



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Budget Guidelines - Appendix C

Minimum Chart of Account Descriptions by Budget Line Item

Under Each Program/Function

2026-27

Current Expense (sub funds 11 and 15)

Regular Programs - Instruction (11-1XX-100-XXX)

Regular Programs-Instruction (11-1XX-100-XXX) is used to record direct classroom instruction costs for regular programs. A program is considered regular when its classes contain only regular education pupils, including *mainstreamed* special education pupils. The salaries of teachers and substitutes (101) are detailed by the grade classifications used in the calculation of the adequacy budget under SFRA and are recorded under the applicable program (105-140). Regular home instruction costs, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.3, and 6A:16-10.1 and .2, should be recorded under program 150. If teachers cross program categories, their salaries should be prorated based on the time spent in each program. The cost of additional compensation paid to teachers for services such as hall monitors, detention, and lunchroom aides are also included here. If such services are provided by other employees, the costs are not recorded here but under Custodial Services (object 107). Additional compensation paid to teachers for chaperoning educational activities are recorded here. Those chaperoning activities related to social events are recorded under School Sponsored Cocurricular/Extra-curricular Activities. The costs of substitutes or stipends paid to teachers for attendance at seminars should also be budgeted in the appropriate teachers' salary accounts. Stipends paid to teachers to perform chairperson duties part time should be recorded in school administration. All other current expense direct classroom regular instruction costs are recorded under the Undistributed Instruction program code (190). These would include the salaries of assistants or aides (106) to instructional staff other than secretarial and clerical personnel. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (320, 340, and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the regular instruction provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional-educational, technical, and other purchased services. These would include amounts paid for assembly speakers or standardized specific subject exams. Standardized general exams for aptitude, etc. are recorded under Guidance. Other purchased services (400-500 series) also includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for regular program classroom use as well as reimbursements to teachers for school-to-school travel. Communications costs directly related to the provision of classroom instruction (dedicated lines to district technology labs or classrooms) would also be budgeted here. General supplies (610) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as tests, chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Films, periodicals, and other reference items for specific regular classroom use are recorded here. Such items used for general reference are recorded under Educational Media Services/School Library. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs for regular instruction that are not included in the above classifications such as expenditures for dues and fees

for teachers' membership in professional or other organizations. The admission costs for field trips made as part of the regular instruction program are also recorded here. The admission costs of field trips, which are purely recreational, are recorded under School-Sponsored Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities.

Special Education — Instruction (11-2XX-100-XXX)

Special Education — Instruction (11-2XX-100-XXX) is used to record the classroom costs of providing services as a result of individualized education programs (IEPs). A program is considered special when its classes contain only special education pupils. Costs are classified in accordance with the program categories. Dyslexia programs are included under the Learning and Language Disabilities program. The costs of developing the IEPs and curriculum development are considered support services and are not recorded here. When recording special education instructional costs, services that benefit all students in the program classification and are provided in a self-contained classroom are recorded under the appropriate program category. Do not include in these cost centers any funds budgeted for related and extraordinary services. Related services (occupational and physical therapy, speech and counseling) and extraordinary services (other related services unique to a student such as one-to-one aid) should be budgeted in the cost centers Speech/Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy and Related Services (11-000-216-XXX) and Other Support Services - Students - Extraordinary Services (11-000-217-XXX), respectively. Out-of-district related and extraordinary services should be budgeted in the appropriate tuition lines, unless the district is actually hiring the persons providing the related and extraordinary services.

Object 101 is used to record teacher salaries, both full-time and substitutes. Object 106 is used for classroom assistants and aides along with the salaries of certified staff members providing related services pursuant to an IEP. Salaries should be prorated between programs based on the amount of time spent in each. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (320, 340, and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the special program instruction provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional-educational, technical, and other purchased services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) also includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for special education classroom use as well as reimbursements to teachers for school-to-school travel. General supplies (object 610 except for Preschool Disabilities functions 215 and 216 which use only object 600) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as classroom supplies. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and are not applicable to preschool programs in functions 215 and 216. Textbooks include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs for special education programs that are not included in the above classifications such as expenditures for dues and fees for teachers' membership in professional or other organizations. As a reminder, the costs of all special education programs offered by the district, including those related to magnet schools established for specific handicap classification programs, should be recorded here. Districts should also include an estimate of the tuition revenue to be received for such programs in the appropriate tuition revenue account. These programs should not be accounted for in the special schools subfund or a proprietary fund.

Basic Skills/Remedial (11-230-100-XXX)

Basic Skills/Remedial (11-230-100-XXX) is used to record the *classroom costs* of providing the district's basic skills program. Administrative costs to support the program should be budgeted as undistributed expenditures under the appropriate functions and objects. Teacher salaries are recorded under object 101. The salaries of assistants and aides are recorded under object 106. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (320, 340, and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the basic skills program provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional-educational, technical, and other purchased

services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) also includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for classroom use in the basic skills/remedial program. General supplies (610) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as tests, chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs for the basic skills program that are not included in the above classifications. (This cost center is not applicable to special services budget types.)

Bilingual Education (11-240-100-XXX)

Bilingual Education (11-240-100-XXX) is used to record the *classroom costs* of providing the district's bilingual education program. Administrative costs to support the program should be budgeted as undistributed expenditures under the appropriate functions and objects. Teacher salaries are recorded under object 101. The salaries of assistants and aides are recorded under object 106. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (320, 340, and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the bilingual education program provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional-educational, technical, and other purchased services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) also includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for the bilingual education program classroom use. General supplies (610) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as tests, chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs for the bilingual education program that are not included in the above classifications. (This cost center is not applicable to special services budget types.)

Vocational Programs - Local (11-3XX-100-XXX -regular districts)

Vocational Programs- Local (11-3XX-100-XXX) is used to record the classroom costs of providing the district's local vocational program; that is the matching local share of the program recorded in the general fund. If a district is not required to provide information regarding matching costs as part of a grant agreement, the costs of the local vocational program may be included under regular instruction. Teacher salaries are recorded under object 101. The salaries of assistants and aides are recorded under object 106. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (320, 340, and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the vocational program provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional-educational, technical, and other purchased services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) also includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for classroom use. General supplies (610) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as tests, chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs that are not included in the above classifications.

Vocational Programs (11-3XX-100-XXX-vocational districts)

Vocational Programs (11-3XX-100-XXX vocational districts) is used to record the classroom costs of providing the district's regular and special vocational instruction programs. Direct classroom instructional costs for regular programs such as math, science, English, etc., offered by the vocational school district are not recorded here. They are included under Regular Instruction - Grades 9-12. A program is considered regular when its classes contain only regular education pupils, including *mainstreamed* special education pupils. A program is considered special when its classes contain only special education pupils. A post-secondary program is one established for adult vocational students, both day and evening, which is recorded in special schools.

It is important to note that the aforementioned delineations are for budgetary reporting purposes only. The district should maintain adequate detail in its accounting records to meet granting agency reporting requirements. The salaries of teachers and substitutes are recorded in object 101. If teachers cross program categories, their salaries should be prorated based on the time spent in each program. The cost of additional compensation paid to teachers for services such as hall monitors, detention, and lunchroom aides are also included here. If such services are provided by other employees, the costs are not recorded here but under Custodial Services (object 107). Object 106 is used to record the salaries of assistants or aides to instructional staff other than secretarial and clerical personnel. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298).

