

Chart of Accounts - Criteria for Financial Reporting

This section describes the general requirements for reporting revenue and expenditure data from school committee appropriation, municipal spending in support of schools, revolving and special funds and state and federal grants and contracts. Each school district shall report the following revenues and expenditures as required in the annual End-of-Year Financial Report in accordance with M.G.L. c.72, s.3.

A. Revenue Classification

1. General fund receipts:
 - a. Regional school district assessments received from member cities and towns and excess and deficiency funds applied to a given year's budget;
 - b. Tuition receipts, transportation fees, earnings on investments, rental fees, medical care and assistance, e-rate receipts, and other general fund revenue;
 - c. The cash value of all non-revenue receipts.
2. State aid receipts:
 - a. Chapter 70 (school aid), chapter 70B(construction aid through MSBA)
 - b. Pupil transportation, charter reimbursement and facilities aid, circuit breaker and foundation reserve
3. State and Federal Grant receipts:
 - a. State grants or contracts received from the Department or any other state agency.
 - b. Federal grants or contracts received from the Department, from other state agencies or from any other federal government source
4. Revolving and special fund receipts:
 - a. School lunch receipts, including state and federal reimbursements
 - b. Athletic and other student body receipts for admission for school events
 - c. Tuition receipts for school choice or other receipts for adult education, community school programs, out of district tuitions or summer school.
 - d. Other local receipts as permitted by law, such as culinary arts programs, insurance reimbursements, lost schoolbooks or costs of industrial arts supplies, self-supporting recreation and park services or rental of school facilities.
 - e. Private receipts shall include all non-governmental grants or gifts.

B. Expenditures - Functional Classification

This section specifies the criteria for reporting functional categories of expenditures and gives the specific items that should be reported under these categories. Reporting of municipal expenditures must also comply with reporting instructions entitled: "Reporting by Municipal Agencies".

1000 DISTRICT LEADERSHIP & ADMINISTRATION: Activities which have as their purpose the general direction, execution, and control of the affairs of the school district that are system wide and not confined to one school, subject, or narrow phase of school activity.

1100 General Administration

1110 School Committee

- Salaries, clerical and support staff
- Contracted Services
- Supplies, equipment and materials

- Dues and subscriptions
- Stipends and meeting costs
- Travel expenses

1200 District Administration

1210 Superintendent (and Office)

1220 Assistant Superintendents (Instruction/Academic Programs: Assistant Superintendent for Community Relations)

1230 District-Wide Administration (Assistant to Superintendent, Grants Manager, Director of Planning)

- Salaries, professional, clerical, support staff
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and materials
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

1400 Finance and Administrative Services

1410 Finance and Business

1420 Human Resources, Benefits, Personnel

1430 Legal Services for School Committee (Costs of School Committee representation for collective bargaining and other litigation)

- Salaries, professional, clerical, support staff
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and materials
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

1435 Legal Settlements (Costs representing settlement of litigation actions)

- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Expenses

1450 District wide Information Management and Technology (Expenditures that support the data processing needs of the *school district, including student databases*)

- Salaries, professional, clerical, support staff
- Contracted Services
- Supplies, materials, disks
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff
- Hardware and software under \$5,000 unit value

2000 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Instructional activities involving the teaching of students, supervising of staff, developing and utilizing curriculum materials and related services. Instructional services directly attributable to schools must be reported on a school basis, while district-wide services, such as supervisory may be reported on a district-wide basis.

2100 District wide Academic Leadership – Regular Day, Special Education, Ch 74 Occupational Day, English Language Learners, Academic Support, Adult Education, and other managers responsible for delivery of student instructional programs at the district level

2110 Curriculum Directors (Supervisory)
2120 Department Heads (non-supervisory)

- Salaries, professional, clerical, support staff
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and materials
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

2200 School Building Leadership: Building Level – Curriculum leaders, department heads, school principals and assistants, headmasters and deans.

2210 School Leadership – Building – Principal's Office
2220 School Curriculum Leaders/Department Heads – Building Level

- Salaries, professional salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Supplies and materials
- Dues, stipends and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

2250 Building Technology: (Expenditures that support a *school's* daily operation- non instructional)

- Salaries, professional, clerical, support staff
- Supplies, materials, disks
- Dues and subscriptions
- Hardware and software under \$5,000 unit value
- Travel expenses for staff
- Principal portion of a loan or the cost of a lease/purchase agreement for non-instructional building technology.

