

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

POLICY: STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS

DATE ADOPTED: May 6, 2025

POLICY STATEMENT

The School Board Directors authorize each school to maintain a separate bank account for controlling funds raised by groups in that school for student activities. Student Activity Accounts and the funds controlled by the individual schools are used to account for those resources owned, operated, and managed by the student body, under the guidance of a faculty member for educational, recreational, or cultural purposes. These are "Special Revenue Funds" as defined in the Handbook for Financial Accounting of Vermont School Systems (Handbook II).

Student activity funds are administered through the establishment of two specific account types per school and they are as follows:

- A Student Activity Account is established for each club or activity when separate tracking of funds is required. Each account (club or activity), except for the General Account defined below, will be defined with the Notification of a New Activity form.
- The General Account is an account that is utilized to track all interest received and all operating expenses associated with the various student activity accounts.

All payments from student activity accounts to employees for services shall be paid through the School District's payroll system.

Student activity accounts shall be used solely in accordance with the purpose for which such funds are collected and should be spent in a way that benefits those pupils who are in the school and who have contributed to the accumulation of such funds.

Annually, an independent certified public accounting firm will audit the School District. The firm will review the student activity account procedures and compliance with those procedures as part of the School District's audit.

Legal References: VSA Title 16 § 563 (8)

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It is this policy's intent that the Town Treasurer will designate the Principal to sign all checks for their respective school; however, from time to time, it may be necessary for another person to perform this function. Signature authority will be limited to the Principal, the Superintendent, the Business and Operations Manager and one other building-based person.

Additionally, the second building-based signature cannot be the person responsible for accounting in each Principal's office. Checks or other disbursements of more than \$1,000 will require two signatures, one of which should be the signature of the Business and Operations Manager or the Superintendent. Checks made payable to the Principal must be authorized and signed by the Superintendent or Business and Operations Manager. All checks or other disbursements shall be clearly documented with approved invoices, detailed purchase receipts or proof of payment. Documents will clearly describe the item or service received.

Student activity funds shall be administered by the respective building Principals, following procedures established by the Superintendent, which may from time to time be modified by the Superintendent.