Purchased services (320, 340, and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the vocational instruction provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional-educational, technical, and other purchased services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) also includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for vocational program classroom use. Communications costs directly related to the provision of classroom instruction (dedicated lines to district technology labs or classrooms) would also be budgeted here. General supplies (610) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as tests, chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Films, periodicals, and other reference items for specific vocational program classroom use are recorded here. Such items used for general reference are recorded under Educational Media Services/School Library. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs for vocational instruction that are not included in the above classifications such as expenditures for dues and fees for teacher memberships in professional or other organizations. The admission costs for field trips made as part of the vocational instruction program are also recorded here. The admission costs of field trips, which are purely recreational, are recorded under School-Sponsored Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities.

School-Sponsored Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities (11-401-100-XXX)

School-Sponsored Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities (11-401-100-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with board sponsored cocurricular and extracurricular activities such as entertainment, publications, clubs, band, and orchestra. If the activity is financed wholly or partly by activity revenues that are under the control of the students rather than the board, the operations are recorded in the student activity funds. The only cost reflected in the budget in such circumstances would be the board's contribution to the activity, which would be recorded as transfers to cover deficit (930) or the payment to advisors under object 100. If no activity revenues exist or if any receipts remain under the control of the board, all costs of the program are recorded in the general fund. The salaries related to the cocurricular and extracurricular activities are recorded under object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (500) include those contracted services in the 300-500 series related to the cocurricular and extracurricular activities (other than transportation) along

with any equipment rentals or lease purchases. Supplies and materials for the cocurricular and extracurricular activities are recorded in object 600. Other objects (800) includes those costs related to the cocurricular and extracurricular activities that are not included in the above classifications. The expenditures should be recorded gross, with any board controlled receipts budgeted as miscellaneous revenue.

School-Sponsored Athletics (11-402-100-XXX)

School-Sponsored Athletics (11-402-100-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with board sponsored athletic programs. If the program is financed wholly or partly by program revenues that are under the control of the students rather than the board, the operations are recorded in the student activity funds. The only cost reflected in the budget in such circumstances would be the board's contribution to the program, which would be recorded as transfers to cover deficit (930). If no program revenues exist or if any receipts remain under the control of the board, all costs of the program are recorded in the general fund. The salaries related to the athletics program are recorded under object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298).

Purchased services (500) include those contracted services in the 300-500 series related to the athletics program (other than transportation) such as amounts paid to outside doctors for sports physicals or officials along with any equipment rentals or lease purchases. Supplies and materials for the athletics program are recorded in object 600. Other objects (800) includes those costs related to the athletics program that are not included in the above classifications. The expenditures should be recorded gross, with any board-controlled receipts budgeted as miscellaneous revenue.

Before/After School Programs (11-421-XXX-XXX)

Before/After School Programs (11-421-XXX-XXX) is used to record the costs of remedial/supplementary help for students. Expenditures for tutoring, homework assistance, and/or structured recreation and social activities are recorded here. When reporting expenditures, a district will designate its share of local spending between instruction and support services and within the objects in those functions. This does not include after school care or programs designed solely as child-care services which are recorded in the enterprise fund. Salaries of teachers, both full-time and substitutes are recorded in object 101. Assistants and aides are recorded in object 106. Teacher tutors, i.e., certified teachers who work with individuals and/or small groups of students on reading and/or specific core curriculum content standard areas are recorded in object 178. Salaries of certified reading specialists who work with individuals and/or small groups of students on reading and reading comprehension skills are recorded in object 179. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services are recorded in object 300. Other purchased services (400-500 series) are recorded in object 500. Supplies and materials are recorded in object 600. Expenditures not classified in one of the above are recorded as other objects (800).

Summer School (11-422-XXX-XXX)

Summer School (11-422-XXX-XXX) is used to record costs for remedial programs for students designed to prevent summer learning loss and make up of credits and/or to provide summer employment. Enrichment programs for students are also recorded here. When reporting expenditures, a district will designate its share of local spending between instruction and support services and within the objects in those functions. The same expenditure object codes under the Before/After School Programs (program code 421) are used here. Instructional summer programs only are recorded here: recreational summer school programs are not recorded here but in fund 13.

Instructional Alternative Education Programs (11-423-XXX-XXX)

Instructional Alternative Education Programs (11-423-XXX-XXX) is used to record costs for instructional programs designed for students assigned to alternative campuses, centers or classrooms to provide enhanced learning experiences. When reporting expenditures, a district will designate its share of local spending between

instruction and support services and within the objects in those functions. The same expenditure object codes under the Before/After School Programs (program code 421) are used here. If the program is to provide improved behavior modification, then it should be recorded in program 425.

Other Supplemental/At-Risk Programs (11-424-XXX-XXX)

Other Supplemental/At-Risk Programs (11-424-XXX-XXX) is used to record costs for other at-risk programs not identified elsewhere such as small learning communities, academies, tutoring, and reading improvement. When reporting expenditures, a district will designate its share of local spending between instruction and support services and within the objects in those functions. The same expenditure object codes under the Before/After School Programs (program code 421) are used here.

Other Alternative Education Programs (11-425-XXX-XXX)

Other Alternative Education Programs (11-425-XXX-XXX) is used to record costs for instructional programs designed for students assigned to alternative campuses, centers or classrooms to provide improved behavior modification. When reporting expenditures, a district will designate its share of local spending between instruction and support services and within the objects in those functions. The same expenditure object codes under the Before/After School Programs (program code 421) are used here. If the program is to provide enhanced learning experiences, then it should be recorded in program 423.

Other Instructional Programs (11-4XX-100-XXX)

Other Instructional Programs (11-4XX-100-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with activities that provide students with learning experiences not included in the other program 400 codes. The same expenditure categorizations highlighted under school-sponsored cocurricular and extracurricular activities (program code 401) and school-sponsored athletics (program code 402) are used here.

Community Services Programs (11-800-330-XXX)

Community Services Programs (11-800-330-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with activities which are not directly related to the provision of educational services in a district. These include services such as community recreation programs, civic activities, public libraries, programs of custody and care of children, and community welfare activities provided by the district. Latchkey programs that are funded by the board are recorded here. If the program charges fees to the parents for the provision of services, the activity should be accounted for in an enterprise fund. The only cost reflected in the budget in such circumstances would be the board's contribution to the program, which would be recorded as transfers to cover deficit (930). Employee salaries for community services programs are recorded under object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (500) include those contracted services in the 300-500 series related to the community services program along with any equipment rentals or lease purchases. Supplies and materials for the community services program are recorded in object 600. Other objects (800) includes those costs related to the community services program that are not included in the above classifications.

Undistributed Expenditures

Undistributed expenditures are charges that are not readily assignable directly to a program and are classified as follows:

Instruction (11-000-100-5XX - regular districts only)

Instruction (11-000-100-5XX) is used to record *tuition costs* paid to other districts, private schools for students with disabilities, county vocational and special services school districts, and state facilities. A distinction is made between regular and special education pupils and receiving districts within and outside the state. Expenditures are recorded in the appropriate object based on the nature of the tuition paid. Object 568, Tuition - State Facilities includes tuition amounts budgeted for Juvenile Detention Centers. Object 569, Tuition-Other includes

tuition paid to another local educational agency (LEA) outside the state for regular pupils, as well as payments to the Katzenbach School for the Deaf and Department of Human Services operated day training facilities. Object 570, Tuition to Non-Resident Renaissance School includes tuition amounts budgeted for renaissance schools. Payments to the Commission for the Blind are not budgeted as tuition expenditures but rather as purchased professional-educational services costs under related services or extraordinary services.