2300 Instruction - Teaching Services

2305 Classroom Teachers – Certified teachers with primary responsibility for teaching designated curriculum to established classes or students in a group instruction setting, including itinerant music, art and physical education teachers and others who travel from classroom to classroom and/or school to school.

2310 Specialist Teachers - Certified teachers who provide individualized instruction to students (in-class or pull out, one to one or small groups) to

supplement the services delivered by the student's classroom teachers. Include reading recovery, Title 1 reading specialist, special education, academic support and language acquisitions services,

- Professional Salaries

2315 Instructional Coordinators and Team Leaders (Non-Supervisory) – Includes curriculum facilitators, instructional team leaders and department chairs that are non-supervisory

- Salaries, professional, clerical, support

2320 Medical/Therapeutic Services (Costs for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech, Vision and other therapeutic services that are provided by licensed practitioners)

- Salaries, professional, clerical support
- Contracted Services

2325 Substitutes - Include long and short term as well as certified and non-certified teachers who cover vacant positions or absences.

2330 Non-Clerical Paraprofessionals/Instructional Assistants hired to assist teachers/specialists in the preparation of instructional materials or classroom instruction. (Includes American Sign Language Specialists).

- Other Salaries
- Contracted Services

2340 Librarians and Media Center Directors

- Salaries, professional, clerical, other

2350 Professional Development for teachers, support staff and school councils

2351 Professional Development Leadership Development (Director of Professional Development)

- Salaries, professional and clerical
- Supplies and Materials
- Other expenses

2353 Teacher/Instructional Staff-Professional Days - Staff who participate in in-service days beyond the contractual classroom days exceeding the 180-day requirement. Include stipends for professional staff providing or receiving professional development services beyond the length of a regular school day.

- Salaries, Professional and Other

2355 Substitutes for Teachers/Instructional Staff at Professional Development Activities

- Other Salaries

2357 Professional Development Stipends, Providers and Expenses - Instructional supervisors, teachers and other professional staff who spend one-half or more of their time providing teacher training and implementation. Include full time or prorated share of salaries of professional staff training teachers, teachers being trained to implement new curriculum or instructional practices, teachers targeted for training and support to remedy performance weaknesses, master teachers, mentor teachers, curriculum coaches and other who provide in-district professional development.

- Professional Salaries
- Supplies and materials
- Contracted Services
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff
- Tuition and/or conference fees

2400 Instructional Materials and Equipment.

2410 Textbooks and Related Software/Media/Materials

- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials – including workbooks, materials, and accessories, such as CD-ROMs and videos, provided as an integrated package as well as printed manuals used to support direct instructional activities
- Other Expenses

2415 Other Instructional Materials

- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Books, periodicals, reference materials for use in school libraries or classroom libraries
- Other Expenses

2420 Instructional Equipment

- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Expenses
- All Equipment, including vocational and science lab equipment irrespective of unit cost.
- Lease/purchase of equipment used to produce instructional material

2430 General Supplies

- Supplies and Materials
- Paper, pens, crayons, chalk, paint, toner, calculators etc.

2440 Other Instructional Services

- Other Salaries
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Expenses
- Field trips, including admissions and transportation costs
- Distance Learning Services

2450 Instructional Technology: (Expenditures to support **direct instructional** activities defined in Function 2000)

2451 Classroom (Laboratory) Instructional Technology

- Contracted Services
- Supplies, materials and disks
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff
- Computers, services, networks, scanners, digital cameras used in the classroom or computer laboratories
- Instructional technology equipment

2453 Other Instructional Hardware

- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Expenses
- Computers, servers, networks, scanners, digital cameras etc for school libraries and media centers

2455 Instructional Software

- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other Expenses
- Software, including the cost of programs and licenses
- CD-ROMs

2700 Guidance, Counseling and Testing Services

2710 Guidance

- Salaries, guidance counselors, school adjustment counselors, and social workers
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Supplies and materials
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other expenses

