operations, component replacement, or repairs of existing facilities and grounds owned or operated by a local education agency or by a local government agency.

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New Legislation of Interest for all Local Governments and Special Purpose Governments

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Procurement Guide for Audit Services



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Financial and Compliance Audit
(Local government)

Summary

_____ has issued this request for qualifications from interested auditors, who are qualified under state law and regulations, for the performance of a financial and compliance audit of _____ in accordance with the requirements of the laws and/or requirements of the State of Tennessee. This audit shall be for the period beginning _____ and ending _____.

Scope

The auditor shall perform a financial and compliance audit of the financial statements of all funds and grant contracts of the local government.

Please Note:

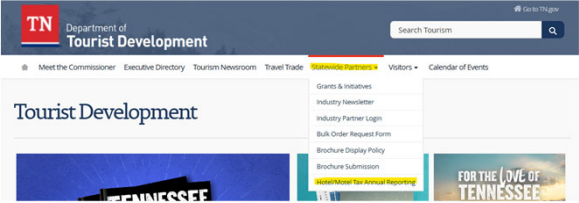
The selection of an audit firm to provide the described scope of services will not be made on cost but will be made based on the consideration of qualifications-related factors contained in this Request for Qualifications. **Optional Statement:** "However, in no event shall the maximum liability of the contract resulting from this Request for Qualifications exceed \$XX,XXX/-".

Tentative Schedule:

EVENT	TIME	DATES
1. RFO Released to Audit Firms		
2. Submittal for Intent to Respond by Email and Request for Clarifications		
3. Posting of RFO Amendments, if necessary		
4. RFO Submittals Due to Local Government		
5. Review of Statements		
6. Notices to Audit Firm with Intent to Engage		
7. Engagement Discussions and Contract Execution		
8. Contract Start Date		

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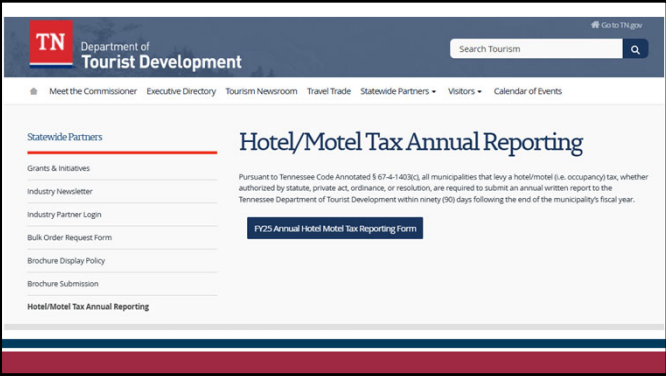
Occupancy Tax Annual Reporting



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Hotel/Motel Tax Annual Reporting



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Hotel/Motel Tax

Annual Reporting

FY25 Process and Submission Form

Tennessee Department of Tourist Development | June 2025



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Executive Summary

Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-4-1403(c), all municipalities that levy a hotel/motel (i.e. occupancy) tax, whether authorized by statute, private act, ordinance, or resolution, are required to submit an annual written report to the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development within ninety (90) days following the end of the municipality's fiscal year.

Due Date
 "Not later than ninety (90) days after the end of a municipality's fiscal year". Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-4-1403

Reporting Period
 Report covers revenues and expenditures from most recent fiscal year.

Purpose
 To fulfill requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 67-4-1403. Specifically, to understand how expenditures, when applicable, have been designated and used for tourism promotion and tourism development pursuant to this part.

How to Submit the Report
 Use this link below to access and complete the online form:
https://www.tennessee.comptroller.com/forms/fy25_hotel_motel_tax_reporting

Please contact tdd@seachubb01.gov for questions about completing this form, technical issues, or to request special accommodations.

Important Notes



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FY25 Hotel/Motel Tax Collections Annual Submission Form

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The report must provide the total amount of hotel/motel taxes levied by the municipality, and a detailed accounting of those taxes, which were used for tourism promotion and tourism development pursuant to this part.

The following form is to be completed by the municipality and submitted to the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development.

Report Instructions:

- Report on the form and the data entered must be accurate.
- For more questions about completing this form, please contact technical issues, or request special accommodations, please contact tdd@seachubb01.gov.
- *All entries must be submitted by the due date for all entries.

