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MODEL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE

for

ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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Background & Purpose. This newly updated Model Records Retention Schedule for Alaska School Districts supercedes a 1992 obsolete publication produced by this agency. The Model Schedule is intended to guide districts—city, borough, or regional educational attendance areas—in the administration of its information assets. The Model Schedule lists and describes most records that school districts administer and recommends minimum retention guidelines to properly retain Official Record Copies throughout their information life cycle, irrespective of media type utilized. In the event you become aware of actual or threatened litigation, audit or investigation that may concern a group of records, do not dispose of the records until authorized to do so.

Since the *Model Schedule* is only a guide, school districts should consider establishing their own records retention schedule to meet specific school/community needs and preferences. Not all of the forms that districts administer are identified on this schedule but most district information functions fall under the 13 records categories. The Department of Education & Early Development's website lists forms that districts must submit to the Department here: http://www.eed.state.ak.us/forms/home.cfm

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<u>Future Updates:</u> We plan to update this schedule in about four years. Please email me any recommendations or other comments that you would like considered for the next revision.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORDS & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

<u>Authority.</u> Under AS 40.21, the *State Records Act*, the Alaska State Archives & Records Management Program assists state agencies and local governments in the orderly management of current records and identifies and preserves records of permanent archival value for study and research. Records Management staff collaborate with agencies to navigate the intricacies of State and Federal regulations, ensuring that the State's records are protected and remain available for as long as required.

AS 40.21.070 requires that the governing body of each local political subdivision shall, as far as is practical, follow the program established for the management of state records.

What is a Record? Under AS 40.21.150(6) the definition of a record includes any document, paper, book, letter, drawing, map, plat, photo, motion picture film, microfilm, magnetic tape, electronic record, or other document of any other material, regardless of physical form or characteristic, developed or received under law or in connection with the transaction of official business and preserved or appropriate for preservation by an agency or a political subdivision, as evidence of the organization, function, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the state or political subdivision or because of the informational value in them.

<u>Electronic Records.</u> Under AS 40.21.150(4) electronic record means any information that is recorded in machine readable form. Many school district records are created, manipulated, processed, stored, transmitted and destroyed digitally. Electronic records that constitute an *Official Record Copy*, including email, should be administered under operating policies and procedures, ideally in an unaltered format, to ensure that the records remain authentic and trustworthy for their full retention period.

Records located within electronic systems must remain accessible and durable for their prescribed retention period. This requires addressing the issues of periodic media refreshment, disaster recovery, business continuity, security plans and digital migration strategies. Backups produced for system recovery purposes do not serve a recordkeeping function or substitute for archived business essential duplicates.

Staff that would like more guidance with respect to state agency requirements for retention and preservation of electronic records (4 AAC 59.005) may reference new regulations authorized in October 2007:

http://notes4.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/c34a64e79ffdb0e68925678500698e6a/885c94db4984cb458925735a006211e0?OpenDocument

Confidentiality of Records. Many school district records contain confidential information and access or disclosure may be restricted under State/Federal statute or regulation. Applicable statutory and regulatory citations include, but are not limited to: the Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA, 20 USC 1232g & 34 CFR Part 99—protects the privacy of student education records and applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the US Department of Education); AS 14.03.115 (Parental Access); Privacy Act (5 USC 552a); and, the Alaska Constitution, Article 1, Section 22 (Right to Privacy).

Refer also to the *Student Data Reporting Manual* (November 2004) for further information regarding the confidentiality, creation, maintenance, use and destruction of student records. This manual is available on the Department of Education & Early Development webpage here:

 $http://www.eed.sta\underline{te.ak.us/publications/StudentDataReportingManual.pdf}$

Note: All district employees must guard against improper disclosure of confidential and personally identifiable information. Because of the serious consequences of improper invasion of personal privacy, employees may be subject to disciplinary action and criminal prosecution for knowing and willful confidentiality violations. All districts should have written policies and procedures regarding the release of student information and provide adequate implementation training.

<u>Vital Records & Continuity of Operations.</u> Irreplaceable, vital school district records must be protected in the event a fire, flood, earthquake, terrorist act or other calamity strikes. Vital records contain mission critical information essential to the continuity of operations or protection of the rights/interests of the school district or individual citizens. Districts should have all vital records identified and measures in place to ensure that these documents are preserved.

<u>Transfer of Permanent Records to the State Archives.</u> Under AS 40.21.030(a)(1) school districts may transfer records of permanent archival value to the State Archives. Districts that would like to transfer permanent records—records that document the origin, policies, procedures and historical activities of the school district—to the State Archives for preservation may contact the State Archivist for further information.

Offsite Storage. Under AS 40.21.090 the State Records Management Office recommends that school districts store non-current records in approved records storage facilities, if room is unavailable onsite. The state has issued contracts for records storage and services in Juneau and Anchorage and are linked for review on our website here: http://www.archives.state.ak.us/records_management/records_management.html
The contractors also provide certified confidential records destruction (burning/shredding) at the end of the retention period.

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
1	Administrative Systems Studies & Operational Plans—Major & Minor: Consists of studies, plans, synopses, detailed reports and special projects of a Superintendent, Principal, School Board or Commission that assess the need for administrative systems improvements in the area of information management. Contents may include workload and organizational data, logs, time studies, interviews, questionnaires, computer printouts, final report, correspondence, authorized actions, workflow schematics, etc.	Retain one year after system terminated; or, when no longer needed for reference, whichever is later. Recommend review every five years. Historically Significant Studies: Permanent.
2	Complaints: Parents/Consumer/Employee: This records series consists of individual complaints from parents, employees or students and may include name, address, date, telephone number, narrative of complaint, to whom referred and date, action taken and signature of person taking the action. This file set does not include claims of harassment or discrimination among employees. Refer also to Item 141, Grievance Case Files.	Retain Official Record Copy 1 year after resolution provided applicable audits have been released.
3	Contracts & Agreements: Records that document the negotiation, execution, completion and termination of legal agreements between the school district and other parties. May include the official contract or agreement, amendments, exhibits, addenda, legal records, contract review records, and related correspondence. Does not include leases or property records.	Retain 6 years after expiration, termination or final contract payment.

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4	Drafts & Working Papers: This series contains documents, correspondence, reports, memoranda, and other materials in preliminary or developmental form before their iteration as a final product. Drafts may include copies of materials circulated for review for grammar, spelling and content. Working papers may include notes and miscellaneous documents used in compiling and assembling the final product.	Retain until obsolete, superceded or administrative or management need is met.
5	General Correspondence Files: Consists of original incoming and copies of outgoing letters and memoranda related to the general administration and operation of the agency, usually arranged topically according to a system index. Includes staff reports (activity, routine management, trip), endorsements, conference/training notes, conflict of interest statements, financial disclosure forms, confidentiality statements, inventories/logs, studies, policies & procedures, forms and templates.	Retain 3 years.
6	Legal Case Records: Records document a school district's legal actions by in-house or outside counsel. May include litigation records, correspondence, staff opinions, research findings, and background notes relating to specific cases.	Retain 10 years after the case is closed. Landmark Cases: Permanent.
7	Legal Opinions: Records document the legal opinions and advice given to school districts by staff or contract counsel. May include requests for opinions, letters of advice, and related correspondence.	Retain 10 years. Landmark Cases: Permanent.

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8	Letters of Intent: Consists of letters generated by the school district and given to applicants for classified and certificated positions.	Retain 1 year.
9	Mail & Telephone Records: Consists of mail files or logs that document transmittal/posting of United States Post Office materials and returned/undeliverable first class mail. Also includes telephone logs, message books and phone number lists.	Retain 1 year.
10	Parking Decal/Permit Records: This records series consists of copies of parking applications for motor vehicles authorized to park on District owned/leased lots.	Retain 1 year.
11	Postage Records: Consists of a detailed listing showing the amount of postage used, date, unused balance and purpose. Records regarding United Parcel Service, DHL or Federal Express pickups also fit within this series.	Retain 3 years or after audit, whichever comes first.
12	Program History Files: These records document function, organizational structure, history, activities and accomplishments of a school district. May include media releases, public information files, photographs (digital, prints, negatives), videotapes/discs, scrapbooks, clipping files, audio tapes/cd's, speeches by department head, written histories, monographs, visual aids, and other publications (brochures/leaflets/pamphlets) related to school district functions.	Permanent.