2720 Testing and Assessment

- Salaries, professional, clerical and other

- Reference materials
- Testing and assessment materials
- Contracted services
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

2800 Psychological Services (Salaries and expenses for psychological evaluation, counseling and other services provided by a licensed mental health professional)

- Salaries, school psychologists, and psychometrists and assistants
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Supplies and materials
- Dues and subscriptions
- Contracted services, including independent evaluation
- Travel expenses for staff

3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES: *Other than instructional services.*

3100 Attendance and Parent Liaison Services

- Salaries, attendance and truancy officers, parent information centers
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and materials
- Census Costs
- Dues and subscriptions
- Investigatory services
- Travel expenses for staff

3200 Health Services

- Salaries, school physicians and school nurses
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- School medical supplies
- Supplies and materials
- Contracted services
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

3300 Student Transportation Services (To and from school)

- Salaries, student transportation supervisors, dispatchers, school bus drivers, and school bus maintenance personnel
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Fuel, lubrication, tires, and school bus maintenance
- Contracted services
- Insurance premiums for student transportation services
- School bus monitors

3400 Food Services

- Salaries, school lunch supervisors, food preparers, kitchen personnel, and aides
- Food and supplies
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Contracted services
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

3510 Athletic Services

- Salaries, coaches, trainers, and assistants in intramural and interscholastic sports
- Contracted services
- Transportation services for students to and from athletic events
- Athletic rental services
- Uniforms
- Athletic supplies and materials
- Dues and subscriptions
- Travel expenses for staff

3520 Other Student Activities

- Salaries, musical directors, drama coaches, and other extra-curricular personnel
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Printing
- Dues and subscriptions
- Supplies and materials
- Transportation services for students to and from activities
- Travel expenses for staff

3600 School Security

- Salaries, security personnel, school police and hall monitors
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Printing
- Dues and subscriptions
- Supplies and materials
- Travel expenses for staff

4000 OPERATION and MAINTENANCE OF PLANT: Housekeeping activities relating to the physical plant and maintenance activities for grounds, buildings and equipment. Expenditures classified as a 4000 expenditure *must not exceed* the per project dollar limit for extraordinary maintenance or for non-instructional equipment.

4110 Custodial Services

- Salaries, custodians, janitors, engineers, truck drivers and other maintenance personnel
- Contracted Services

- Custodial supplies and materials
- Travel expenses for staff
- Dues and subscriptions

4120 Heating of Buildings

- Supplies and Materials
- Other expenses, including the cost of coal, fuel oil, electricity, gas, steam and wood
- Contracted services

4130 Utility Services

- Supplies and Materials
- Other expenses, including the cost of water, trash, sewage and hazardous waste disposal, electricity, telephone services and non-heating fuels
- Contracted services

4210 Maintenance of Grounds

- Salaries, professional, clerical and other
- Grounds keepers, equipment operators and aides
- Supplies, materials and tools
- Contracted services
- Other expenses
- Travel expenses for staff

4220 Maintenance of Buildings

- Salaries, professional, clerical and other
- Building maintenance, engineers, licensed trades people, painters and aides
- Supplies, materials and tools
- Travel expenses for staff
- Contracted services

4225 Building Security System – Installation and Maintenance (less than \$5,000 of building security system.

- Supplies, materials and tools
- Contracted services
- Other Expenses

4230 Maintenance of Equipment

- Salaries, of repair personnel
- Supplies, materials and tools
- Equipment parts and replacement of equipment and furnishings
- Contracted services

4300 Extraordinary Maintenance

- Contracted Services

- Supplies and Materials
- Equipment and tools
- Principal portion of a loan or the cost of a lease/purchase agreement

4400 Networking & Telecommunications: (Expenditures to support the school district's infrastructure)

- Salaries, professional, clerical, other
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and Materials
- Other expenses, including, Wiring, PBX Systems, File Servers, etc.

4450 Technology Maintenance

- Salaries, professional, clerical, other
- Contracted Services
- Supplies and materials
- Other Expenses
- Equipment and tools

5000 FIXED CHARGES: Retirement and insurance programs, rental of land and buildings, debt service for current loans, and other recurring items, which are not generally provided for under another function.