Entity Type*

☒ Municipality

☐ Other

County Name*

City Name*

Does the Entity levy a Hotel/Motel (A.K.A. Occupancy) Tax?

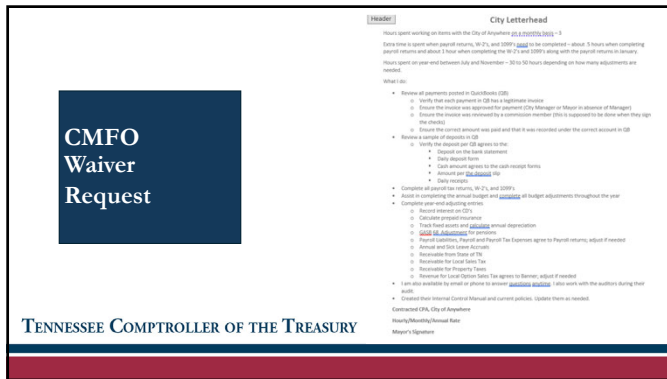
☒ Yes

☐ No

Does the Entity receive a distribution of Hotel/Motel (A.K.A. Occupancy) Tax from another Entity?



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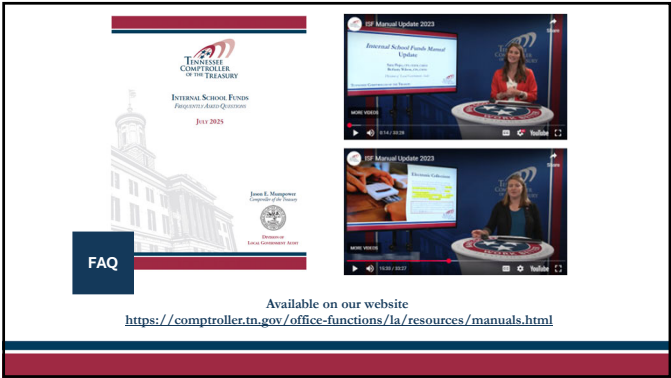
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School Support Organizations (SOS)

Available on our website
<https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/la/resources/manuals.html>

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Innovative School Districts

Innovative School Districts

The Innovative School District Act is contained in TCA Title 49, Chapter 8. This statute allows a public university that operates a training school compendium that serves any grades pre-kindergarten through twelve (pre-K-12) to operate an innovative school district. An innovative school district is considered a Local Education Agency. The governing body for the university serves as the local board of education. Internal school funds received by the district are required to be audited in accordance with TCA Section 49-2-112(a). Innovative school districts must follow the *Manual*.

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Audit Fee

Clarified the fee is the responsibility of the Board

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Internal Controls

- Removed repetitive controls
- Combined controls
- Clarified language

5. ~~Merchandise-Goods~~ received should be opened immediately, physically inspected and counted, and documented on a receiving report to verify that goods were actually received in good condition and in the quantities ordered. ~~Labels/signaling~~ services performed should be approved, ~~and~~ accepted, and documented on the invoice to verify the service was performed as requested.

~~6. Invoice prices should be compared to prices shown on purchase authorizations, and invoices should be checked for mathematical accuracy.~~

~~7.6~~ Invoices should be compared to purchase authorizations and matched with receiving reports before payment is approved. ~~Invoices should be checked for mathematical accuracy.~~

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Debit and Credit Card Controls

18. A listing of all issued debit and credit cards and authorized users should be maintained.

(a) When ~~multiple employees use one debit or credit card~~, a separate log should be maintained for each card. This log should include columns for (1) printed name of user, (2) signature of user, (3) ~~proof of prior written authorization, such as purchase order number~~, (4) date checked out, ~~and~~ (5) date returned, ~~and~~ (6) ~~confirmation that an invoice/receipt was provided when the card was returned~~. The bookkeeper should initial the entry twice: at the time the card is checked out and when the card is turned in.

(b) The listing of issued cards should be checked before final paychecks are issued to departing employees to ensure the debit or credit cards are turned in.

(c) The debit or credit card company should be notified to remove a departing employee's name as an authorized user, and school records should be updated accordingly.

19. Actual (original) invoices/~~receipts~~ that support each debit or credit card purchase should be submitted ~~timely when the card is turned in and~~ must have the following supporting documentation:

(a) Description of the school's purpose for the purchase;

(b) ~~Nature Cost~~ and description of individual items purchased, if not clearly apparent from the invoice/receipt; and

(c) The name of the person who made the purchase.