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13	Program Policies & Procedures—Major:	Permanent.
	Substantive and binding school district issued policies, procedures, directives, decisions, rules, and manuals that address mission essential functions.	
	Policy : a governing principle established by the Superintendent or Principal which mandates or constrains action, has consistent school/district wide application, and sets a course, which changes infrequently.	
	Procedure : a set of effective and logical interrelated steps that implement a policy.	
14	Program Policies & Procedures—Routine: Routine school district issued policies, procedures, directives, decisions, rules, organizational charts and manuals that address internal functions and operating procedures.	Retain for 3 years after policy is obsolete or superceded.
15	Projected Enrollment Data: This series consists of documents related to comparison of projected enrollment with actual enrollment for purposes of reallocating teacher positions. Includes compiled statistics reported by each school in the system.	Retain 6 years.
16	Publications: Publications that are produced for wide internal or external distribution, including district brochures, pamphlets, studies, proposals, newsletters, proposed instructional materials, and similar materials produced and made available to the public. Refer also to Item 12, Program History Files.	Permanent.

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
17	Reading Files:	Retain 1 year.
	Copies of outgoing letters, memoranda, messages or other records used for periodic review by office staff, as a cross-reference to the record copies filed in the same office, for signature control, preparation of periodic reports, or for similar administrative purposes, and maintained separately in a chronological arrangement.	
	Official Record Copy may be administered in the General Correspondence Files (Item 5.)	
18	Recording of Voice Conversations: Includes audio/video tape, stenotype or stenographer's notebook or electronic audio file which includes verbatim minutes used to produce official minutes and hearing proceedings, report or other record.	Retain 4 months after transcription and/or approval of minutes or proceedings.
19	Reports—Annual: Reports issued by school districts that describe functions, activities and events.	Permanent.
20	Reports—Quarterly, Monthly & Audit: Consists of district produced quarterly and monthly reports. Audit reports document the financial accountability of the school district.	Retain 6 years.

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
21	School Board Minutes & Meeting Files— Major Policy Making: Includes the following: agenda, information packets, reports, notes, transcripts, media releases, meeting summaries, public testimony statements and questionnaires. Under AS 14.14.090(6) school boards shall keep its records and files open to public inspection at the principal administrative office of the district during reasonable business hours.	Permanent.
22	School Board Minutes & Meeting Files— Non-Policy Making: For all general staff, routine and operational meetings that do not result in changes to school positions or procedures. Consists of agenda, minutes, notes and other backup.	Retain for 3 years, or until administrative or management need is met, whichever comes first.
23	Special Projects: Consists of correspondence, working papers, and information related to the special projects of the District.	Retain until administrative or management need is met.

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24	Superintendent Records:	Retain 6 years.
	Records that document the official affairs of the superintendent concerning teachers, students, and schools located in the district. May include correspondence, memoranda, reports, studies, and publicity items.	
25	Supply Records:	Retain 3 years.
	This records series consists of documentation of consumable supplies located in a central supply office for use by school or district staff. May include a listing of all available supplies distributed periodically or upon request.	
26	Technical Reference Files: Consists of technical studies, publications, consultant reports, internet printouts from any source related to program administration and functions.	Retain until administrative or management need is met.
27	Transitory & Miscellaneous Administrative Information: This records series consists of documents that are created primarily for the communication of information, as opposed to communications designed for the perpetuation of knowledge. Transitory messages do not set policy, establish guidelines or procedures, certify a transaction, or become a receipt. Includes e-mail with short-lived or no administrative value, voice mail, self-adhesive notes, data input documents, appointment books/calendars, intra-office correspondence tracking logs, word processing files, suspense files, temporary instructions, publication bulletins, notary certificates (copies) meeting notices, announcements and training flyers.	Retain until administrative or management need is met.

MODEL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE for ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS BUDGET RECORDS

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
35	Budget Preparation Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document the planning, development, estimation, and proposed budget requests for schools and districts. May include budget requests, spreadsheets, expenditures, projection work papers and reports, budget proposals, budget development schedules, spending plans, funding analysis, revenue projection reports, compensation plan proposals, contingency plans, preliminary or tentative budgets, CIP eligibility check lists, reconciliations, annual project summaries, and related correspondence and documentation.	
36	Annual Financial Plan Documentation: Records that document the annual financial plan approved by schools and districts. May monitor allotments, apportioned fiscal distributions and expenditures. May include budget allotment reports, adopted budgets, budget messages, revenue and expenditure tracking records, status reports, operating program debt service, position and wage analysis, summaries, hearings and review files and related correspondence.	Official Adopted Budget: Permanent. Retain all other records 3 years.
37	Budget Revision Requests: Formal requests to revise a budget that has already been adopted. May include approval or denial for change in approved budget, transfer of funds from one budget item to another, overtime authorization, or request for supplemental funds.	Retain 6 years.

MODEL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE for ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION RECORDS

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45	Course Descriptions: Records that list and describe school courses offered to students. Information may include course content descriptions; number of units granted; required or elective status; goals, competencies and standards for standard and modified diplomas; and, other information relative to educational plans.	Retain 10 years.
46	Curriculum Development, Selection & Adoption Records: Records that document the selection and adoption of textbooks and other instructional materials by school districts, and the development and approval process for staff or faculty to revise program curriculum or to update curriculum strategies and instruction. May include support documentation, reviews, reports, approvals, adoption authorization records, lists of state adopted textbooks including titles of books, authors and publishers, and related correspondence and documentation.	Retain 3 years after superseded or obsolete.
47	Student Testing – Group Reports: Summary of testing scores by class, grade program, sex, ethnic group, school, district, etc.	Retain 5 years.
48	Student Testing – Individual Student Report: Summary of student testing scores. Refer also to Student Permanent Record, Item 185.	Retain 2 years after graduation or withdrawal.

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50	Teacher Daily Instructional Plans: Records that document the instruction of students as planned on a daily basis	Retain 1 year.
	by teachers. May include instructional plans and related documentation and correspondence.	
51	Teacher's Grade Records: Records document the teacher's daily and term grades for each student. Records may include test scores, marking sheets and other related materials.	Retain 2 years.
	Grades will be recorded to the Student Permanent Record, Item 185.	

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
60	Accounts Payable Records: Records that document outstanding liabilities and provide a record of payment of bills by the school district. May include invoices, vouchers, statements, journal entry forms, purchase orders, payment authorizations, check requests, check registers, reports of receipt of goods or service, canceled checks or warrants, payments from student body fund accounts, petty cash fund records, daily batch lists, and related correspondence and documentation.	Retain 3 years.
61	Accounts Receivable Records: Records that document billings and collections and provide a record of money owed to or received by the school district for goods and services rendered. Records may serve as subsidiary ledgers of original entry or input which record the amounts received for goods or services. May include aging reports used to monitor accounts which are outstanding and overdue, invoices, invoiced registers, billing records, receipts, receipts registers, cash receipt records, NSF-checks, receivables for student body fund accounts, account edit sheets, and related documentation.	Retain 3 years.
62	Audit Reports: Records that document the examination of a school district's financial condition by internal or independent auditors. Audits include an examination of the fiscal condition, internal controls and compliance with policies and procedures, accounting principles and methods, the accuracy and legality of transactions, and performance audits. Also consists of audit reports (including those completed for student body fund accounts), supporting documentation, accountant's summary, financial statements, balance sheet details, comments, summaries, recommendations, preparation records and related correspondence and documentation.	Official Audit Report: Permanent. Retain all other records 3 years after final audit report is released.

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
63	Bank Transaction Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document the current status and transaction activity of school district funds held in bank accounts, including accounts for student body funds.	
	May include account statements, deposit and withdrawal slips, redeemed, void or canceled checks, check registers, interest payments, reconciliation worksheets or spreadsheets and related documentation.	
64	Bond Records:	Retain 6 years after final payment.
	Records that document the authorization and payment of bonds to finance school construction and improvements. May include authorizations, supporting financial documentation, bond ratings, and sample copies of bonds issued; paid bonds, coupons, and receipts; bond registers; and, related documentation.	imai payment.
65	General Ledgers:	Retain 6 years.
	Records that document all fiscal transactions of the school district. The ledgers summarize the accounts and reflect the financial position of the school district. Information often includes debit, credit, and balance amounts per account; budget, fund and department numbers; and totals for notes receivable.	
	Also consists of interest income, amounts due from other funds, federal grants received; bank loans received, cash in escrow, deferred loan received, cash, encumbrances, revenue, accounts receivable, and accounts payable; and, related documentation and data.	
	Refer also to Subsidiary Ledgers, Journals & Registers, Item 69.	