5100 Employee Retirement

- Contributions to employee retirement systems
- Social Security contributions
- Contributions to pension plans
- Medicaid contributions

5150 Employee Separation Costs

- Vacation pay, sick leave buy back and other benefits payable upon termination/retirement

5200 Insurance Programs

- Employee unemployment, health, and life insurance premiums or payments, and workers' compensation for active employees

5250 Insurance for Retired School Employees

- Health insurance premiums for retired school employees

5260 Other Non Employee Insurance

- Insurance premiums for property, fire, liability, fidelity bonds
- Judgments against the school district resulting from self-insurance

5300 Rental-Lease of Equipment. Expenditures for this purpose may only exceed the per project dollar limit for extraordinary maintenance (\$100,000) or non-

instructional equipment (\$5,000) for a three year period. After the third rental year the cost must be reported as a 7000 (fixed asset) expenditure. Do not include lease/purchase agreements.

- Annual operating lease/rental costs

5350 Rental-Lease of Buildings

- Annual capital lease/rental costs

5400 Debt Service (Interest) on Current Loans - RANS

- Annual interest charge on borrowing for revenue anticipation notes (RANS) for school purposes with a term of one year or less

5450 Debt Service (Interest) on Current Loans - BANS

- Annual interest charge on short term borrowing for bond anticipation notes (BANS) for school purposes.

5500 Other Charges: (Other items of a recurrent nature for school purposes)

- Costs of municipal and other public safety inspections
- Bank Charges
- Contracts for Medicaid billing

5550 *Crossing Guards*

- Salaries of crossing guards

6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES: Services provided by the school district for the community as a whole, or some segment of the community.

6200 Civic Activities

- Citizens' meetings
- Parent-teacher-student association activities
- Public forums and lectures
- School Council meetings and activities
- Advisory Council meetings
- Public forums and lectures
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Contracted services
- Supplies, materials, travel expenses and other expenses

6300 Recreation Services

- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Contracted services
- Supplies, materials, travel expenses for staff and other expenses

6800 Health Services to Non-Public Schools

- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and staff support
- Salaries, physicians and nurses
- Contracted services
- Medical supplies and materials
- Travel expenses for staff
- Other expenses

6900 Transportation Services to Non-Public Schools (To and from non-public school, regardless of distance.)

- Salaries, student transportation supervisors, dispatchers, school bus drivers, school bus maintenance personnel
- Salaries or the prorated share of salaries, clerical and support staff
- Fuel, lubrication, tires and school bus repairs
- Contracted service
- Insurance premiums
- School bus monitors

7000 ACQUISITION, IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF FIXED

ASSETS: Acquisition of land or existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to buildings, remodeling of buildings, or acquisition of initial or additional *non instructional* equipment exceeding the \$5,000 unit cost and \$100,000 extraordinary maintenance cost as defined in 603 CMR 10.00. Costs corresponding to revenue received as a lump sum or progress payment revenue receipt from MSBA whether or not outstanding BANs exist. Costs directly related to a school construction project supported through local appropriation.

7100 Acquisition and Improvement of Sites

- Purchase of school building sites
- Improvement of school building sites
- Grading, landscaping, sewers, storm drains, retaining walls, and surfacing
- Capital leases costs
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

7200 Acquisition and Improvement of Buildings

- Construction of buildings
- Acquisition of existing buildings
- Additions to existing buildings
- Acquisitions of portable school buildings/classrooms
- Rehabilitation of school buildings
- Lease/Purchase of Buildings
- Capital leases
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

7300 Acquisition and Improvement of Equipment

- Acquisition of new, non-instructional school equipment having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of more than \$5,000.

- Acquisition of school furniture and fixtures (bulk purchases)
- Acquisition of school machinery
- Lease/Purchase of Equipment
- Capital leases
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

7350 Capital Technology

- Hardware or other technology purchases exceeding the \$5,000 unit cost
- Capital leases
- Lease/Purchase of capital technology
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

7400 Replacement of Equipment

- Capital leases
- Lease/Purchase of Equipment
- Replacement of non-instructional equipment having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of more than \$5,000.
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

7500 Acquisition of Motor Vehicles

- Purchase of passenger vehicles for school administrative use
- Purchase of trucks for school maintenance use
- Purchase of school buses
- Lease/Purchase of motor vehicles, trucks or buses
- Capital leases
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

7600 Replacement of Motor Vehicles

- Passenger vehicles, truck, and school buses purchased to take the place of existing equipment
- Lease/Purchase of motor vehicles
- Capital leases
- Principal portion of a loan not reported in 8100

8000 DEBT RETIREMENT AND SERVICE: Retirement of debt and payment of interest and other debt costs. Principal and interest on *current* loans are not part of this function, but are reported in fixed charges (5400/5450).

