

# ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NO: **2247** 

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CATEGORY: Fiscal Management, Associated

**Student Body** 

EFFECTIVE: **1-29-62** 

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SUBJECT: Student Body Checks

## A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. To outline administrative procedures for writing and handling student body checks in schools.

#### 2. Related Procedures:

ASB deposits, authorized bank	2245
Student body bank reconcilement	2250

### **B. LEGAL AND POLICY BASIS**

- 1. **Reference:** Board policy D-3800, D-4010.
- 2. The Board of Education shall periodically designate a bank to be used for all student body accounts.

# C. GENERAL

- 1. **Originating Office.** Suggestions or questions concerning this procedure should be directed to the Accounting Department, Finance Division, Business Operations Branch.
- 2. **Secretary or financial clerk** is assigned to handle student body funds, under direction of the principal and with assistance from the Accounting Department, Finance Division.
- 3. **Payment of all bills** shall be by prenumbered check; cash collected by the student body shall not be used for payments of any kind. *All checks shall be drawn to a named payee (never to "Cash")*.

# D. IMPLEMENTATION

1. **School establishes** student body checking account by making a deposit to bank designated by the Board of Education. (See Procedure 2245 for completion of signature cards and deposit of funds.)

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# 2. **Preparing Checks**

a. All checks should be typewritten; in secondary schools, a copy is prepared on duplicate check forms (provided by the bank).

- b. Signatures of both principal and secretary/financial clerk are required on each check prepared.
  - (1) In an *emergency*, an instructional leader is authorized to sign student body checks in lieu of principal *or* secretary/financial clerk, *but not both*. (**Note:** Instructional leader authorized to sign student body check must have a signature card on file with the bank [Procedure 2245]. Contact the Accounting Department for signature card.)
    - (a) One signature from the school must be affixed to a check before sending it to the Institute for Learning for second signature.
    - (b) If a check is to be forwarded to payee, a stamped envelope and instructions must be enclosed.
- c. In secondary schools, a duplicate of the check is fastened to requisition, purchase order, and/or invoice, and becomes immediate record for posting to Cash in Bank Register.
- 3. **Voiding Checks**. Errors made in writing of a check shall cause that check to be marked "Void." Secretary/financial clerk:
  - a. Destroys signature spaces; files voided check with all canceled checks.
  - b. Records check as voided in Student Body Record Sheet (elementary) or Cash in Bank Register (secondary).

# 4. Checks Outstanding (Not Cashed) for Six Months or More

a. When a student body check is outstanding for a period of six months and has not been cashed by the bank, refer to duplicate check or invoice to ascertain name and address of payee; contact payee by letter or telephone.

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b. If results are not secured, initiate "stop payment order."

- (1) Call authorized bank representative with the following information: account number, account title, date, amount of check, check number, signatures, payee of check, reason for stoppage.
- (2) If needed, a replacement check may be issued five days after payment is stopped.
- c. Secretary/financial clerk makes reversing entries via journal voucher.

# E. FORMS AND AUXILIARY REFERENCES

- 1. Checkbook, with name of school and account number printed on each check
- 2. Student Body Record Sheet, Elementary; Stock Item 22-S-7953

# F. REPORTS AND RECORDS

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