



## **PROPERTY, DATA AND RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

### **Data Management**

The superintendent is authorized to enter into a contract with the Washington School Information Processing Cooperative to purchase data processing services. The board shall review the data management program annually.

### **Records Management and Retention**

The district recognizes the importance of public records as the record of the acts of the district and the repository of such information. The public has the right under law to inspect and procure copies of such records with certain exceptions. The public records of the district shall mean any account, voucher or contract dealing with the receipt or disbursement of funds; with acquisition, use or disposal of services or of supplies, materials, equipment or other property; or with any minutes, orders or decisions fixing the personal or property rights, privileges, immunities, duties or obligations of any person or group.

The superintendent shall develop procedures to implement this policy which shall conform to law; require as a minimum the permanent safeguarding of board minutes, annual audit reports and permanent student records; and require retention of all fiscal records required for audits. The superintendent shall designate a staff member to serve as district records officer.

Records may be destroyed when authorized by the General Records Retention Schedule and Destruction Authorization provided by the Office of Secretary of State, Division of Archives and Records Management.

### **Property Records**

Property records and inventory records shall be maintained on all land, buildings, and personal property under the control of the district with a value of \$5,000 or greater.

Property purchased in whole or in part with federal funds shall be inventoried by site according to the district cycle. The inventory shall include the serial number of the item, its cost and the percentage of federal funds used to purchase it.

Small attractive items, as defined by the district, shall be updated annually and shall be inventoried by site according to the district cycle.

At the end of the school year, each teacher shall inventory the property items in his/her classroom. Documentation of the inventory shall be reviewed and approved by the principal/supervisor.

For purposes of this policy, "equipment" shall mean a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus or a set of articles which has a value of \$5,000 or greater, retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable, and does not

lose its identity when incorporated into a more complex unit. Property records of facilities shall be maintained on an ongoing basis.

No equipment shall be removed for personal or non-school use. Property records shall show, as appropriate to the item recorded, the:

- A. Description and identification;
- B. Manufacturer;
- C. Year of purchase;
- D. Initial cost;
- E. Location;
- F. Condition and depreciation; and,
- G. Current valuation in conformity with insurance requirements.

Equipment may be identified with a permanent tag that provides appropriate district and equipment identification.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 3231	Student Records
	Board Policy 4040	Public Access to School District Records
	Board Policy 6955	Maintenance of Records

Legal References:	Chapter 40.14 RCW	Preservation and Destruction of Public Records
	RCW 40.14.010	Definition of public records
	RCW 42.17.250	Public Records
	through 340	