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
66	Records that document the application, evaluation, awarding, administration, monitoring, and status of grants in which the school district is the recipient, grantor, allocator, or administrator. Grants may come from federal or state governments or foundations or other funding sources. May include applications including project proposals, summaries, objectives, activities, budgets, exhibits, and award notification, grant evaluation records and recommendations concerning grant applications, and grant administration records including progress reports. Also consists of budgets, project objectives, proposals, and summaries, records documenting allocation of funds, contracts; records monitoring project plans and measuring achievement, equipment inventories, financial reports, accounting records, audit reports, expenditures reports, and related correspondence and documentation.	Retain 3 years after grant closeout. If any litigation, claim, audit or dispute is started before the expiration of the 3 year period, retain records until all issues involving the records have been resolved and final action taken. Under AS 09.10.053 Statute of Limitations for contract cases is 3 years.
67	Investment Records: Records that document financial investments made by schools districts. May include time certificates of deposit, interest income distribution, and tax anticipation notes. Information includes date purchased, date received, date matured, accrued interest, total interest to date, and related documentation.	Retain 6 years after investment maturity.
68	Local, State & Federal Revenue Records: Records that document application for and receipt of funds from local, state, and federal revenue sources and disbursement to the school or district. Records include funds received directly from federal agencies or apportioned to the school or district through the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development or other state agencies. May include projection reports of forecasted revenue earnings, revenue registers listing revenue earned, fund applications and awards, performance and financial reports, supporting fiscal documentation, reimbursement requests and claim records, and related correspondence.	Retain 6 years.

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69	Subsidiary Ledgers, Journals & Registers:	Retain 6 years.
	Records that document details of fiscal transactions by a school district such as those related to receipts and expenditures on a daily, monthly, quarterly, or similar basis. Records include journals, ledgers, registers, day books, transaction reports, trial balance reports, and other account books or reports that provide documentation for the general ledger or financial reports. Also consists of revenues, expenditures, encumbrances, cash receipts, warrants, and other financial records. Information often includes date, payee, purpose, fund credited or debited, check number, and related data. Refer also to Payroll Registers, Item 120, and General Ledgers, Item 65.	
70	Travel Expense Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document requests, authorizations, travel advances and reimbursement claims made by schools and district employees for travel and related expenses. May include travel expense reports and receipts, supporting documentation, and related correspondence.	

MODEL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE for ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOOD SERVICE & NURSING RECORDS

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75	School Food Service Program Administration:	Retain 3 years.
	Records include documents relating to initiating, administering and reporting on school food service programs. May include application for participation in the nutrition program, agreements, price policy, collection procedures, schedule of reimbursements, administrative review reports, inventory forms, receipts, school data forms, audit reports, menus, sanitation contracts, copies of checks and paid invoices, deposits, daily food production records, meal count reports, stock inventory reports, cost analyses, state and federal regulations and guidelines, free or reduced price meal records.	
76	School Nursing Records:	Retain 1 year.
	Records that document services provided by the school nurse. May include logs, reports, class lists, calendars, medication logs, and nursing notes.	
	Substantive nursing data may be included in Student Cumulative Health Records, Item 208.	
77	Daily Medication Orders: Orders are signed by the student's physician or parent/guardian to authorize the school to provide medication to a student while at school. They identify the type of medication, dosage, times when the medication will be provided, etc. New orders are completed at the beginning of the school year or when a change occurs.	Retain until superseded by a new order, until a doctor determines that the medication is no longer required, or at the end of the school year, whichever is shorter.

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
85	Information Technology System Planning & Development Records: Records that document the planning and development of school district information systems. The records are used to insure that planned systems will help the institution fulfill its missions, are cost-effective, conform to adopted information standards, and integrate with existing institution information systems. May include information technology plans, feasibility studies, cost-benefit analyses, institution studies and surveys, system specifications and revisions, component proposals, technical literature, vendor literature and proposals, and related correspondence. Refer also to Educational Technology Plans, Item 207.	Retain 3 years after successful implementation or following an audit, whichever is later.
86	Information Technology System Program Documentation: Records that document the addition, modification, or removal of software from a school district computer system. Records may fall into six categories: 1) records that document operating systems; 2) records that document the in-house creation and modification of application programs; 3) records that document the structure and form of data sets; 4) records that document the use of commercial software packages; 5) records that document the structure of the system; and 6) records that document system-to-system communication. May include system overviews, operation logs, job listings, operator instruction manuals; system development logs, specifications and changes including narrative and flow charts; data set logs, inventories, and record layouts. Also consists of data dictionaries and directories, conversion notes, programming logs, program specification and changes, record layouts, user views, and related correspondence.	Retain 1 year after system obsolete or superseded.

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
87	Information Technology System Maintenance Records: Records that document the maintenance of school district computer systems and used to ensure compliance with any warranties or service contracts, schedule regular maintenance, diagnose system or component problems, and document system backups. Also contains troubleshooting and problemsolving assistance provided to users. May include computer equipment inventories, hardware performance reports, computer system wiring records, component maintenance records (invoices, warranties, maintenance logs, correspondence, maintenance reports, and related records), system backup reports and backup tape inventories, assistance requests, resolution records, and related documentation.	Retain 3 years. Retain system backup records until obsolete or administrative need is met.
88	Information Technology System Security Records: Records that document the security of the information system. May include employee access requests, passwords, access authorizations, encryption keys, and related documentation.	Retain 3 years after obsolete or superseded.
89	Program User Documentation & Training Materials: May include user guides, notes, computations, reports, computer printouts, data systems or file specifications, codebooks, file layouts, output specifications, brochures and other end user material regarding the use of an application.	Retain 1 year after the system is no longer operational. As materials are updated, retain previous version for 1 year following update. Retain all other copies until administrative need is met.

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essments conducted following the completion of each IT project that ress operational problems (whether the project met proposed objectives, completed within the anticipated time and budgetary constraints, and ieved the proposed benefits). Includes surveys, gap analysis checklists, d party recommendations and auditor comments.	Retain 3 years after successful implementation.
tware Management Records: cords that document the use of software in school district information tems to insure that institution software packages are compatible, that use and copyright provision are complied with, and that upgrades are ained in a timely manner. The provision of the provision of the provision are complied with, and that upgrades are ained in a timely manner. The provision of the provision are complied with, and that upgrades are ained in a timely manner. The provision of the provision are complied with, and that upgrades are ained in a timely manner. The provision of the provision are complied with, and that upgrades are ained in a timely manner.	Retain 3 years after software disposed or upgraded.
ecommunications System Management Records: cords that document the creation, modification, or disposition of school rict telecommunications systems. May include equipment records, teral Communications Commission records, repair order forms, system uning records, telecommunications maintenance contract, service orders, correspondence.	Retain repair or service records 3 years. Retain all other records 1 year after system obsolete or superseded.
ese file sets document programmer and user testing processes created prior emplementation of a new or revised application. Intains a sample of every category of valid data as well as many invalid	Retain 1 year after successful implementation. Retain all other copies until administrative
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MODEL RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE for ALASKA SCHOOL DISTRICTS LIBRARY & MEDIA RECORDS

Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
100	Acquisition & Deaccession Records: Records that document the process of requesting, purchasing, and acquiring, as well as deaccessioning, books, periodicals, audio-visual, and other library materials. May include accession and deaccession registers, correspondence with publishers, questionnaires, request forms, bibliographic data, receipt notations, and related documentation. Refer also to Item 105, Library Catalog Records.	Retain registers until superseded or obsolete. Retain all other records 3 years.
101	Audio-Visual Materials & Equipment Loan Records: Records that document the loan, rental, scheduling, and delivery of audio-visual or media material and equipment to school or district faculty or staff. May include request forms, extension and cancellation records, borrower identification, title and material identification, shipping or delivery information, booking records, attendance and number of times media used or shown, usage statistics, accounting records concerning the cost of material, and related documentation.	Retain extension and cancellation records 1 month. Retain equipment inventories 3 years after obsolete or superseded. Retain all other records 3 years.
102	Circulation Records: Records that document the borrowing of circulating library, audio-visual, media, and learning records center materials by students and faculty. May include name of the borrower, title of material borrowed, due date, overdue status, overdue notices, and related documentations.	Retain overdue records until material is returned or debts reconciled/deemed uncollectible. Retain all other records 2 years. May be exempt from public disclosure under AS 40.25.140.