Attendance and Social Work Services (11-000-211-XXX)

Attendance and Social Work Services (11-000-211-XXX) is used to record the expenditures associated with activities designed to *improve student attendance* at school and which attempt to prevent or solve student problems. These services include the supervision of attendance and social work services; they include the identification of nonattendance patterns, promotion of improved attitudes towards attendance, and enforcement of attendance laws; and they include the investigation and diagnosis of student problems arising from the home, school, or community, casework and group services for the child or parent, and communications with other staff about student problems. The registration activities for adult education programs are also recorded here. The collection, maintenance, and reporting of school attendance records, family characteristics data, census data, and other important information is recorded here. The full-time, part-time, and prorated salaries of employees including secretarial and clerical performing any activities not specified for the 171 through 174 object codes are recorded in object 100. Salaries of drop-out prevention officer/coordinators that provide services to staff and students to prevent students from dropping out and provide additional support and job counseling to increase academic and social achievement are recorded in object 171. Salaries for family support type activities are recorded in object 172 and include the certified positions of nurse, guidance counselor and social worker whose primary function is to work with at-risk students and their families to provide social services. Family/parent liaison and community parent involvement specialists are recorded in object 173, and school coordinators are recorded in object 174. All other salaries not identified elsewhere are recorded in object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services (object 300) is used to record consulting fees paid for services which support the attendance and social work program and its administration. Included would be any outside support services, improvement services, and any contracted service related to the provision of attendance or social work services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service and the travel for these staff members. Supplies and materials (object 600) is used to record attendance and social work forms, office supplies, books and periodicals, and other items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for attendance and social work services staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Health Services (11-000-213-XXX)

Health Services (11-000-213-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with *physical and mental health services* provided to students which are not direct instruction, such as supervision of health services, health appraisal (including screening for vision, communicable diseases, and hearing deficiencies), screening for psychiatric services, periodic health examinations, emergency injury and illness care, dental services, nursing services, and communications with parents and medical officials. The salaries of health personnel, both professional and administrative, are recorded under object 100. Salaries of social services coordinators who provide students and their families with community-based social services including health care are recorded in object 175. It is not necessary to prorate the salaries of teaching school nurses between this function and instruction. Their costs are also recorded here. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services (object 300) is used to record the consulting fees for services which support the health program and its administration. Included would be any outside support services, improvement services, and any contracted

services related to the health program, including health services by personnel who are not on the payroll of the school district. Other purchased services (400-500 series) would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service and the travel for health program staff. Supplies and materials (object 600) is used to record health program forms, medical supplies, office supplies, books and periodicals, and other items that are consumed, worn out or deteriorated through use. District expenses for personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff should be recorded in health services supplies, line 30580, account 11-000-213-600. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for health program staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Speech/Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy and Related Services (11-000-216-XXX)

Speech/Occupational Therapy/Physical Therapy and Related Services (11-000-216-XXX) is used to record the costs of *related services provided to students as a result of individualized education programs (IEP)* for services such as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and additional counseling. Object 100 is used to record the salaries of certified district employees providing those services. If the services are contracted, they should be budgeted under object 320, including payments to the Commission for the Blind. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Supplies and materials for related services are recorded under object 600. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for related services program staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Other Support Services - Students - Extraordinary Services (11-000-217-XXX)

Other Support Services - Students - Extraordinary Services (11-000-217-XXX) is used to record the costs of services *other than related services provided to students as a result of an IEP* that are unique to individual students, such as one-to-one aides. Object 100 is used to record the salaries of district employees providing those services. If the services are contracted, they should be budgeted under object 320. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Supplies and materials for related services are recorded under object 600. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for related services program staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Guidance (11-000-218-XXX)

Guidance (11-000-218-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with *guidance services and any other activities supplemental to the teaching process* that are designed to assess and improve the well-being of students other than attendance and social work services, health services, or child study teams. Guidance services includes counseling with students and parents, consulting with other staff members on learning problems, evaluating the abilities of students, assisting students in personal and social development, providing referral assistance, and working with other staff members in planning and conducting guidance programs for students. Guidance services also include record maintenance services - the compiling, maintaining, and interpreting of records of individuals for such factors as physical and medical status, standardized test results, personal and social development, school performance, and home background. They also include placement services - the placing of students for educational and occupational situations. The full-time, part-time, and prorated salaries of all employees performing the aforementioned activities are segregated between other professional staff (object 104), secretarial and clerical assistants (object 105), and other salaries (object 110). Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services is detailed between those that are professional-educational (object 320) and other purchased professional and technical services (object 390) when recording consulting fees paid

for services which support the guidance and other services and their administration. Included would be any outside support services, improvement services, and any contracted service related to the provision of guidance and other student services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service and the travel for these staff. Supplies and materials (object 600) is used to record guidance office forms, office supplies, books and periodicals, and other items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for guidance and other student services staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects. (This cost center is not applicable to special services budget types.)

Child Study Team (11-000-219-XXX)

Child Study Team (11-000-219-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with the *services provided by child study team members*. A child study team consists of a school psychologist, a learning disabilities teacher-consultant, and a school social worker. For pupils ages three to five, the child study team includes a speech correctionist or speech-language specialist. N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.1 defines a child study team as an interdisciplinary group of appropriately certified persons who:

- 1) participate in the evaluation of students who may need special education programs and services;
- 2) participate in the determination of eligibility of students for special education programs and services;
- 3) may provide services to the educational staff with regard to techniques, materials and programs. These services include, but are not limited to, consultation with school staff and parents, training of school staff; and design, implementation and evaluation of techniques addressing academic and behavioral difficulties;
- 4) may deliver appropriate related services to students with disabilities;
- 5) may provide preventive and support services to nondisabled students; and
- 6) may participate on Intervention and Referral Services teams.

Under this definition, child study team members may provide both support services in the development of the IEP and may provide the actual services for the implementation of the IEPs. Services provided as a result of IEPs are considered related services and are not recorded here. As mentioned above, child study team members may provide services to non-classified pupils and regular instruction staff to prevent or remediate learning problems. If such services are routine, child study team member salaries must be prorated between child study team and guidance based on time spent. If such services are infrequent, there is no need to prorate. The full-time, part-time, and prorated salaries of all employees performing the aforementioned activities are segregated between other professional staff (object 104), secretarial and clerical assistants (object 105), and other salaries (object 110). Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services is detailed between those that are professional-educational (object 320) and other purchased professional and technical services (object 390) when recording consulting fees paid for services which support the child study team and its related administration. Included would be any outside support services, improvement services, and any contracted service related to the provision of child study team services. *Residential costs* of students with disabilities living in institutions are not considered tuition and are recorded under this support service in object 591. All other purchased services in the 400-500 series are recorded in object 500 and would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service and the travel for these staff. Supplies and materials (object 600) is used to record forms, office supplies, books and periodicals, and other items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for child study team office staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Improvement of Instruction Services (11-000-221-XXX)

Improvement of Instruction Services (11-000-221-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with assisting *instructional staff* in planning, developing, and evaluating the process of providing learning experiences for students. These activities include supervision of instruction services, curriculum development, techniques of instruction, child development and understanding, etc. Department chairperson activities are not recorded here; they are recorded in the school administration support services function. School level staff personnel that have the responsibility for supervising operations, evaluating/monitoring school staff, and coordinating school level activities are considered school administration (function 240). This includes the activities performed by the principal, assistant/vice principals, head teacher acting as a principal, director and other assistants performing these activities. An exception is the performance of monitoring and evaluation of staff as part of a supervisor of instruction function and if so, the full salary of the supervisor of instruction can be accounted for in function 221. However, if the majority of the supervisor of instruction position is performing administrative duties such as monitoring, supervising and evaluation, hiring, and budget preparation, then all or that majority portion of the position should be recorded in school administration. Per National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and New Jersey Chart of Accounts (NJCOA), evaluation and monitoring of staff is considered school administration unless performed by a supervisor of instruction, and cannot be allocated to improvement of instruction. The salaries recorded under this support service are segregated between supervisors of instruction (object 102), other professional staff (object 104), secretarial and clerical assistants (object 105), other salaries (object 110), and salaries of facilitators, math coaches and literacy coaches (object 176). Included here are the salaries of curriculum coordinators and in-service training staff. The additional compensation paid to teachers for curriculum development work done during the summer months should be recorded under object 104. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services is detailed between those that are professional-educational (object 320) and other purchased professional and technical services (object 390) when recording consulting fees paid for services which support the improvement of instruction services and its related administration, including curriculum developers and presenters at workshops. Other purchased services (400-500 series) recorded in object 500 would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service, outside workshop fees, and the travel for these staff. Supplies and materials (object 600) is used to record forms, office supplies, books and periodicals, and other items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for improvement of instruction services, staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects. The professional development costs of teachers are not included in this cost center. It should be included in Instructional Staff Training Services (function 223).

