

Policy

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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PROPERTY INVENTORY

As steward of this District's property, the Board of Education recognizes that efficient management and full replacement upon loss requires accurate inventory and properly maintained property records.

The Board shall annually maintain a complete inventory of all District-owned equipment and computing devices.

For purposes of this policy, equipment shall mean tangible personal property (including information technology systems), a unit of furniture or furnishings, an instrument, a machine, an apparatus, or a set of articles which retains its shape and appearance with use, is nonexpendable, having a useful life of more than one (1) year and a per-unit cost that equals or exceeds \$10,000.

Capital assets include equipment as well as the following:

- A. Land, buildings (facilities), and intellectual property (including software) whether acquired by purchase, construction, manufacture, lease-purchase, exchange, or through capital leases
- B. Additions, improvements, modifications, replacements, rearrangements, reinstallations, renovations or alterations to capital assets that materially increase their value or useful life (not ordinary repairs and maintenance)

Capital expenditures, which are expenditures for capital assets, require prior written approval in order to be allowable in certain situations. General purpose equipment, buildings, and land, as well as improvements to land, buildings, or equipment which materially increase their value or useful life, are unallowable as direct charges unless the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity provides prior written approval. Whereas capital expenditures for special purpose equipment are allowable as direct costs, provided that items with a unit cost of \$10,000 or more have the prior written approval of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity.

When defining supplies for inventory purposes, not items will be counted whose total acquisition cost is less than \$5,000 individually or as allot.

"Computing devices" are machines used to acquire, store, analyze, process, and publish data and other information electronically, including accessories for printing, transmitting, and receiving, or storing

electronic information. Examples of computing devices include laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc. Computing devices are classified as equipment if their acquisition cost meets the above-mentioned equipment threshold. Computing devices that do not meet the acquisition cost threshold are considered supplies. Regardless of whether a computing device is classified as an equipment or supply, it must be counted during the inventory.

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It shall be the duty of the Business Manager and assigned Grant Coordinator to ensure that inventories are recorded systematically and accurately and property records of equipment are updated and adjusted annually by reference to purchase orders and withdrawal reports.

Major items of equipment shall be subject to annual spot check inventory to determine loss, miss location, or depreciation; any major loss shall be reported to the Board.

The District is responsible for maintaining and updating property records when there is a change in the status of the property.

Equipment and computing devices acquired in whole or in part under a Federal award will vest upon acquisition to the District, subject to the following conditions:

- A. The equipment shall be used for the authorized purposes of the award project during the period of performance or until the equipment is no longer needed for the purposes of the project.
- B. While the equipment is being used for the originally authorized purpose, the District (or subrecipient) must not dispose of or encumber its title or other interests without the approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.
- C. The equipment may only be used and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the Federal agency or the pass-through entity and Policy 7300 - Disposition of Real Property/Personal Property and Policy 7310 - Disposition of Surplus Property.
- D. The District must use equipment for the project or program for which it was acquired and for as long as needed, whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by the Federal award. The District must not encumber the equipment without prior approval of the Federal agency or pass-through entity.
- E. When no longer needed for the original project or program, the equipment may be used in other activities in the following order of priority:
 - 1. Activities under other Federal awards from the Federal agency that funded the original program or project; then
 - 2. Activities under Federal awards from other Federal agencies. These activities include consolidated equipment for information technology systems.
- F. During the time that equipment is used on the project or program for which it was acquired, the District must also make the equipment available for use on other programs or projects supported by the Federal Government, provided that such use will not interfere with the purpose for which it was originally acquired. First preference for other use of the equipment must be given to other programs or projects supported by the Federal agency that financed the equipment. Second preference must be given to programs or projects under Federal awards from other Federal agencies. Use for non-Federally funded projects is also permissible, provided such use will not interfere with the purpose for which it was originally acquired. The District should consider charging user fees as appropriate. If the District does use equipment to earn program income, it must not charge a fee that is less than a private company would charge for similar services unless specifically authorized by Federal statute.

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- G. When acquiring replacement equipment, the District may either trade-in or sell the equipment and use the proceeds to offset the cost of the replacement equipment.
- H. Property records shall be maintained that include a description of the equipment, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the equipment (including the Federal Award Identification Number ("FAIN")), title holder, acquisition date, cost of the property, percentage of Federal agency contribution towards the original purchase, the location, use, and condition of the property, and ultimate disposition data, including date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- I. A physical inventory of the property must be conducted, and results reconciled with property records at least once every two (2) years.
- J. A control system shall be in place to provide safeguards for preventing loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any such loss, damage, or theft of the property must be investigated. The District must notify the Federal agency or pass-through entity of any loss, damage, or theft of equipment that will have an impact on the program.
- K. Regular maintenance procedures shall be implemented to keep the property in proper working condition.
- L. Proper sales procedures shall be established to ensure the highest possible return in the event the District is authorized or required to sell the equipment/property.
- M. When equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project/program or for activities currently or previously supported by a Federal agency, the District shall request disposition instructions from the Federal agency or the pass-through entity if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment shall be made in accordance with the provisions of 2 C.F.R. 200.313.

Legal Resource:
2 C.F.R. 200.313

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