

NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION Newark, New Jersey POLICY



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FEDERAL AWARDS / FUNDS INTERNAL CONTROLS – ALLOWABILITY OF COSTS

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (UGG), 2 CFR §200.302(b)(7) requires written procedures for determining the allowability of costs in accordance with 2 CFR §200 – Cost Principles. Determining the allowability of costs shall be in accordance with the requirements outlined in 2 CFR §200.403 – Factors Affecting Allowability of Costs. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee shall be responsible for determining the allowability of costs are in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR §200.403.

The following procedures shall be used to determine the allowability of costs in accordance with 2 CFR §200.403:

Except where otherwise authorized by statute, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee will ensure costs meet the following general criteria in order to be allowable under Federal awards:

- 1. Be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the Federal award and be allocable thereto under these principles.
- 2. Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in these principles or in the Federal award as to types or amount of cost items.
- 3. Be consistent with policies and procedures that apply uniformly to both Federally-financed and other activities of the non-Federal entity.
- 4. Be accorded consistent treatment. A cost may not be assigned to a Federal award as a direct cost if any other cost incurred for the same purpose in like circumstances has been allocated to the Federal award as an indirect cost.
- 5. Be determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), except for State and local governments, which includes school districts, as otherwise provided for in 2 CFR §200.403.
- Not be included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing or matching requirements of any other Federally-financed program in either the current or a prior period. (See also 2 CFR §200.306 – Cost Sharing or matching 2. above).
- 7. Be adequately documented. (See also 2 CFR §200.300 Statutory and National Policy Requirements through 2 CFR §200.309 Period of Performance).

In the event the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee is not sure if a cost is allowable under 2 CFR Subpart E - §200.403, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary or designee will contact the New Jersey Department of Education or the United States Department of Education for assistance.

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<u>INTERNAL CONTROLS – ALLOWABILITY OF COSTS</u> (continued)

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<u>Legal References</u>: 2 CFR §200.302(b)(7)

2 CFR §200.403

Possible

<u>Cross References</u>: 3220.2/3230.2 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls – Mandatory Disclosures

3220.3/3230.3 Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Conflict of Interest

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^{*}Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.