Educational Media Services/School Library (11-000-222-XXX)

Educational Media Services/School Library (11-000-222-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with activities concerned with the use of all teaching and learning resources, including hardware, and content materials. Educational media are defined as devices, content materials, methods, or experiences used for teaching and learning purposes. Educational media services include school library services, audiovisual services, educational television services, and computer assisted instruction services. The actual provision of computer assisted instruction is recorded under the instruction function. The salaries of educational media personnel, both professional and administrative, including school library staff, audiovisual staff, educational television staff, and staff engaged in the development of computer assisted instruction are recorded under object 100. Salaries of technology coordinators who facilitate implementation and use of educational technology throughout the school and within the classroom are recorded in object 177. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services (object 300) is used to record the consulting fees for services which support the educational media services program and its administration and would include purchased

services for on-line computer information retrieval for students. Other purchased services (400-500 series) recorded in object 500 would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service and the travel for these staff. It would also include communications costs directly related to educational media services/school library such as on-line reference services. Supplies and materials (object 600) include expenditures for curricular books and periodicals (but not textbooks, which should be included in instruction), films, TV programs, reference guides and materials, catalog materials, special collections, and general use books and periodicals for use by staff but not for classroom instruction. The cost of binding or other repairs to school library books is recorded here. Other expenditure items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use should be included in this object. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for educational media services staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Instructional Staff Training Services (11-000-223-XXX)

Instructional Staff Training Services (11-000-223-XXX) is used to record the activities that contribute to the professional or occupational growth and competence of members of the instructional staff during the time of their service to the school system or school. Professional development costs are defined as those costs that represent reimbursement to *teaching* staff for attendance at out-of-district workshops and the costs of professional development activities for *teachers* which the district itself sponsors. The reimbursed development costs of other staff members are recorded under the appropriate function of budget. The costs of in-house programs for other staff members are included under central services. The reimbursed costs would include registration reimbursement, travel costs, overnight accommodations, and meals. Stipends for attendance and related substitute costs are not recorded here, but are budgeted in the applicable teacher salary accounts. The direct costs for in-house programs would include the reasonable allocation of staff time for program development costs and costs for materials and supplies and any outside consultant fees and their related expenses. Allocated costs *may not* include any costs related to the supervision or evaluation of staff or curriculum work and any tuition reimbursements. Tuition reimbursements to teachers are considered an employee benefit and should be budgeted in account 11-000-223-280 if the optional coding for allocated benefits is used or in unallocated benefits account 11-000-291-280. The salaries recorded under this support service are segregated between supervisors of instruction (object 102), other professional staff (object 104), secretarial and clerical assistants (object 105), and other salaries (object 110) and include the in-service training staff. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services is detailed between those that are professional-educational (object 320) and other purchased professional and technical services (object 390) when recording consulting fees paid for services which support the instructional staff training services function and its related administration, including presenters at workshops. Other purchased services (400-500 series) recorded in object 500 would include the rental or lease purchase of equipment related to this support service, outside workshop fees, and the travel for these staff. Supplies and materials (object 600) is used to record forms, office supplies, books and periodicals, and other items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (800) is used to record expenditures for dues and fees for instructional staff training services staff membership in professional or other organizations. Miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above should also be recorded in other objects.

Support Services - General Administration (11-000-230-XXX)

Support Services - General Administration (11-000-230-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with activities concerned with the establishing and administering policy for operating the LEA. These include *board of education services and executive administration services*, including school election services. If the board secretary acts as the chief business official of the district, expenditures for his or her salary and staff and activities would not be recorded here but should be included under central services (function 251). School district meetings and expenses for legal advice are also included, as are the activities of external auditors. Central support services, such as planning, research, development and evaluation, as well as data processing,

should not be included here, but in central services. The salaries of general administration personnel are recorded under object 100 and include staff who are assigned to the central office of a school district, such as board of education services, board secretary staff, staff relations and negotiations, and the superintendent's office. Salaries of in-house attorneys are recorded in object 108. Salaries of employees other than the district superintendent and superintendent's office staff that are direct reports to the board of education are recorded in object 109. Object code 109 is used to record the salaries paid to an employee whose duties (or a documented portion of duties/time spent) is exclusive to an elected or appointed board of education or board of trustees. For example, the salary paid to a board secretary whose documented duties are split between general administration (80%) and the board of education (20%) is split 80% on line 45000 (11-000-230-100 Salaries – General Administrative) and 20% on line 45025 (11-000-230-109 Salaries – Governance Staff - BOE Direct Reports Only). Only general administrative costs are recorded under this function. The salaries and related costs of assistant superintendents or other administrators for specific support services should not be recorded here but rather should be recorded under the appropriate support services function. If the chief school administrator also acts as a building principal, his/her salary should be prorated between general administration and school administration. Under the chart of accounts, there is no further allocation of the chief school administrator's salary between other functions. Salaries of State Monitors should be recorded in object 180. Payments on DOE loans under *N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-56* are recorded in object 181 for principal and object 182 for interest. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional services for legal fees (object 331) and audit fees (object 332) must be separately reported. Audit fees required pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.5* are recorded in object 333, expenditure and internal control audit fees. Architectural/ engineering fees (334) includes only services related to the maintenance activities of the board of education. All other purchased professional services such as bond paying agents, election services, staff relations and negotiation services, and community relations firms are reported in object 339, other purchased professional services. Any purchased technical services (services to the LEA which are not regarded as professional but require basic scientific knowledge, manual skills, or both) related to the general administration of the district are reported in object 340. Communications/telephone costs and Board of Education (BOE) travel must be separately reported from other purchased services in the 400-500 series. Communications/telephone (object 530) includes all district-wide costs for telephone and communication services, including the rental of related equipment. This object also includes expenses for postage equipment rental and postage. Communication costs related to direct dedicated lines to technology labs or classrooms are considered instructional rather than district-wide. BOE travel (object 585) includes transportation, meals, hotel, and registration fees for out of district workshops and conferences. All other purchased services in the 400-500 series related to the aforementioned services, such as legal ads, equipment rental or lease purchase, board related insurance (liability and fidelity), and staff travel, are reported in object 590. General supplies (object 610) include expenditures for items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use, such as books and periodicals, office supplies and paper supplies for school election materials. BOE supplies (object 630) include expenditures specifically for board supplies such as expenses for in-house training for members of the BOE including food, meeting materials and other supplies used by the Board of Education. Other objects is broken out between judgments against the school district (object 820), Affordable Care Act employer shared responsibility payments (object 821), Affordable Care Act information reporting penalties (object 822), and miscellaneous expenditures (object 890). Object 820 includes expenditures from current funds for all judgments against the district that are not covered by liability insurance, but are of a type that might have been covered by insurance. Only amounts paid as a result of court decisions are recorded here. Judgments against the district resulting from failure to pay bills are recorded under the appropriate expenditure accounts as though the bills had been paid when due. Miscellaneous expenditures (object 890) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for general administration staff for membership in professional or other organizations, the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable, and other miscellaneous goods or services not classified above. BOE membership dues and fees (object 895) include amounts specifically paid for BOE memberships in school board associations, professional or other organizations.

