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## BP 6320 Investments

*(Replaces current SBCCD BP 6320)*

It is the policy of the San Bernardino Community College District to invest public funds in a manner providing the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the District, and conforming to all applicable federal, state and local laws governing the investment of public funds.

This Policy shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees.

The Chancellor is responsible for ensuring that the funds of the District that are not required for the immediate needs of the District are invested properly and in harmony with the requirements of the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual established pursuant to *Education Code* Section 84030. Investments shall be in accordance with law, including *Government Code* Sections 53600 which states:

*“The Legislature hereby finds that the solvency and creditworthiness of each individual local agency can impact the solvency and creditworthiness of the state and other local agencies within the state. Therefore, to protect the solvency and creditworthiness of the state and all of its political subdivisions, the Legislature hereby declares that the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern.”*

Investments shall be made based on the following criteria:

- The preservation of principal shall be of primary importance.
- The investment program must remain sufficiently flexible to permit the District to meet all operating requirements.
- Transactions should be avoided that might impair public confidence.

This Policy applies to all funds of the District.

The authority to invest funds not deposited with the San Bernardino County Treasurer is granted to the Chancellor. Authority to manage the investment portfolio and establish written procedures for the operation of the investment program, consistent with applicable law and this Policy, may be delegated at the discretion of the Chancellor.

District funds may be invested in any of the following:

1. Any eligible security as set forth in sub-sections a, b, c, e, g, h, and n of *Government Code* Section 53651, namely:
  - a. United States Treasury notes, bonds, bills or certificates of indebtedness, or obligations for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest, including

the guaranteed portions of small business administration loans, so long as the loans are obligations for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest.

- b. Notes or bonds or any obligations of a local public agency, or any obligations of a public housing agency for which the faith and credit of the United States are pledged for the payment of principal and interest.
  - c. Bonds of California or of any local agency or district of the State of California having the power, without limit as to rate or amount, to levy taxes or assessments to pay the principal and interest of the bonds upon all property within its boundaries subject to taxation or assessment by the local agency or district, and in addition, limited obligation bonds pursuant to Government Code Sections 50665 et seq.; senior obligation bonds pursuant to Government Code Sections 53387 et seq.; and revenue bonds and other obligations payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by the state, local agency or district, or by a department, board, agency, or authority thereof.
  - d. Registered warrants of California.
  - e. Notes, tax anticipation warrants, or other evidence of indebtedness issued pursuant to Government Code Sections 53820 et seq.
  - f. State of California notes.
  - g. Any bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness of a nonprofit corporation issued to finance the construction of a school building pursuant to a lease or agreement with a school district entered into in compliance with the provisions of Education Code Sections 39315 or 81345, and also any bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness issued to refinance those bonds, notes, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness, as specified in Education Code Section 39317.
2. Local Agency Investment Fund with the Treasurer's Office of the State of California.
  3. A financial institution that is insured by Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation pursuant to *Government Code* Section 53635.2.
  4. San Bernardino County Treasurer's Office, whenever required by law.

Pursuant to *Government Code* Section 53646, District funds shall be invested with the judgment and care which persons of prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital as well as the probable income to be derived. The standard of prudence to be used by investment officials shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio. Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures, and investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility of an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from expectations are reported in a timely fashion and appropriate action is taken to control adverse developments.

The Chancellor, pursuant to *Government Code* Section 53646, shall submit a quarterly investment portfolio status report to the Board of Trustees. Said report shall detail:

- Investment types
- Names of issuers
- Maturity dates
- Par and dollar amounts invested in each security, investment, and money
- Weighted average maturity of investments

- Any funds being managed by contracted parties
- Market value as of date of report and source of valuation
- Description of compliance with investment policy
- Current market value of funds managed by a consultant

The primary objectives of the District's investment activities shall be:

1. SAFETY

Safety of principal shall be the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the District shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio. To obtain this objective, diversification is required so that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.

2. LIQUIDITY

The District's investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements, which may reasonably be anticipated.

3. RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The District's investment portfolio shall be structured with the objective of attaining a rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, commensurate with investment risk constraints and cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

## References:

Education Code Sections 39315, 39317, 81345, 84030; Government Code Sections 50665 *et seq.*, 53387 *et seq.*, 53600 *et seq.*, 53635.2, 53464, 53651, 53820

## Attachments

- [BP 6320 Investments - Comments](#)
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## Approval Signatures

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