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
103	Copyright & Duplication Records: Records that document permission received from authors, publishers, producers, and distributors of video programs and other media and materials to allow the school district to duplicate the material without copyright infringement. May include agreements which state the terms, conditions, copyright releases, authorizing signatures, and related documentation.	Retain 3 years after contract expires.
104	Library & Media Inventory Records: Records that document approved lists of books, periodicals, audio-visual materials, and other library materials. May include annual inventories, book lists, periodicals, audio-visual materials, and materials on specific subjects. Lists document material approved for use in school districts and materials that may be borrowed from centralized media and resources centers. Records generally include titles, bibliographic descriptions, and identification numbers.	Retain 3 years after obsolete or superseded.
105	Library Catalog Records: Records that document the maintenance and retrieval of the holdings of the school library, professional library, teaching resource center, audio-visual, media or resource center of the school district. May include the card or electronic catalog which contains the bibliographic records of the holdings, holdings records which contain data on items in circulation and related documentation. Refer also to Item 100, Acquisition & Deaccession Records.	Retain until superseded or disposal of cataloged material.

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110	Deduction Authorization Records: Records documenting employee application and authorization for voluntary payroll deductions, direct bank deposits, and related actions. Payroll deductions are directly deposited or remitted to the authorized financial institution, insurance company, or other agency or vendor. May include insurance applications, enrollment cards, deduction authorizations, approval notices, deduction terminations, and related records.	Retain 4 years after superseded, terminated, or employee separation.
111	Deduction Registers: Registers or records serving the same function of documenting voluntary and/or required deductions from the gross pay of agency employees. Types of deductions include federal income and social security taxes, workers' compensation, union dues, insurance, deferred compensation, credit union, parking permit, prewritten checks, garnishments, levies, charitable contributions, etc. May include employee name and number, pay period, social security number, total deductions, net pay, check number, and related data.	Retain 5 years.
112	Employee Payroll Records: Records that document school district individual employee pay history. May include source documents authorizing payroll deductions and withholding such as retirement enrollment forms, insurance applications, beneficiary designations, leave authorizations records, pay related personnel action documents, garnishment orders, child support claim records, electronic deposit authorizations, work out of class and overtime authorizations, deductions reports and correspondence. Refer also to Item 137, Employee Personnel Records.	Official Record Copy PERS Enrollment forms: Retain 75 years after date of hire. Retain all other records 3 years after employee separation.

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113	Employee Time & Attendance Records:	Retain 4 years.
	Records that document school district employee attendance and time worked. May include time cards or sheets, monthly summary reports of employee attendance, forms used to record attendance, sick, vacation, overtime, compensatory time, leave requests and approval forms, leave records, absence, sick and vacation leave summary reports overtime authorization or certification, staff attendance logs, substitute teacher logs, and related documentation.	If used for retirement verification: Retain 75 years.
114	FEDERAL TAX RECORDS: Records, in addition to those itemized in this section, used to report the collection, distribution, deposit, and transmittal of federal income taxes as well as social security tax. Examples include the income statement (1099), request for taxpayer identification number and certificate (W-9), employer's quarterly federal tax return (941, 941E), tax depots coupon (8109), and similar federal forms. Refer also to Item 66, Grant Records.	If records document expenditure of grant funds: Retain 3 years after grant closeout. Retain all other records 4 years. Retention Authority: 26 CFR 31.6001-1
115	FEDERAL TAX RECORDS Wage & Tax Statements (W-2): Annual statements documenting individual employee earnings and withholdings for federal income taxes and social security tax. Information includes agency name, tax identification number, employee name, social security number, wages paid, amounts withheld, and related data.	Retain 7 years.
116	FEDERAL TAX RECORDS Withholding Allowance Certificates (W-4): Certificates documenting the exemption status of individual school district employees. Information includes employee name and address, social security number, designation of exemption status, and signature.	Retain 7 years.

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117	Garnishment Records: Records documenting requests and court orders to withhold wages from employee earnings for garnishments, tax levies, support payments, and other reasons. Usually includes original writs of garnishment, orders to withhold, federal tax levies, recapitulations of amounts withheld, employee name and number, name of agency ordering garnishment, amount, name of party to whom payment is submitted, dates, and related data.	Retain 4 years after resolution.
118	Leave Balance Reports: Reports that document individual employee accrual and use of sick, vacation, compensatory, personal business, family and medical leave, long term leave, and other leave time. Information usually includes employee name, department, date, leave dates requested, type of leave requested, and related data.	Year-End Official Record Copy: Retain 15 years. Retain all other reports 4 years.
119	Payroll Administrative Reports: Records document school district payroll statistics, payroll budget preparation, projections, workload and personnel management, and payroll research. May include recapitulation reports organizing wages, deductions, and other data into categories such as quarter, year-to-date, fiscal, department, division, section, employee/employer contributions, and others.	Retain 3 years.

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120	Payroll Registers: Records that document the earnings, voluntary and required deductions, and withholdings of school district employees. May include monthly listings of all paid employees with details of their earnings and deductions.	Retain year-end payroll register 75 years. Retain leave accrual and monthly payroll registers 7 years. Retain all other registers 3 years.
121	Unemployment Compensation Claim & Report Records: Records that document claims submitted by former school district employees for unemployment compensation. Also includes employee earnings reports on a quarterly bases used to determine the costs and charges in the event of an unemployment compensation claim. May include claims, notices, reports, claim determination appeal records, employee name, social security number, quarterly earnings, days worked, totals, and other related documentation.	Retain 3 years.

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130	Benefits Continuation Records: Records that document notifications to employees or dependents informing them of their rights to continue insurance coverage after termination during disability or family leave. Continuation may be under COBRA or another provision. Notice is also sent to a third party administrator who oversees the extended coverage. Consists of notices sent and correspondence. Refer also to Employee Benefits Records, Item 134. COBRA: Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act 1986.	Retain 3 years after employee separation or eligibility expired.
131	Collective Bargaining Records: Records that document the negotiations and contractual agreements between a school district and an employee bargaining unit. May include union contracts and amendments, tentative agreements, arbitrator's recommendations, negotiation work notes, strike contingency plans, management counter proposals, negotiation updates, newspaper clippings, press releases, research background material, employee classification printouts, minutes, sound recordings, exhibits, published manuals, related correspondence and documentation.	Retain final contract 75 years after contract expires. Retain all other records 3 years after contract expires.
132	Criminal Background Check Records: Records that document the pre-employment or periodic criminal record check made on prospective or current staff, faculty, and volunteers by school districts. May include a background and driver's license screening, reference check, APSIN/NCIC checks, and verification of academic standing. These files may also include notices of not being hired based on the outcome of a security check and rebuttal documentation, fingerprint cards, copy of driver's license, copy of transcript release form, and returned form reference letters. APSIN: Alaska Public Safety Information network NCIC: National Crime Information Center	Retain Official Record Copy 2 years. Retain all other records until obsolete or superceded.