Support Services - School Administration (11-000-240-XXX)

Support Services - School Administration (11-000-240-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with the *overall administrative responsibility* for a school. It includes the activities performed by the principal, assistant principals, a head teacher acting as a principal, and other assistants while they supervise operation of the school, evaluate staff members, supervise and maintain the records of the school, and coordinate school instructional activities with those of the LEA. Also included here would be the activities of department directors such as guidance, athletic, and special education. These activities include the work of clerical staff in support of teaching and administrative duties. Graduation expenses, full-time department chairperson expenditures, and prorated expenditures of part-time department chairpersons are also included in this function. If prorating of expenditures is not possible for department chairpersons who also teach, those expenditures are included in instruction. If the chief school administrator also acts as a building principal, his/her salary should be prorated between general administration and school administration. Stipends paid to teachers to perform chairperson duties part time are also included in this function. The salaries of school administration staff are detailed between principals/assistant principals (object 103), other professional staff (object 104), secretarial and clerical assistants (object 105) and other (object 110). Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services (object 300) would include expenditures for the purchased services of consultants and school scheduling firms. Other purchased services in the 400-500 series are recorded in object 500 and would include school administration equipment rentals or lease purchases and staff travel expenses. School administration supplies and materials (object 600) would include office supplies and other items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Books and periodicals would also be included here. Other objects (object 800) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for school administration staff for membership in professional and other organizations, along with miscellaneous goods or services not classified above.

Support Services - Central Services (11-000-251-XXX)

Support Services - Central Services (11-000-251-XXX) is used to record the business function and costs that support other administrative and instructional functions. The business function includes fiscal services, human resources, strategic planning, purchasing, warehousing and distribution services, and printing services. The salary for the chief business official and the related expenditures are included here. There is no allocation of the salary between other functions. Other support functions (administrative and instructional) include research and development, planning, evaluation, information services, data processing services, and staff services. Information services are concerned with writing, editing, and other preparation necessary to disseminate educational and administrative information to students, managers, and the general public through direct mailing, news media, or personal contact. Staff services are concerned with maintaining an efficient staff for the school system. It includes such activities as recruitment and placement, staff transfers, in-service training (for non-instructional staff), health services, and staff accounting. Salaries, both professional and administrative, are included in object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional services (object 330) would include the purchased professional services of such business support services as budgeting, payroll, financial accounting, internal auditing, planning, research and development, and capital asset appraisal. Purchased professional services for public relations costs are recorded in object 335. Purchased technical services (object 340) would include services to the LEA which are not regarded as professional but require basic scientific knowledge, manual skills, or both, such as data processing and purchasing and warehouse services. The sale/lease-back payments of textbooks are reported in object 594 and all other miscellaneous purchased services in the 400-500 series for central services such as equipment rentals or lease purchases and staff travel are reported in object 592. Supplies and materials (object 600) expenditures are for items that are consumed, worn out or deteriorated through use. Books and periodicals are also included here. Examples are paper supplies for budgeting, payroll, financial accounting, internal auditing, printing and duplicating, research and development, and evaluation. Payment of interest on current loans is reported in object 831. The interest

portion of lease purchase agreements for the purchase of land and buildings is included in object 832. The interest portion of lease purchases for equipment is not included here, but is budgeted as a rental cost under the program and function applicable to where the equipment is used. Interest on bond anticipation notes (BANS) is included in object 836. Miscellaneous expenditures (object 890) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for central services staff membership in professional or other organizations as well as expenditures for goods or services not classified above, such as bank fees.

For pre-EFCFA (Educational Facilities Construction Financing Act) Commissioner approved lease purchase agreements with terms in excess of five years, the regular debt service cost center includes lines for the budgeted principal and interest payments with inclusion of such payments as amounts eligible for debt service aid. Do not include any such payments here.

Support Services - Administrative Information Technology (11-000-252-XXX)

Support Services - Administrative Information Technology (11-000-252-XXX) is used to record activities that support the school district's information technology systems, including maintaining and supporting administrative networks and information systems, and processing data for administrative and managerial purposes. These activities include costs associated with the administration and supervision of technology personnel, systems planning and analysis, systems application development, systems operations, network support services, hardware maintenance and support, and other technology-related administrative costs. Salaries, both professional and administrative, are included in object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional services (object 330) include purchased professional services for administrative technology such as technology consulting fees. Purchased technical services (object 340) include services to the LEA which are not regarded as professional but require basic scientific knowledge, manual skills, or both, such as the services of a systems analyst. Other purchased services in the 400-500 series are recorded in object 500 and would include administrative information technology equipment rentals, lease purchases and staff travel expenses. Supplies and materials (object 600) expenditures are for items that are consumed, worn out or deteriorated through use. Computer supplies for use in administrative technology would be included here as well as reference books and periodicals. Other objects (object 800) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for membership in professional or other organizations and other expenditures for goods and services not classified above.

Required Maintenance for School Facilities (11-000-261-XXX)

Required Maintenance for School Facilities (11-000-261-XXX) is used to report the detailed appropriations for required maintenance as stipulated under EFCFA. Expenditures meeting the definition of required maintenance for school facilities under *N.J.A.C. 6A:26* for comprehensive maintenance plans and in any supplementary guidance issued by the Office of School Facilities will be reported in this cost center. As required under the regulations (*N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.4*), a district must maintain the accounting records for required maintenance at the school facility level. There will be no impact on the advertised appropriations section of the budget. Under EFCFA, districts are required ten years from enactment of the law to demonstrate a net investment in required maintenance within the ten years previous of two percent of what the facility's replacement cost was ten years prior. In order to continue to receive full aid for new construction and additions for which financing is issued under EFCFA, districts will be required, beginning in the fourth year after occupancy, to demonstrate an annual investment in maintenance of the facility of at least two-tenths of one percent of the facility's replacement cost. Districts that fail to meet this requirement will have their aid reduced proportionally. All districts should document the district required maintenance effort on these lines as required by EFCFA and defined under the state board regulations implementing the law. Required maintenance is defined as expenditures for specific maintenance activities required for system warranty purposes that are approved for repairs and replacements to keep a school facility open and safe for use or in its original condition - including repairs and replacements to a school facility's heating, lighting, ventilation, security and other fixtures to keep the facility or fixtures in effective working condition - and that does not consist of routine or capital maintenance. Required maintenance

is not an eligible cost of a school facilities project. Required maintenance includes periodic or occasional inspection; adjustment, lubrication, and cleaning (non-janitorial) of buildings and fixtures; replacement of parts; and other actions to assure continuing service and to prevent breakdown. Required maintenance does not include contracted custodial or janitorial services, expenditures for the cleaning of a school facility or its fixtures, the care and upkeep of grounds or parking lots, and the cleaning of, or repairs and replacements to, movable furnishings or equipment, or other expenditures as determined by the Commissioner which are not required to maintain the original condition over the facilities' useful life. The salaries of personnel dedicated to required maintenance are recorded under object 100 and should not include the costs of any employees performing janitorial or custodial duties. When district personnel who are not exclusively dedicated to the performance of required maintenance activities perform maintenance activities, districts may credit that portion of the salaries of such personnel to required maintenance expenditures where task-specific documentation of such activities is available and subject to audit. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Cleaning, repair, and maintenance services (object 420) is used to record services by non-district personnel for repairs and required maintenance and may **not** include cleaning services. Repairs and required maintenance services include contracts and agreements covering the upkeep of buildings. Cleaning services including garbage disposal services, snow plowing services, custodial services, and lawn care are considered routine maintenance and reported under function 262. Lead testing of drinking water pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4* is recorded under object 421. Allowable required maintenance general supplies (object 610) expenditures are for those items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (object 800) consist of expenditures for miscellaneous goods or services not classified above.