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Internal Controls and Example Forms

- Ensured terminology was consistent between the written procedures in the *Manual* and the example forms in Appendix A
- Added references throughout the *Manual* to any applicable Appendix A exhibit

Authorization should include the following information:

- Proposed fundraising activity;
- ~~Method/type~~ of fundraising activity (e.g., in-person, crowdfunding, etc.);
- ~~purpose of the fundraising activity~~;
- ~~Proposed uses of funds raised; and~~
- ~~Expected student involvement in fundraising activity (school-wide or individual class or club).~~

~~Refer to Appendix A – Exhibit 1 for an example Fundraiser Authorization Form.~~

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Fundraising for Noneducational Purposes

Added TCA Section 49-2-134, which provides that teachers or school employees may raise funds for noneducational purposes

Policy must be established which addresses:

- Receipt, disbursement, and accounting of all funds
- Sources from which these funds may be derived (e.g., vending, donations)
- How the funds must be used (e.g., bereavement, employee morale, etc.)

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Removed Section 4, Title 5 – Property Acquisition and Management

- Procedures are still applicable, however, felt the section was repetitive.
- Majority of items were already covered by Capital Asset or Inventory cycles within Section 4, Title 2.
- We ensured all items were covered elsewhere in the Manual and removed the separate Title.



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Cooperative Activities

Old

New

Proceeds

The school shares directly in a percentage of the proceeds of a cooperative activity or receives a commission. These proceeds should be accounted for within the general fund.

Accounting for Proceeds

If all proceeds from the event are collected by the school, the proceeds should be receipted by the school and a distribution made to the outside group based on the prior written agreement. If proceeds are collected by the outside group, a designated individual from the school should verify that the division of the collections was based on the written agreement and a prenumbered receipt should be issued for the school's share.

Accounting for Proceeds

Proceeds should be accounted for within the general fund.

1. If the school collects all proceeds, the school should receipt the proceeds and distribute the outside group's share based on the written agreement.
2. If the outside group collects the proceeds, the school should verify the collections received by the school were based on the written agreement. A prenumbered receipt should be issued for the school's share.

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Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement

- TCA Section 49-3-359
- Amounts unexpended at year-end should be transferred to TISA pooled funds

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Typical School Income

General Middle School - General School Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance - Regulatory Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Fund Balance 7/1/2021	Fund Balance 7/1/2022		Other Financing Sources (Use of Funds)		Change Increase (Decrease)	Fund Balance 6/30/2022
	Revenues	Expenditures	Debit	Credit		
General Fund	\$ 5,237	\$ 6,880				
Food Service	8,532	6,810				
From State and Local	380					
Administrations	-	1,487				
Interests	-	284				
Operations and Maintenance	-	135				
Total General Fund	\$ 13,949	\$ 15,696	\$ 13,732	\$ 10,616	\$ 100	\$ 14,124
Restricted Fund						
Adaptive Learning	\$ 5,952	\$ -	\$ 5,952	\$ 27,918	\$ 10,477	\$ 13
Bookends	594	-	594	352	487	-
Classified						
Club Accounts	172	-	172	613	418	-
Book Club	137	-	137	385	248	-
Bookings Club	137	-	137	385	248	-
PEL	138	-	138	713	575	-
State Revenue	185	-	185	200	115	-
Other Accounts	154	-	154	1,108	1,054	-
Total	185	-	185	1,108	1,054	-
TISA Board	133	-	133	-	38	133
Student Council	881	-	881	1,485	1,485	-
Total Restricted	\$ 8,802	\$ -	\$ 8,802	\$ 22,209	\$ 10,209	\$ 4,000
Total General & Restricted Funds	\$ 22,751	\$ 15,696	\$ 22,534	\$ 33,825	\$ 20,309	\$ 18,124

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Exhibit 15

Journal Entries for TISA Receivable

1. If expenditures must occur prior to receipt of TISA funds from the board of education, a journal entry for estimated TISA funding should be recorded:

	Debit	Credit
Due from board of education	\$2,000.00	
Teachers' Materials and Supplies (TISA) account		\$2,000.00

2a. TISA funds are subsequently received from the board of education. The amount received agreed with the amount estimated.