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133	Records document the testing of current and prospective employees for controlled substances prohibited by policy, procedure, or statute. May include documents generated in decisions to administer reasonable suspicion or post-accident testing and verifying medical data, employer's copy of alcohol test form with results, copy of controlled substances test chain of custody control form, notice to report for testing, affidavit signed by employee regarding any prescription drug or over the counter medication usage work clearance forms, documentation related to employee refusal to take or submit samples for an alcohol and/or controlled substance tests, and any related correspondence.	Retain Official Record Copy 5 years. Retain all other copies until obsolete or superceded. Refer to 49 CFR 382.401 (Controlled Substances & Alcohol Use/Testing).
134	Records document school district individual employee benefit information such as selection of insurance plans, retirement, pension, and disability plans, deferred compensation plans, and other benefit program information. May include plan selection and application forms, enrollment records, contribution and deduction summaries, personal data records, authorizations, beneficiary information, and related documentation. Records may be filed with the individual Employee Personnel Record, Item 137.	Retain PERS enrollment records, Official Record Copy 75 years after date of hire. Retain all other records 3 years after employee separation or eligibility expired.
135	Records that document school district individual employee work related medical history. May include medical examination/physical records (preemployment, pre-assignment, periodic, or episodic), X-rays, records of significant health of disability limitations related to job assignments, documentation of work related injuries or illnesses, hearing test records, hazard exposure records, drug testing records, first-aid incident records, physician statements, release consent forms, and related correspondence. Refer also to Hazard Exposure Records, Item 136. Administer Employee Medical Records separately from employee personnel records.	Retain 6 years after separation. Refer to 29 USC 657 (OSHA Recordkeeping) 29 CFR 1904 (Fatalities, Injuries & Illnesses) 29 CFR 1910 (Occupational Safety & health Standards).

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No. 136	Employee Medical Records Hazard Exposure Files: These records document a school district employee's exposure to hazardous conditions such as chemicals, toxic substances, blood-bore pathogens, biological agents, bacteria, virus, fungus, radiation, noise, dust, heat cold, vibration, repetitive motion, or other dangerous work related conditions. May include hearing test records, radiation measurement records, blood test or other laboratory results, incident reports, first-aid records, X-rays, work station air sampling reports, and correspondence. Refer also to Employee Medical Records, Item 135. Administer Employee Medical Records separately from employee personnel records.	& Disposition Retain hazard exposure records 30 years after separation. Refer to 29 CFR 1910 (Occupational Safety & Health Standards).
137	Employee Personnel Records: Records that document school district individual employee work history. May include notices of appointment, training and licensure (certification) records, transcripts, records of health limitations, in-service training records, salary schedules, tuition reimbursement, personnel actions, performance evaluations, teacher evaluation reports, letters of commendation and recommendation, letters of reprimand, notices of disciplinary action, notices of layoff, letters of resignation, home address and telephone disclosures, emergency notification forms, oaths of office, pension, retirement, disability, leave records, and related correspondence and documentation.	Retain 50 years after separation.

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138	Employment Eligibility Verification Forms (I-9): Records that document the filing of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-9 which verifies that an applicant or employee is eligible to work in the United States. May include employee information and verification data such as citizenship or alien status and signature, and employer review and verification data such as identity and eligibility, and employer's signature certifying that documents have been checked.	Retain 3 years or 1 year after employee separation, whichever is longer. Refer to 8 CFR 274a-2.
139	Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Compliance Records: Records that document school district compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regulations. Includes records dealing with affirmative action. May include reports; anti-discrimination committee meeting records and reports; workplace analyses; discrimination complaint policies and procedures; complaints; exhibits; withdrawal notices; copies of decisions; hearings and meeting records; reports listing number of employees by gender, race, and job classification; and, related correspondence.	Plans, update & policy statements: Permanent. Retain complaint records 10 years after final decision issued. Retain all other records 3 years.
140	FMLA/AFLA Files: The FMLA and AFLA are designed to assist employees balance the demands of their jobs and the needs of their families. This records series consists of basic payroll and identifying employee data, pay documentation, dates FMLA leave is taken, copies of leave notices, dispute data, medical certifications, written statements, correspondence and other backup material. FMLA: Family & Medical Leave Act of 1993 AFLA: Alaska Family Leave Act	Retain 3 years. Refer to 29 CFR 825.500.

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141	Grievance Records: Records that document grievances brought by or against employees of school districts. May include notice of grievance, informal discussion notes, format hearing notes (including audio recordings), final summary statements or reports, private arbitrator, correspondence, and supporting documentation.	Retain 5 years after resolution & execution of any stipulations.
142	Position Description, Classification & Compensation Plan Records: Records that document the analysis, study, and resolution of pay equity, comparative salary, collective bargaining, fringe benefits, manning standards, minimum qualification, as well as studies and evaluations of school district positions to determine if reclassification is appropriate. May include job content questionnaires, position allocation reports, studies, surveys, personnel reclassification studies, job category listings, job descriptions, organizational charts, classification specifications, desk audits, classification review reports, graphs, tables, and related correspondence.	Final study or report: Permanent. Retain all other records 5 years.
143	Records that document the recruitment and selection of school district employees. Records may also document the recruitment and selection of contracted service providers such as attorneys, auditors, insurance agents, labor consultants, and others. May include job announcements and descriptions, applicant lists, applications and resumes, position advertisement records, civil service and other examination records, classification specifications, affirmative action records, interview questions, interview and application scoring notes, applicant background investigation information, letters of reference, civil service records, position authorization forms, recruitment summary records, and related correspondence.	Retain Official Record Copy 2 years from date of hire. Retain all other records 6 months. If EEO action is initiated, retain school district copies 1 year after settlement.

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144	Training Program Records: Records that document the design, implementation, and administration of training program and opportunities provided to school district employees, including in-service training for faculty. May include class, workshop, or conference descriptions, instructor certifications, planning documentation, instructional materials, course outlines, class enrollment and attendance, training certification forms, and related correspondence.	Retain 3 years.
145	Volunteer Program Records: Records that document the activities and administration of volunteer programs in the school district. May include volunteer hour statistics, volunteer program publicity records, insurance requirements, volunteer training and orientation records, inactive volunteer files and related correspondence.	Retain volunteer worker records 3 years after separation. Retain all other records 3 years.

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150	Asbestos Management Records: Records that document the identification and proper handling of asbestos material within school district buildings. May include federal inspection reports and management plans required by the Environmental Protection	Retain records of measurement taken to monitor employee exposure 30 years.
	Agency, contact reports, laboratory test results, work orders, work precautions, site schematics, and related correspondence.	Retain management plan 3 years after obsolete or superseded.
	Management plans may contain response actions, operations and maintenance, and periodic surveillance plans.	Retain all other records 5 years after building or
	Refer also to Hazard Communication, Item 169.	property disposed.
	Citations: 20 USC 52, Subchapter V, Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA); 15 USC 53 Subchapter II, Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA); 40 CFR 763.	Refer to 29 CFR 1910.1020.
151	Capital Construction Project Records:	Retain for the life of the structure plus 4 years.
	Records that document the planning, administration, and implementation of current and potential capital construction projects by school districts.	
	Consists of project descriptions and requirements, plans and plan reviews, project schedules, contract change orders, bid documentation, and building permits. Also may include contracts and agreements with architects, engineers, consultants, vendors, and contractors. Reports may include materials and soils, progress, insurance, summary, certificates of occupancy, final acceptance statements, and related correspondence.	

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152	Equipment Records—Originals: Records that document equipment owned by the school district and provides support documentation for warranty, operation, maintenance, service, and repair. May include warranty information, instruction and operating manuals, repair and maintenance history, and serial numbers.	Retain for the life of the equipment plus 4 years.
	Equipment Records—Copies: Includes delivery order, shipping or packing slips, vendor information, correspondence, general/preventative maintenance records. JUSTIFICATION FOR RETENTION: Most torts carry a two-year statute of limitations; some have three.	Retain Copies 3 years.
153	Facility Use Records: Records that document the application for and use of school district facilities by outside individuals or organizations. May include application and contract for using facilities, name of individual or organization requesting occupancy, type of activity, dates and hours of projected use, facility name and location, use permits, conditions of use, acknowledgment of responsibility for damage or liability, insurance documentation, fees and charges, request approval, and correspondence.	Retain 3 years.