The sanitization of school buildings during a health-related emergency that is required to make them usable and safe for students and staff related to the COVID-19 health emergency should be recorded in the Required Maintenance function (line numbers 48500 through 48580, function code 261). Required maintenance does not include janitorial or custodial services related to routine cleanings, these costs are recorded in function 262, Custodial Services. Only enhanced costs for COVID-19 sanitization should be recorded in Required Maintenance.

Custodial Services (11-000-262-XXX)

Custodial Services (11-000-262-XXX) is used for expenditures for the daily upkeep of the facilities that would not otherwise be required to maintain its original condition over its useful life. This includes custodial services, routine maintenance and other operations and maintenance costs. Custodial services include expenditures for the cleaning of a school facility and the cleaning or repair of movable furnishings or equipment. The salaries of routine maintenance and other operation and maintenance personnel, both professional and administrative, are recorded under object 100. Other operation and maintenance staff include those responsible for operation and maintenance supervision, operation (heating, lighting, ventilating, repairing and replacing of equipment), vehicle operation and maintenance other than student transportation staff. Salaries of lunchroom aides, playground aides and hall monitors are recorded in object 107. (Note: the additional amounts paid to teachers for such services are reported as teachers' salaries and are not included here.) Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services for the aforementioned activities are recorded in object 300. Cleaning, repair, and maintenance services (object 420) is used to record services by non-district personnel for cleaning buildings and for repairs and routine maintenance. Cleaning services include garbage disposal services and custodial services. Repairs and routine maintenance services include contracts and agreements covering the upkeep of equipment. Object 441 is used to record expenditures for the rental of land and buildings for both temporary and long-range use by the LEA. Expenditures for land and building lease purchase agreements should not be recorded here. The interest portion is included under central services and the principal portion included in capital outlay under facilities acquisition and construction services. Lease purchase payments under the Energy Savings Improvement Program at *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6* are recorded in object 444. Other purchased

property services (object 490) would include equipment and vehicle rentals or lease purchases for operation and maintenance and utility services such as water and sewage. The costs of property insurance are reported in object 520. All other purchased services in the 500 series are recorded in miscellaneous purchased services (object 590), which would include such expenditures as payments to non-district employees for lunch room services and travel expenses for operations and maintenance staff. General supplies (object 610) expenditures are for those custodial service items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Energy costs are reported in four separate object codes - natural gas in object 621, electricity in object 622, oil in object 624, and gasoline in object 626. Bond interest under the Energy Savings Improvement Program at *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6* is recorded in object 837. Bond principal under the Energy Savings Improvement Program at *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6* is recorded in object 917. Other objects (object 800) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for operations and maintenance staff for membership in professional and other organizations, along with miscellaneous goods or services not classified above. Remodeling costs are not recorded here but instead are included in the capital outlay sub fund under the facilities acquisition and construction services function. The costs of rewiring facilities for the installation of a local area network (LAN) and/or wide area network (WAN) are not recorded here, but should be budgeted to 12-000-400-450.

Care and Upkeep of Grounds (11-000-263-XXX)

Care and Upkeep of Grounds (11-000-263-XXX) is used to record the activities of maintaining and improving the land, but not the buildings. These include snow removal, landscaping, and grounds maintenance. Snow plowing as well as lawn care services are recorded here. Salaries are recorded in object 100, purchased professional and technical services in object 300. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services for cleaning, repair and maintenance of equipment used for upkeep of grounds are recorded in object 420. Other general supplies (object 610) are expenditures for those items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Other objects (object 800) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for grounds staff for membership in professional and other organizations, along with miscellaneous goods or services not classified above.

Security (11-000-266-XXX)

Security (11-000-266-XXX) is used to record activities to maintain a secure environment for students and staff, whether in transit to or from school, on a campus or administrative facility, or participating in school-sponsored events. Costs include installation of security monitoring devices (e.g., cameras, metal detectors), security personnel, purchase of security vehicles and communication equipment, and related costs. Estimated amounts that will be recouped through user charges (e.g. custodian charges for the use of buildings in the evenings) are recorded here. That same estimate of those charges should also be included in the district's revenues budget as estimated rental income. Salaries of security personnel are recorded in object 100. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased professional and technical services for security are recorded in object 300. Included here would be costs associated with security plan development and implementation and contractual security services. Cleaning, repair, and maintenance services (object 420) is used to record services by non-district personnel for maintaining security related equipment, including contracts and agreements covering the upkeep of security equipment. General supplies (object 610) are expenditures for those items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use, e.g., batteries. Other objects (object 800) consist of expenditures for dues and fees for security staff for membership in professional and other organizations, along with miscellaneous goods or services not classified above.

Student Transportation Services (11-000-270-XXX)

Student Transportation Services (11-000-270-XXX) is used to record the costs associated with conveying students between home and school and from school to other school activities as provided by state and federal law. This function includes supervision of student transportation services, vehicle operation services, monitoring services, and vehicle servicing and maintenance services. The full costs of the student transportation program

should be reported here, including costs related to certain joint transportation agreements, Consolidated Transportation Services Agencies (CTSA) agreements and interlocal agency agreements. There are two types of joint transportation agreements and the nature of the agreement will determine to account for the costs:

- 1) Joint transportation agreements that involve a transportation fleet being operated by the lead district or a CTSA and the participating districts being billed their proportionate share should be accounted for in an internal service fund in the accounting records of the lead district or CTSA. Each of the participating districts, including the lead district, should budget their proportionate share of the joint agreement in their current expense budget under Student Transportation Services, using the objects explained below. The internal service fund will record the full costs of the transportation program and record as revenue the amounts billed to the participating districts, including that amount "billed" to the current expense sub fund of their district.
- 2) Often districts will merely share the costs of a contracted route under the terms of a joint agreement. In these cases, there is no need to segregate the costs of the transportation operations in an internal service fund. Instead, the transportation costs would be recorded directly in Student Transportation Services. The lead district should not net the monies received from other districts against expenditures. The full amount of the costs should be reported as expenditures and the monies received from other districts included in the budget as transportation fees revenue. Also, in instances where the district receives funds from individuals or other local sources such as the municipality towards its transportation program, the full cost of the program should be budgeted and the offsetting revenues recorded as transportation fees or revenues from other local governmental units - restricted.