	Debit	Credit
Cash	\$2,000.00	
Due from board of education		\$2,000.00

2b. TISA funds are subsequently received from the board of education. The amount received was greater than the amount estimated.

	Debit	Credit
Cash	\$2,000.00	
Due from board of education		\$2,000.00
Teachers' Materials and Supplies (TISA) account		\$ 400.00

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Money Collected on Behalf of Board of Education

- Clarified accounting requirements.
- Previously only stated “must be accounted for in the school’s accounting records.”
- Update is clear this activity should not impact revenue or expenditure accounts. Instead, a liability account should be established.



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Electronic Business Systems

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TCA Section 4-30-103

- Applies to new electronic technology related to disbursements or receipts
- Requires a plan to be submitted 30 days prior to implementation

TCA Section 47-10-119

- Applies to electronic records and signatures
- Requires a statement to be filed 30 days prior to offering the services
- Requires a post-implementation review to be conducted and submitted 12 to 18 months following the initial filing

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Revenues and Receipts

Overarching Collection Internal Control Policies and Procedures

1. Daily collections from any source may never be used for the purpose of providing change for events. When additional money is needed for the purpose of providing change for events, a check should be written to the individual responsible for the change. The change received should be recorded in the “Cash on Hand Account.” The exact amount of the change should be redeposited as soon as feasible and the deposit slip marked “Redeposit.” Refer to [Appendix A – Exhibit 12](#) for illustrative journal entries.
2. Collections may never be turned over (such as leaving money on the cashier’s desk) without receiving a receipt.

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Added a reference to
TCA Section 49-6-316

- A school cannot take part in an athletic event if the event's organizer does not allow students from participating schools to purchase tickets with cash – either before the event, at the event, or both.



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Purchasing Procedures for Bookkeeper

Old

When the bookkeeper receives or originates a purchase requisition, the principal must review the account balance to be charged to determine if sufficient money is available; the bookkeeper must determine if the purchase is over \$100, or if it is an online payment or purchase order, if the principal for approval. After the purchase requisition is approved by the principal, it becomes a **purchase authorization**. If one is needed for the purchase, the purchase requisition should be filed in the outstanding purchase requisition file. The purchase requisition should be given to the individual initiating the purchase.

When requisitions are used for purchases that are less than \$100, the bookkeeper should review the requisition to ensure that sufficient money is available. If sufficient money is available, the bookkeeper should follow alternate procedures established by the organization. If a requisition should be filed in the outstanding requisition file, the bookkeeper should ensure that the requisition is filed in the outstanding requisition file (unless a purchase order is needed for the purchase). The individual initiating the purchase request should be notified of the status of the requisition.

Purchasing

New

Purchasing Procedures for Bookkeeper

When the bookkeeper receives or originates a purchase requisition, the bookkeeper should review the account balance to be charged to determine if sufficient money is available. If sufficient money is available, the bookkeeper should sign and date the form, and follow appropriate procedures below based on the amount and type of purchase.

1. If the purchase is an online payment or over \$100, forward the prenumbered purchase requisition form to the principal for approval. After the form is signed by the principal, it becomes a **purchase authorization**.
2. If the purchase is not an online payment and less than \$100, the bookkeeper should initiate the purchase (or follow alternate procedures established by the principal).

The original purchase requisition/purchase authorization should go to the vendor as a purchase order, if needed. One copy should be filed in the outstanding purchase requisition/purchase authorization folder, and the remaining copy should be given to the individual initiating the purchase request.

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Capital Assets

- The Board of Education is responsible for purchasing all capital assets
- Capital assets should **NOT** be recorded within the internal school funds financial statements
- Capital assets **should still be tracked** by the individual schools for safekeeping and for insurance

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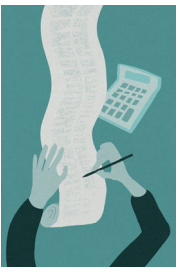
TITLE 5: REFUNDS AND TRAVEL

Refunds

Refunds ~~in excess of \$10~~ should be disbursed by check or other approved payment method and should not be paid from a petty cash account. Refunds are reductions of revenue, rather than new expenditures.



