

RECORDS MANAGEMENT

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RSU #78

The RSU #78 Board is aware that records of various kinds are created and received as the school educates its students and manages the operations of its schools.

For the purpose of this policy, “records” are all documentary materials made or received and maintained by the school in accordance with law or rule or in the transaction of its business. Records may be created and received in multiple formats. Records specifically include email, instant messages, and other electronic communications that are created, sent, and received.

Attention to the proper retention and disposal of the school unit’s records is essential not only for compliance with laws and regulations, but to protect the legal interests of the school, staff, and students and to ensure that the school unit is managed effectively.

The school will comply with all applicable laws, rules and procedures pertaining to the routine retention, storage and disposal of records and with its obligation to preserve records when litigation is reasonably anticipated or has commenced.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing a records management guideline for the cataloging/classification, storage, and disposal of the school unit’s records that is consistent with applicable laws and rules and which allows for retrieval records when necessary. The Superintendent will also be responsible, by methods he/she deems appropriate, for informing school employees of this policy, making them aware of the kinds of documents, data, and materials that must be saved and those which may be disposed of or deleted, and of any specific procedures employees need to follow. The Superintendent may delegate records management responsibilities to the person responsible for technology, school administrators, or other school unit personnel, as he/she deems appropriate in order to facilitate the implementation of this policy.

The RSU #78 Board shall keep such records as are necessary for the transaction of its business. The Superintendent shall act as custodian of Board records in his/her role as Secretary of the Board and will be responsible for storing Board and subcommittee minutes, reports, and studies commissioned by the Board, and other Board documents, data, and materials in a manner consistent with this policy and with applicable laws and rules.

Legal Reference: 5 M.R.S.A. § 91 et seq. (Archives and Records Management Law) Maine Secretary of State, Maine State Archives Rule Chapter 10 (Rules for Disposition of Local Government Records) Maine Department of Education Rule Chapter 125 (Basic School Approval)

Cross Reference: BEA - Board Use of Electronic Mail
 GBN – Retention of Application Materials
 GBJ - Personnel Records and Files
 GCSA - Employee Computer and
 Internet Use
 JRA - Student Education Records

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