Salaries of transportation aides are recorded as non-instructional aides (object 107). Other salaries of transportation staff employees are separately reported as either between home and school - regular (object 160), between home and school - special (object 161), between home and school – nonpublic (object 163) and other than between home and school (object 162). The delineation between regular and special is as follows: if a route is separately established for special education pupils, costs are reported as special. Any other costs are regular. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Management Fees for ESC and CTSA Transportation Programs (object 350) is used for administrative fees charged by an ESC or a CTSA for the cost of processing transportation requests for local boards of education and planning those services. Other purchased professional and technical services related to the transportation program are recorded in object 390. Cleaning, repair, and maintenance services related to the transportation program are reported in object 420. Rental payments for school buses are reported in object 442 and lease purchase payments for school buses are reported in object 443. Contracted services for transportation are detailed between vendors and joint agreements, between home and school and other than between home and school, and special education in the 500-510 series. Contracted services – Aid in Lieu of Payments is split into three accounts, Aid in Lieu of Payments – Non Public School Students (object 503), Contracted Services – Aid in Lieu of Payment for Charter School Students (object 504), and Contracted Services – Aid in Lieu of Payment for Choice School Students (object 505). Miscellaneous purchased services - transportation (object 593) is used to report those costs in the 400-500 series other than cleaning, repair, and maintenance and contracted transportation services. Transportation related insurance, equipment rentals or lease purchases for other than buses, and travel for transportation staff are reported here. Supplies are items that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated through use. Supplies and materials are separately recorded as either general supplies (object 610), transportation supplies (object 615), or gasoline funded by advertising revenue (object 626). General supplies include items that are not directly related to the operation of the fleet. Transportation supplies necessary to maintain the fleet of school buses are recorded in object 615 and include routine automobile and bus maintenance, tires, oil, oil filters, and the portion of gasoline costs which is not funded by advertising revenue. Miscellaneous expenditures (object 800) is used to report miscellaneous expenditures for goods or services not classified above.

Personal Services - Employee Benefits (11-XXX-XXX-2XX)

Personal Services - Employee Benefits (11-XXX-XXX-2XX) is used to report the employee benefits for district staff whose salaries are reported in the general fund other than those allocated to special schools as support services. The benefits of those staff whose salaries are reported in the special revenue, capital projects, and enterprise (food services) funds are not included here but are reported as expenditures in those funds. The district has the **option** to allocate employee benefits to the various programs/functions of the current expense and capital outlay sub funds. As shown in the Detailed Appropriations Grid, employee benefit lines are included under each of the programs/functions appearing as advertised appropriations lines, with minor exceptions. There also are lines provided for those benefits that are unallocated (function 291). The district has the **option** of recording benefits as allocated or unallocated. If allocated benefit costs are reported, those allocated amounts will be used by the department in the Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending and New Jersey School Performance Report and for other calculations of per pupil costs that involve an allocation of benefits to various programs/functions of the budget. Any amounts reported as allocated will be directly associated with that program/function in the per pupil cost calculations and only those costs reported by districts as unallocated will be associated with the program/function through a percentage of total salaries application. The total of allocated and unallocated benefits appears as a line in the advertised appropriations section of the budget statement of regular school districts. A summary comparison report is included in the supporting documentation section of the budget software to provide summary totals of allocated and unallocated benefits by the object level detail to allow for a comparison of the three years of budget data at the required minimum outline level. A sample of this report is in the supporting documentation section of the budget guidelines. The employee benefits are detailed between group insurance (object 210), social security contributions (object 220), TPAF contributions - ERIP (object 232), TPAF and PERS Special Assessments (object 233), other retirement contributions - PERS (object 241), other retirement contributions - ERIP (object 242), other retirement contributions-deferred PERS payments (object 248), other retirement contributions -regular (object 249), unemployment compensation (object 250), workmen's compensation (object 260), health benefits (object 270), tuition reimbursement (object 280), other employee benefits (object 290), and unused sick or vacation payments to terminated/retired staff (object 297, 298 and 299). Amounts paid by the board for social security taxes on extra compensation that will not be reimbursed by the state should be included in object 220. Objects 232 and 242 should include those additional contributions to the State Health Benefits Program related to personnel participating in the early retirement incentive program (ERIP). Object 248 should include the payments on the 50 percent deferred 2008-09 PERS contributions under P.L. 2009, c. 19. These deferred contributions could be repaid over a period of 15 years beginning in 2011-12. Other employee benefits (object 290) includes the costs of drug testing and fingerprinting, uniforms purchased for employees in accordance with union contracts, assessment billings from the Department of Labor, and payments made to employees in lieu of health benefits. Object 297 is used to record payments of unused sick time to terminated or retired staff under a mass severance agreement by the district. Object 298 is used to record payments of unused vacation time to terminated or retired staff under a mass severance agreement by the district. Object 299 is used to record payments of unused sick time to terminated or retired staff under a normal severance from the district.

Food Services (11-000-310-XXX)

Food Services (11-000-310-XXX) is used to report the board's share of expenditures for the food service program. The food service operations activity could be recorded in an enterprise fund or the general fund, depending on its revenue sources. If an LEA receives state or federal reimbursement for or collects fees from students for the cost of meals, the entire food service operations activity would be recorded in the enterprise fund. All the costs of the program would be recorded in that fund and not in the general fund. Any contribution by the board toward the food services operation, including salaries, benefits, etc. are summarized and reported as one lump sum in transfers to cover deficit (object 930) and should not be included elsewhere in the budget. Based on the limited number of districts that are not required to account for their food service program in an enterprise fund, one line (72000) is provided in the detailed appropriations.

Transfer Property Sale Proceeds to Debt Service Reserve (11-000-520-934)

Transfer Property Sale Proceeds to Debt Service Reserve (11-000-520-934) is used to record the transfer of proceeds from the sale of district property to the debt service fund in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41* subsection (c)(2). Appropriation line 72120 is used for deposits to this reserve. *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.3* outlines other requirements for the debt service reserve.

Increase in Sale/Lease-back Reserves (10-605)

Increase in Sale/Lease-back Reserves (10-605) is used to record a budgeted increase in the account balance in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2* which authorizes boards of education to enter into sale and lease-back contracts on certain instructional materials (i.e., textbooks and non-consumable instructional materials).

Increase in Maintenance Reserve (10-606)

Increase in Maintenance Reserve (10-606) is used to record a budgeted increase in the maintenance reserve account for anticipated deposits for required maintenance activities under EFCFA. To meet the required maintenance needs under EFCFA and the regulations for comprehensive maintenance plans, a district may appropriate funds in its annual budget to supplement the maintenance reserve account. Line 72200 is used to budget a deposit in the maintenance reserve. Interest earned on the reserve is budgeted in line 72180. *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2* and *6A:26* outline the requirements for maintenance reserve accounts.

Increase in Current Expense Emergency Reserve (10-607)

Increase in Current Expense Emergency Reserve (10-607) is used to record a budgeted increase in the emergency reserve in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41* subsection (c)(1). This reserve may be established by boards of education to finance unanticipated general fund current expenditures required for a thorough and efficient education. A district may appropriate funds to supplement the reserve in the district's annual budget. Line 72220 is used for deposits into this account and line 72240 is used to budget interest earned on the reserve. *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.3* permits deposits at year end and outlines other requirements for the current expense emergency reserve. Districts should also refer to the [guidance document regarding the Current Expense Emergency Reserve](#).

Increase in Impact Aid Reserve - General (10-611)

Increase in Impact Aid Reserve - General (10-611) is used to record a budgeted increase in the Impact Aid reserve for general funds received under sections 8002 or 8003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41* subsection (c)(3). This reserve may be established by boards of education to reserve unspent Impact Aid under sections 8002 or 8003 for uses consistent with federal law. A district may appropriate funds to supplement the reserve in the district's annual budget, or through a transfer by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board between June 1 and June 30 for withdrawal in any subsequent school year. Line 72246 is used for deposits into this account.

Increase in Impact Aid Reserve - Capital (10-612)

Increase in Impact Aid Reserve - Capital (10-612) is used to record a budgeted increase in the Impact Aid reserve for capital funds received under sections 8007 or 8008 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41* subsection (c)(3). This reserve may be established by boards of education to reserve unspent Impact Aid under sections 8007 or 8008 for uses consistent with federal law. A district may appropriate funds to supplement the reserve in the district's annual budget, or through a transfer by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board between June 1 and June 30 for withdrawal in any subsequent school year. Line 72247 is used for deposits into this account.