8100 Long Term Debt Retirement/School Construction

- Annual *Principal* of loans used to finance the purchase or construction of schools.

8200 Long Term Debt Service/School Construction

- Annual *Interest* on bonds and loans used to finance the purchase or construction of schools.

8400 Long Term Debt Service/Educational Expenditures

- Annual *Interest* on bonds and loans used to finance the purchase of educational expenditures and for other equipment and maintenance costs, such as books, instructional equipment, and extraordinary maintenance. Report the principal of these loans in the cost category of the purchase (e.g. fixed assets, instructional technology, etc.).

8600 Long Term Debt Service/Other

- Annual *Interest* on bonds and loans used to finance the purchase of non-instructional equipment, and to pay for capital maintenance projects in excess of one hundred *thousand dollars (\$100,000)*. Principal costs should be reported in the appropriate 7000 series

9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Transfers of payments to other school districts or to non-public schools for services provided to students residing in the sending city or town.

9100 Programs with Other Districts in Massachusetts

- Tuition or transfer payments to other public school districts in Massachusetts for resident students
- Tuition to *non member* Collaboratives
- Tuition to *non member* Regional School Districts

9110 School Choice Tuition

- Transfers made by the state from the sending school district's State Aid to the receiving school district or municipality. Deducted from state aid payments and recorded as an expenditure

9120 Tuition to Charter Schools (Horace Mann or Commonwealth)

- Transfers made by the state from the sending school district's State Aid to the Charter School. Deducted from state aid payments and recorded as an expenditure

9200 Tuition to Out-of-State Schools

- Tuition or transfer payments to school districts in other states for resident students

9300 Tuition to Non-Public schools

- Tuition or transfer payments to *non-public* schools for resident students

9400 Tuition to Collaboratives

- Payments of assessments to *member* Collaboratives for administrative and instructional services in accordance with collaborative agreements.

9500 Payments to Regional School Districts

- Payments or assessments to *member* regional school districts for capital and operating budgets in accordance with regional school district agreements.

- C. **Object Code Expenditures:** This section defines the category of goods or services purchased under the functional categories defined above.

01 Salaries Professional

The full-time, part-time and prorated portions of payments to personnel services of a professional nature rendered to an education plan. Categories included as professional are Superintendents, Principals, Supervisors, Teachers, Librarians, Counselors, Psychologists and other professional educators.

02 Salaries Secretarial and Clerical

Payments for a grouping of assignments to perform the activities of preparing, transferring, transcribing, systematizing or preserving communications, records and transactions, regardless of the level of skills required.

03 Salaries Other

Payment for a grouping of assignments regardless of level of difficulty that relate to supportive services. Included as other salaries: Custodians, Aides, Substitutes, Paraprofessional, Food Service Personnel, School Bus Drivers, Cross Walk Guards and other classified salaries not identified as professional, secretarial and clerical.

04 Contract Services

Payments for services rendered by personnel who are not on the payroll and are not regular employees, including all related expenses covered by the contract.

05 Supplies and Materials-

Materials and items of an expendable nature that is consumed, worn out or deteriorated in use, loses its identity through fabrication or incorporation into a different or more complex unit or substance. These items are defined as having a unit price of under \$5,000.

06 Other Expenditures -

Expenditures not chargeable to another object code, such as dues, subscriptions and travel for staff. (food, coal, fuel oil, gas, steam, wood, file servers)

09 Transfers –

Payments to other local educational agencies, (LEAs) and regional school districts for services rendered. This object code includes all of functional code 9000.

Notes:

Supervisory refers to individuals responsible for a program/activity and for directing and evaluating personnel in that program/activity.

Non Supervisory refers to individuals responsible for a program/activity and for coordinating personnel working in that program/activity.