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154	Lease Administration Files: Records that document the leases or rental of school district owned property to other parties, and lease or rental of facilities from other parties. May include leases, rental agreements, amendments, addenda, authorizations, and related correspondence and documentation.	Retain leases for life of lease plus 6 years. Retain all other documents for 3 years.
155	Procurement Files: These records document school district procurement of supplies, services and professional services, including the solicitation, selection, award and administration of contracts.	Retain formal contracts for life of contract plus 3 years.
	May include the following: vendor contacts and responses, purchase/delivery orders, invoices, price quotations, <i>ITB</i> , <i>RFQ</i> , <i>RFP</i> , <i>RAP</i> backup, public notices, bid correction or withdrawal documents, bid totals, protests, final decisions, <i>Notice of Intent to Award</i> , procurement reports, evaluation criteria and score sheets.	Retain all other files for current fiscal year plus 3 years.
	Also consists of original contract and amendments/renewals, special conditions, payment logs, reports (fiscal, progress, final), appropriation data, bond verification (bid security), transcripts, audio tapes and correspondence. Certain technical and proprietary data and trade secrets submitted by actual or prospective bidders or offerors may be confidential.	Under AS 09.10.053 Statute of Limitations for contract cases is 3 years.
	ITB: Invitation to Bid RFQ: Request for Quotation RFP: Request for Proposal RAP: Request for Alternate Procurement	

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156	PROPERTY CONTROL Damaged, Stolen & Disposition Records: Records relating to damaged or stolen property as well as documenting the	Retain 4 years or until audit is completed, whichever is longer.
	disposition of non-real property and equipment owned by the school district. May include controlled property management reports, property tag register, excess property reports, property transfer documents and reports, lost-Stolen-damaged property reviews, expendable property inventories, yearly risk report, disposition requests and notices, property destruction authorizations, and correspondence. Also includes reports, photographs, and other records documenting damage to school district property and may include location of property, description of damage, date and time of damage, value of damage, and related correspondence. Maintain reports on any federally funded property until audit is completed.	
157	PROPERTY CONTROL Inventory Records: Records that document the expendable and non-expendable property, supplies, equipment, and other items owned by the school district. Examples may include buildings, real estate, vehicles, equipment, furniture, and supplies. May include description, purchase information, value, purchase price, replacement cost, depreciation, quantity, location, date of acquisition, shipping records, and correspondence. Refer also to Library & Media Inventory Records, Item 104.	Retain 3 years.

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158	PROPERTY RECORDS Land & Buildings: Records that document the condition, repair, and maintenance of school district buildings and grounds. Consists of detailed graphic records of the land and buildings of a school district. May include drawings, maps, photographs, architectural blueprints, sketches, preliminary planning drawings, as-built drawings and blueprints, surveys, soil testing maps, floor plans, specifications, layouts, building inspection reports, building permits, maintenance agreements, work logs and related correspondence. Includes records of remodeling or construction due to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.	Retain routine school district building & grounds data for 3 years. Retain substantive building & grounds data until the school district no longer has interest in the property plus 4 years.
159	PROPERTY RECORDS Purchase, Ownership & Sale: Records that document the purchase, ownership, and sale of land or building by the school district. May include purchase orders, claim schedules, invoices, contracts, deeds, titles, title search records, title insurance policies and forms, plat maps, asbuilts, easements, rights-of-way, appraisals, property descriptions, records of sales, surveys, patents, site plans, classification orders, conveyance documents, covenants, checks, worksheets, statements, and correspondence. This retention meets federal requirements for real property acquired with federal funds (e.g. 34 CFR 74.53). Note For Files Having Potential Litigation: AS 46.03.822 relates to "strict liability for the release of hazardous substances" and impacts retention requirements for property documents. Liability, current or future, pertaining to the release of hazardous substances, attaches to property owners. The school district should request legal counsel regarding disposition of records for real property with known or suspected contamination.	Retain until the school district no longer has interest in the property plus 4 years.

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160	Work Orders:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document requests and authorizations for services and/or repairs to school district property and equipment. May include repair requests and authorizations, material lists, work order schedules, copy center work orders, printing orders, telephone service orders, and related correspondence. Information may include type of work, priority rating, approval signatures and dates, and time and cost estimates.	

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165	Accident & Incident Reports:	Retain 5 years.
	This records series consists of reports of strange occurrences or incidents which occur at school district owned/leased property and may include alarm or lock malfunctions, security breaches, documentation of hostile actions by employees or the public, suspicious persons, maintenance problems, theft, arson, vandalism, property damage, or any other circumstance that should be noted for future reference or follow-up.	
	May include the following data: name of reporting staff member, date/time/location of the incident, persons involved or witnesses, the extent of the problem, emergency response, supervisors notified, accident and injury report, occupational injury investigations and reports, and related correspondence and documentation.	
	Refer also to Student or Employee Medical Records, Item 208 & Item 135 respectively. For hazardous exposures refer to Item 136, Hazard Exposure Files.	
166	Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Response Drills:	Retain 3 years.
	This records series consists of the results of disaster preparedness exercises and the supporting documents including scenarios, location of safety related drills, timetables, response times, probable outcomes, areas of difficulties, description of how difficulties were resolved, and areas for improvement.	
	Types of drills include: fire, earthquake, safety, and chemical spills.	
167	Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Response Plans:	Retain until plan is superceded.
	Records document school district plans and procedures when a major disaster has destroyed or compromised the operations of a school district. Also includes plans to promote a safe work environment for employees, procedures to follow in the event of emergency, and student safety instruction records.	Super coucu.
	May include step-by-step procedures and safety plans.	

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168	Employee Training RecordsHazardous/Toxic Substances & Blood-Borne Pathogens: Includes training material, attendance records, correspondence and documentation of training in proper use and handling of hazardous	Retain 1 year after employee terminates or 3 years, whichever is longer.
	substances. Refer to appropriate <i>Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)</i> for documentation required to meet compliance standards. Official Record Copy is maintained by school district. District should maintain list of employees who handle hazardous substances.	
	AS 18.60.066 [Employee Safety Education Programs] 29 CFR 1910.1001 [Asbestos] 29 CFR 1910.1030 [Blood-borne Pathogens] 29 CFR 1910.1200 [Employee Training]	
169	Hazard Communication & Material Safety Data Sheets:	Retain 30 years.
	This records series documents compliance with OSHA regulations regarding hazardous chemicals received by a school district. Consists of information relating to comprehensive hazard communication programs, including container labeling/warning information; location and individuals responsible for specific hazardous chemicals; and, material safety data sheets, which list chemical name, description, composition, intended use, flash point, transportation, hazards, safe handling, extinguishing methods and related documentation. Material Safety Data Sheets document usage of a hazardous chemical in the workplace and must be readily accessible to staff during each work shift.	
	Refer to Item 136 for Records Pertaining to Actual Exposure of Employees to Hazardous Substances.	
	29 CFR 1910.1200 [Hazard Communication Standard] 29 CFR 1910.1450 [Hazardous Chemicals]	
	Under 29 CFR 1910.1020c(5) material safety data sheets constitute an "employee exposure record."	
	Under Additional Hazard Communication Standards 8 AAC 61.1110, each employer shall have a data sheet for each physical agent present in the employer's workplace.	

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170	Insurance Claim Records: Records that document school district request for payment of insurance claims involving personal injury, property damage, motor vehicle accidents, or related claims. May include auto, liability, liability waivers; property claim reports; estimates of repairs; accident and police reports; photographs; summaries; reviews; audio/video recordings and transcriptions; and, related correspondence.	Retain 7 years after final disposition of claim.
171	Insurance Policy & Endorsement Records:	Retain 75 years.
	Records that document the terms and conditions of insurance policies and endorsements between the school district and insurers. Types of insurance include liability, property, group employee health and life, motor vehicle, workers' compensation, flood, and any other relevant insurance. May include policies, endorsements, billing information, bonds, financial coding vouchers, and related correspondence.	School districts will review all expired policies prior to destruction to determine if additional retention is required due to pending claims or potential litigation.
172	Key, Badge & Photo Identification Records:	Retain 6 months after employee separation.
	This records series consists of the key control system which includes receipts for keys and security or identification badges issued by employees. Also includes photographs and other records used to identify agency employees, private security personnel, contract works, and others. May include photographs taken for agency identification cards, driver's	employee separation.
	license photographs, and information such as name, date of birth, physical description, identification number, driver's license number, and other appropriate data.	
173	Risk Factor Evaluation Records:	Retain 4 years.
	Records are used to assess various risk factors for a school district and determine appropriate insurance needs. May include studies, worksheets, yearly risk reports, policy manuals, property transfer reports, self insurance manuals, real property reports, and general risk surveys and correspondence.	