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Bank Reconciliations

General

Bank statements must be reconciled with the cash balances presented in the accounting records (general ledger) as of the end of each month. Bank reconciliations should be prepared ~~on a timely basis, but no later than the end of the following month, within 10 days after the bank statements are received from the bank~~. Canceled checks and deposit slips must be retained on file with the applicable bank statements for future reference and audit purposes and should not be filed with paid invoices or purchase authorizations. If deposit slips are not returned with the bank statement, validated duplicate deposit slips (or duplicate deposit slips with deposit receipt attached) must be retained.

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Deficit Fund Balances

Added disclosure requirement

The **restricted fund** consists of accounts which include both revenues and expenditures, and each account **maintains** its own identity. Expenditures in each restricted fund account must not exceed the beginning balance plus current year revenue. A deficit balance in a restricted fund account is **never** allowable. ~~If a deficit restricted fund account balance exists at year end, the deficit must be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements as an instance of noncompliance, if significant.~~

The **general fund** consists of separate revenue accounts and expenditure accounts. Total general fund expenditures (including unpaid obligations as of June 30 each year) must not exceed the beginning fund balance plus current year revenue. A deficit balance in the general fund (representing the net total of all account balances in the general fund) is **never** allowable. ~~If a deficit fund balance exists at year end, the deficit must be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements as an instance of noncompliance.~~

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GASB Statement No. 100: Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

“Prior period adjustment” language is **NO** longer used.

Typical School System – Internal School Funds
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis – All Schools
For the Year Ended June 30, 20X2

	Central High School	Central Middle School	Central Elementary School	Total
Fund balances, July 1, 20X1, as previously reported	\$ 8,111	\$20,268	\$ 2,000	\$ 30,379
Prior period adjustment (Error correction (Note 8))	—	—	233	233
Adjusted fund balances, July 1, 20X1, as reported	\$ 8,111	\$20,268	\$ 2,233	\$30,612



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GASB Statement No. 100: Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

“Prior period adjustment” language is **NO** longer used.

Note 8 – ~~Prior Period Adjustment~~ Error Correction

Central Elementary School's beginning fund balance was adjusted by \$233 ~~in order to~~ properly reflect fund balance at July 1, 20X1. ~~It was discovered during the current fiscal year that Revenue from Fines, Fees and Dues of \$233 was not recorded-reported in the prior year's financial statements. This caused resulting in last year's revenue, change in fund balance, and ending fund balance being to be understated by \$233 for the fiscal year ended July 1, 20X1.~~

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GASB Statement No. 100: Accounting Changes and Error Corrections

Be aware of possible changes in reporting entity, as these will require a note disclosure.

Example scenarios:

- New middle school - students were attending other schools within the same district **YES**
- City high school closed – students will now attend County high school **NO**
- School serving grades 1-9 divided into two schools (grades 1-5 and 6-9) **YES**

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Schedule of Transfers

Clarified information required to be included on the schedule:

- Transferring fund account
- Receiving fund account
- Amount
- Purpose (new)

Typical School System – Internal School Funds
Schedule of Transfers – By School
For The Year Ended June 30, 20x2

Central High School

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Purpose
Student Council	General	\$1,488	Donation
Class of 20x2	General	1,185	Closing account
Cheerleading	Football	696	Donations
TISA	TISA Pooled	245	Moving remaining balance
	Total	\$3,555	

Central Middle School

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Purpose
Student Council	General	\$500	Donation
Cheerleading	Basketball	83	Donation
TISA	TISA Pooled	33	Moving remaining balance
	Total	\$616	

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Typical School System – Internal School Funds
Schedule of Salary Supplements – By School
For The Year Ended June 30, 20x2

School	Gross Amount	Source of Funds	Board Approved	Proper Withholding
Central High School				
D. Moody	\$ 50	Cheerleading	Yes	Yes
J. Hyde	340	Football	Yes	Yes
J. Wesley	210	Football	Yes	Yes
G. Whitfield	85	Football	Yes	Yes
H. Taylor	55	Cheerleading	Yes	Yes
G. Mueller	80	Football	Yes	Yes
S. Morris	80	Football	Yes	Yes
C. Finney	100	Football	Yes	Yes
Total	\$1,000			

Schedule of Salary Supplements

Updated column heading to indicate "Gross" amount

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Appendix A Example Forms and Journal Entries

- Updated headings to be consistent across all forms
- Added clarification to certain forms
- Removed unnecessary pages
- Added example journal entries for TISA receivable

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Thank You!

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