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174	Safety Committee Records: Records that document the actions of workplace safety committees which oversee or advise on school district safety issues. May include minutes, agendas, exhibits, reports, resolutions, audio recordings, indexes, and related correspondence.	Retain 3 years.
175	Safety Inspection & Compliance Records: Records that document fire and safety inspections of school district equipment and facilities certifying compliance with state and local safety regulations. May include the following inspections: fire, fire alarm, equipment safety, building, environmental, elevator, boiler, or any other relevant inspection. Records may consist of safety inspection reports, schedules of inspections, follow-up actions, related correspondence, and documentation. Refer also to Equipment Records, Item 152.	Retain 5 years.
176	Surveillance Video Tapes: This records series consists of surveillance video tapes created to monitor activities occurring both within and outside of public buildings. Agency should create an internal management policy to determine which images should be retained for further investigation. Tapes may play an integral part in prosecution or disciplinary actions.	Retain 30 days provided any necessary images are saved. Recycle as appropriate.
177	Visitor Logs: This records series consists of records documenting employees' and visitors' entrance into an agency building during and/or after office hours. Logs may require time, date, signature, reason for visit, and location or person visited.	Retain 2 years.

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
185	Student Permanent Record:	Retain 60 years.
	The Student Permanent Record constitutes the final information about a student and represents the culmination of the student's record while attending school. This records series contains both an annual accounting [courses taken, grades/credits earned, aggregate attendance] and a final accounting [name of last school attended, graduation data, exit information.]	
	Under 4 AAC 07.060 Cumulative Student Records, at a minimum, should contain subjects the student has taken; grades earned and an explanation of the grading system used; units of credit earned; attendance records; scores on standardized tests the student has taken (e.g. HSGQE); records of required immunizations and physical examinations and other health-related matters required by state law, district policy or bylaws; and, 10-digit student identification number. The majority of items in the cumulative records will become the permanent record.	
	For cumulative student records that are not part of the Student Permanent Record, refer to the appropriate records series in this module for retention guidelines.	
186	School Census & Registration Records:	Retain 5 years.
	Records that document registration or enrollment of students in elementary, middle, and high school. May include enrollment applications, or registration forms completed annually by the parent or guardian for each student at the time of admittance to school.	
	Records also include Foundation Reporting. Current year reports are required in a summary paper format as well as a student level detailed electronic format. The paper report summarizes the unduplicated foundation Average Daily Membership for each school within a district for the current school year and a projection for the following school year. The electronic Foundation Report includes detailed student information supporting the summarized information in the current year's Paper Foundation Report. Refer also to the most recent <i>OASIS Data Handbook for School District</i> as well as the most current <i>Student Data Reporting Manual</i> .	
	Information generally contained in this record series includes student name, address, date and place of birth, parent or guardian name and address, student demographic information such as race and language spoken at home, authorization for school to act in behalf of parent or guardian in case of emergency, class scheduling data, student assignments (locker, counselor, bus), and related correspondence.	

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
187	Student Disciplinary Records:	
	Records that document major and minor student behavioral infractions. Major: Records that document major student behavioral infractions which result in the identification of students for suspension or expulsion. May include	Retain until student turns 21 or 5 years after
	suspension hearing records, psychological tests, personality test, group or individual intelligence tests, individualized education programs, physician statements, referrals to approved supplemental intervention programs, state or local government agency reports, and related correspondence.	last action, whichever is longer.
	Minor: Records that document minor student behavioral infractions which do not result in the identification of a student for suspension or expulsion. May include minor behavioral referrals, records of conversations, parent notes regarding student behavior, written behavioral agreements, detention records, bus citations, functional behavior assessments, and related correspondence.	Retain 3 years.
	For those districts that receive federal funds, No Child Left Behind Act 2001 (Title IV, Part A, Subpart 4, Sec. 4155), includes a provision related to student discipline records. Out-of-School suspensions and expulsions must be reflected in the student's cumulative record/file.	
	If a student transfers to a different school, discipline records related to suspensions and expulsions will be transferred to the new school.	
	As students progress from elementary school to middle school and middle school to high school, all discipline records, except suspension for drug/alcohol or weapons violations and expulsions, are to be removed from the cumulative record. Records shall include the date and a description of the violation.	

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Item		Retention
No.	Records Series & Description	& Disposition
188	Transfer of Student Records:	Retain 5 years.
	Records that document the authorization for transfer of students between schools within the district. Within 14 days after enrolling a student as a transfer student in an elementary or secondary school the school or school district shall request directly from the student's previous school a certified copy of the student's record. An Alaska elementary or secondary school or school district in this state requested to forward a copy of a transferring student's record to another school shall comply with the request within 10 days after receiving the request unless the record has been flagged by the Department of Public Safety due to a student's disappearance.	
	Upon receipt of a request for a record that has been flagged, the school or school district shall immediately notify the Department of Public Safety. Unless directed to do so by the Department of Public Safety, a school or a school district may not forward a copy of a flagged record.	
	In this section, "record" includes information about the student's commission of an offense that is punishable as a felony or that involved the use of a deadly weapon.	
	Refer to AS 14.03.115 and FERPA 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99.	
189	Migrant Education Program Records:	Retain 10 years.
	Migrant children are children who have moved across school district boundaries within the last three years on their own, with, or to join a parent/guardian or spouse, to obtain or seek work that is seasonal or temporary, in a fishing, logging or, agricultural activity, <u>and</u> this activity is a principal means of livelihood.	
	A migrant child must be younger than 22 years of age and have not graduated from high school or does not hold a high school equivalency certificate or GED, or has completed high school graduation requirements but has not passed the High School Graduation Qualification Exam (HSGQE).	
	Migrant children are not eligible for services until they have been certified eligible by the Migrant Education Office. The principal form for documenting and certifying the eligibility of every migrant student each year is the Certificate of Eligibility (CEO).	
	Refer also to the United States Department of Education Statute 1301-1309 governing Title I-C Education of Migratory Children under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) and the Alaska Harvest Manual for detailed Migrant Education Program file organization.	

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190	Educational Programs Student Records: Records that document the placement and participation of students in a variety of education programs. Programs may be partially funded from federal sources and include Talented and Gifted, Alternative Learning, Early Childhood, Professional Technical Education, Child Nutrition, Bilingual, Career and Technical Education, Distance Learning, and other NCLB programs. Records may include background information, grade placement, instructional and cumulative service, student profiles, placement evaluations, program admission applications, and related correspondence.	Retain 5 years if records show compliance with federal program requirements. Retain all other records 3 years.
191	Grade/Report Card Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document student progress and grades awarded by teachers, and serve as the basis for the student's official academic record. May include statistical worksheet, test, assignment, paper and homework scores, teacher grade books, grade confirmation reports, grade change records, and final grade rosters. May also include periodic report cards by a school about a student's social, emotional, and physical progress. May include full legal name of student, teacher's name, name and address of school, indication of attendance during reporting period, grades, classes attended, and related information. Refer also to Student Permanent Education Record, Item 185.	If not recorded in the Student Permanent Record: 60 years.
192	Student Attendance Record:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document the attendance of students in school. May include teacher or school attendance register, classroom daily attendance sheet, weekly attendance and truancy records, excused and unexcused absence records, tardiness records, notes from parents/guardians, and related documentation	
	May contain student name, date of birth, name of parent or guardian, and address.	
	Absence records may include names and address of student and parent or guardian, parental excuse, reason for request, duration of absence, investigative report, records of attendance at religious observance or education, and related correspondence.	

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193	Grade Reports, Administrative:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document grades received by students in a variety of reports organized by school, class, special program or other grouping which are used by staff and faculty. May include the following reports: administrative, counselor, teacher, grade point average, failure, honor roll, supplemental grade, and class list.	
194	High School Dual Program Student Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document student participation in programs between community colleges and high schools which offer professional, technical, and other college courses to high school students for college credit. May include program approval records, application forms, course descriptions, examinations, competency evaluations and profiles, registration forms, and related correspondence.	
195	Periodic/Annual Records:	Retain 3 years.
	These records are a combination of summarized information and individual supporting documentation. Includes attendance registers, class schedules, teacher grades and assessment results that substantiate reporting requirements for foundation funding, participation rate reporting, NCLB requirements and NCLB year-end federal Core of Common Data, district report card, and various other data collection and accountability documents.	
	Also consists of student lists, developmental profile recording forms, current residence data, parent/guardian/responsible adult information, entrance data, federal and state program eligibility.	

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
196	Alternative School Referral Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document referrals sent to alternative schools seeking placement of students whose public school attendance and/or disciplinary record has been unsatisfactory. May indicate acceptance of student in alternative program, funding source, student name, age, date of birth, student number, and parent's name and address.	
	Records may become part of the Student Permanent Record (Item 185.)	
197	Child Abuse Reports:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document suspected or alleged child abuse reported by school staff or faulty. Records may include notes and observations of the child, records of contact with state agencies or law enforcement, and related documentation.	
198	Education Counseling Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document the advice, assistance, evaluation, and educational planning provided for individual students by school guidance counselors. May include school performance and attitude, educational planning records, post-high school plans and career goals, college and scholarship applications records, letters of recommendation, list of honors and activities, information necessary for referral to social service agencies, and correspondence.	
199	Parental/Custodial Delegation Records: Records that document who has parental or custodial responsibility for a	Retain until student reaches age 21 or graduates, whichever is
	student. May include specification of rights or abridgment of rights for non-custodial parents, restraining orders, settlement agreements and other court documents, informal documents signed by natural parent(s), and related correspondence.	longer.

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200	Parental Consent Documents:	Retain 1 year.
	Consists of student participation or excuse forms regarding a specific activity like physical education program, field trip, or athletic program.	
201	Parent-Teacher Conference Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document student progress. May indicate areas in which student is excelling or problem areas.	
202	Student Records Requests:	Retain 3 years.
	Requests for official copies of student records.	
203	Student Truancy Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document non-attendance or truancy of students and includes notices of non-attendance or truancy, staff reports, investigations, hearing records, suspension notifications, and correspondence.	
204	Test Security Agreements:	Retain 3 years.
	This record series documents that student assessment tests are conducted according to established procedures in school test centers by test coordinators and proctors. Consists of signed/initialed agreements, checklists, and other supporting documentation.	
205	Tutoring Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document tutoring services provided to students. May include registration records, tutor training records, tutor class records, tutorial hours, and related correspondence.	
206	Withdrawal Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document withdrawal from school by students between the ages of sixteen and eighteen by the mutual consent of parent or guardian and the school district. May include withdrawal agreements which generally contain name and address of student and family, and reason for request.	

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Item No.	Records Series & Description	Retention & Disposition
207	Educational Technology Plans:	Retain 3 years.
	This records series documents compliance with educational technology (Title II-D) and E-rate discount requirements mandatory for all districts. Includes technology assessments, element and criteria review forms, performance reports, budget/inventory analysis for E-rate components, and other supporting data.	
208	Student Cumulative Health Record:	Retain until student attains age 21.
	Includes immunization records, laboratory records and appropriate medical provider statements documenting evidence of immunity to a vaccine preventable disease for which immunizations are required, or for varicella (chickenpox) only, a parental history that the child has had the disease, and TB test results, medical or religious exemption requests.	avams age 211
	May include vision and hearing screening results, and the results of any physical examinations.	
	Before entry into a state public school district or nonpublic school offering pre- elementary education through the 12 th grade, or any combination of these grades, a child shall be immunized against: diphtheria, tetanus, polio, pertussis, measles and rubella, except that pertussis is not required in children over six and rubella is not required in children 12 years or older, mumps, hepatitis A and hepatitis B. Refer to 4 AAC 06.055.	
	Although, immunizations shall be recorded on each pupil's permanent health record form, health information should not be transferred to the Student Permanent Record, Item 185.	
209	Student Psychological or Social Assessment Records:	Retain until student turns 21 or 5 years after last
	Records that document student psychological health care responsibilities and activities performed by school district health professionals or non-health staff. May include information regarding student ability, personality, family, environmental influences, and exam results.	action, whichever is longer.
	Records that are made or maintained separately and solely by a licensed health care professional who is not employed by the educational agency or institution, and are not used for education purposes of planning, are excluded from educational record provisions.	

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210	Districts providing special education and related services must maintain records that demonstrate the district is in compliance with the requirements of state law and regulations pertaining to special education students. The specific additional record keeping requirements, beyond those for non-special education students, are as follows: Category of eligibility under 4 AAC 52.130, date of referral, tests and other documents demonstrating eligibility under state law and regulations, Individualized Education Program records (4 AAC 52.140), services provided including dates of initiation and termination; name, address and telephone number of each parent; correspondence; and, other communications with a parent required by regulation. If a child moves from one district to another, the district that has provided special education and related services shall transmit copies of records maintained in accordance with this section to the other district upon request. If the request is made by an official of a school or school system to which the student transfers enrollment or intends to enroll, the parent must be notified of the disclosure, offered a copy of the record and notified of their right to request amendment of the record. No notification is required if the request is made by the parent. These records, with the exception of attendance records, must be maintained in a single file.	Retain Alternate Assessment Scoring Protocols 1 year. Retain all other records 5 years after termination of educational services.
211	Student Athletic Activity Records: Records that document student eligibility and participation in interscholastic sports and athletic activities. Information regards athletic events, team publicity, scheduling, and parental consent forms.	Retain 5 years.

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220	Bus Driver Records:	Retain 4 years.
	Records that document the status and conditions of employment of school bus drivers. May include lists of drivers, driving permit and license information, first aid certification, driver training records (4 AAC 27.220), examinations, and skill evaluations, and related correspondence.	
	Records may also contain copies of physical examinations, accident reports, and insurance documentation.	
	May supplement the personnel files of the bus driver. Refer also to Employee Personnel Records, Item 137.	
221	Bus Incident & Vandalism Reports:	Retain 2 year.
	Records that document reports of vandalism and other incidents occurring on or near school buses. May consists of narrative account of incident, and student discipline referral. Student behavioral records may be transferred to the student's education record, refer to Student Disciplinary Records Item 187.	
222	Bus Schedule & Route Records:	Retain 5 years.
	Records that document the school bus service provided by school districts. May include bus route reports providing "stop to stop" directions for bus drivers, students served, safety concerns, changes to the bus schedule, alternative routes used during inclement weather, reports listing stops and stop times, first and last scheduled stops, and start and finish times for each route, transportation logs, driver daily logs, and related documentation.	
223	Fuel Records:	Retain 2 years.
	Records that document the amount of gasoline, diesel, and oil used by district owned vehicles. May include logs, reports and related documentation.	

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224	Transportation Complaint Reports: Records that document complaints relating to students, drivers, schedules, or other school bus transportation problems. May include complaint forms, correspondence, district's response, and related documentation.	Retain 3 years.
225	Vehicle Accident Records:	Retain 5 years.
	Records that document accidents involving school district vehicles. May include accident summary reports, dispatch reports with information such as name and address of parties involved, date and time, complaint, description of damage, and any other appropriate data. Records may also contain motor vehicle accident reports that include driver's name, address, phone number, date of birth, driver's license number, passenger and witness names, description of events, make and model of vehicle(s), and vehicle identification number.	If any litigation, claim, audit or dispute is initiated before the expiration of the 5 year period, retain records until all issues involving the records have been resolved and final action taken.
226	Vehicle Maintenance Records: Records that document the maintenance of school buses and other vehicles owned by the school district. May include maintenance agreements, annual and semi-annual inspection and certification reports, routine safety checks, preventative maintenance inspection reports, specified routine maintenance information, expenditures and costs of repairs, new bus check lists, bus breakdown records, repair notices and orders, and operations reports listing gas and oil consumption.	Retain for the life of the equipment plus 4 years. Refer also to Item 152, Equipment Records.
227	Vehicle Ownership Records: Records that document school district ownership and administration of vehicles such as cars, vans, trucks, and buses. May include title application materials, titles, registrations, vehicle warranties, vehicle inventories, and related correspondence. Refer to 4 AAC 27.110 for minimum standards for school buses in Alaska.	Retain 4 years after disposal of vehicle.

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228	Vehicle Usage Records:	Retain 3 years.
	Records that document the use of school district owned vehicles. Records may include scheduling records, transportation request forms, list of vehicles with vehicle number and description, mileage, and related correspondence.	

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