Capital Outlay (sub fund 12)

Capital Outlay is used to record capital items that are funded by general fund revenues. It includes increases in the general fund capital reserve account, equipment purchases, and facilities acquisition and construction services.

Equipment (12-XXX-XXX-73X)

Equipment items are any instrument, machine, apparatus, or set of articles (including software) which meets *all* the following criteria:

1. It retains its original shape, appearance, and character with use;
2. It does not lose its identity through fabrication or incorporation into a different or more complex unit or substance;
3. It is nonexpendable; that is, if the item is damaged or some of its parts are lost or worn out, it is more feasible to repair the item than to replace it with an entirely new unit; and
4. Under normal conditions of use, including reasonable care and maintenance, it can be expected to serve its principal purpose for at least one year.

The above criteria are adapted from the NCES Financial Accounting for Local and State School Systems, 2014 Edition. One additional point reflected in the NCES supply/equipment decision tree is the capitalization threshold. "If the item exceeds the minimum dollar value mandated by the state or other government unit (with due regard for group control of some items)" and all four of the above criteria have been met, then the item should be classified as equipment. The capitalization threshold for New Jersey school districts for budgeting, accounting, and financial reporting purposes is \$2,000. This threshold does not preclude a district from using a lower threshold for insurance or asset management/management control purposes. An item should be classified as a supply if it does not meet the stated equipment criteria and the cost is not more than the capitalization threshold of \$2,000.

The payments made on the lease purchase of equipment are budgeted as rental payments under the appropriate program and function, not as equipment purchases. Equipment purchases are reported on the applicable line of the budget based on the purpose of the purchase. For example, if the item will be used in a grade six classroom, it would be budgeted in 12-130-100-730. If the item will be used in the superintendent's office, it would be budgeted in 12-000-230-730. Undistributed Expenditures - Instruction (12-000-100-730) is used to record equipment purchases for instruction purposes that will cross programs. Equipment that will be used for at-risk programs is reported using the applicable program code (12-42X-100-730) and for cocurricular/extracurricular or athletic programs is reported as School-Sponsored and Other Instructional Programs (12-4XX-100-730). Equipment purchases for Attendance and Social Work Services, Health Services, and Guidance are summarized and reported in 12-000-210-730. Expenditures for related services and extraordinary equipment purchases should be budgeted under 12-000-21X-730. Equipment purchases for Improvement of Instruction Services/Other Support Services - Instructional Staff, Educational Media Services/School Library, and Instructional Staff Training Services are summarized and reported in 12-000-220-730. Equipment for required maintenance for school facilities is reported in 12-000-261-730. Equipment for custodial services is reported in 12-000-262-730, for care and upkeep of grounds in 12-000-263-730, for security in 12-000-266-730. Equipment purchases for student transportation are segregated between purchases other than school buses (12-000-270-732), school buses for routes established solely for the transportation of special education pupils (12-000-270-734) and buses for other routes (12-000-270-733). Equipment purchases for hubs and routers purchased for the installation of a LAN and/or WAN are considered part of the infrastructure of the computer system of the district and are reported in account 12-000-252-730. Equipment purchases for special schools programs are summarized and reported in 12-XXX-X00-730. Expenditures for equipment purchased with restricted grant revenues are recorded in the special revenue fund and are subject to grant regulations that may contain different criteria for determining equipment items.

Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services (12-000-400-XXX)

Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services (12-000-400-XXX) is used to record activities funded by current revenues concerned with acquiring land and buildings, remodeling buildings, constructing buildings and additions to buildings, initially installing or extending service systems and other built-in equipment, and improving sites. The salaries of district employees for such activities are recorded in object 100. Object 199 is

used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Legal services related to construction projects are included in object 331. Architectural and engineering services are reported in object 334. Other purchased professional and technical services such as specification (blueprint) developers are recorded in object 390. Construction services (object 450) includes amounts for constructing, renovating, and remodeling paid to contractors and includes rewiring of buildings for the installation of LANs and/or WANs. General supplies and materials are reported in object 600. Land and improvements (object 710) includes expenditures for the purchase of land and improvements thereon. Purchases of air rights, mineral rights, and the like are included here. Do not include expenditures for improving sites after acquisition, which should be included under construction services. The principal portion of lease purchase agreements for the acquisition of land and buildings is reported in object 721. This does not include the lease purchase of equipment, which is coded as a rental. Purchases of buildings other than via lease purchase agreements are reported in object 722. The portion of a purchase attributable to infrastructure is reported in object 780. Examples of infrastructure include water and sewer systems, roads, drainage systems, street lighting systems, or storm sewer systems with catch basins, storm drains, and inlets considered as subsystems. Also included here are special assessments against the LEA for capital improvements which are for infrastructure such as streets, curbs, and drains. Assessments for debt service on SDA funding are reported in object 896. The amount of the assessments to be recorded is provided by the department on the annual state aid notifications. Other miscellaneous expenditures for facilities acquisition and construction services not classified above are reported in object 800. The regular debt service cost center includes lines for the budgeted principal and interest payments on Commissioner approved lease purchase agreements with terms in excess of five years approved prior to EFCFA, with inclusion of such payments as amounts eligible for debt service aid. Do not include any such payments on line 76140.

Three appropriation lines correspond to EFCFA transfers - from capital outlay to capital projects fund (line 76240), from capital reserve to the capital projects fund (line 76320) and from capital reserve to the debt service fund (line 76340). One line corresponds to transfers of federal funds from the capital Impact Aid reserve to the capital projects fund (line 76385).

Increase in Capital Reserve (10-604)

Increase in Capital Reserve (10-604) is used to record a budgeted increase in the capital reserve account (line 76360) for anticipated deposits to be used to help finance the local share of the districts' approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP). Investment income on capital reserve balances should be recorded separately in appropriation line 76380. *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1* provides the requirements for capital reserve accounts. Districts may also request voter approval through a separate proposal at budget time. Audited excess undesignated, unreserved general fund balance shall not be deposited into a capital reserve account and shall be reserved and designated in the subsequent year's budget, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-7* subsection (c) and *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1* subsection (f).

Special Schools (sub fund 13)

Special Schools is used to report the costs of special schools funded by current resources other than state and federal grants. The entire cost of adult school programs, including community schools, is budgeted here. The estimate of fees that will be collected should be budgeted as restricted miscellaneous income. When reporting expenditures, a district will designate its share of local spending between instruction and support services and within the objects in those functions. However, adult education test centers use only support services and four object codes. Salaries (object 100), unused vacation payment to terminated/retired staff (object 199), supplies and materials (object 600) and other objects (object 800) are the only codes used for adult education test centers. For other programs, if a district determines that its entire local share for a program is towards teacher salaries, that would be the only budget line filled in for that program. The salaries of teachers and substitutes are recorded in object 101. Salaries of teacher tutors are recorded in object 178 and salaries of reading specialists in object 179. If teachers cross program categories, their salaries should be prorated based on the

time spent in each program. The salaries of assistants or aides to instructional staff other than secretarial and clerical personnel are reported in object 106. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Mass severance payments are recorded in the employee benefits cost center (11-000-291-298). Purchased services (300 and/or 500) include those contracted services that are related to the instruction provided in the classroom with the breakout between professional and technical and other purchased services. Other purchased services (400-500 series) includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment for the program classroom use. General supplies (610) include those teaching supplies other than textbooks such as tests, chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Textbooks are recorded under object 640 and include expenditures for books, textbooks, courseware, or other content-based instructional materials in electronic format, furnished free to students and required as a primary source of study material intended to implement a major part of a state or local curriculum. Textbooks also includes binding and other textbook repairs; and freight of textbooks. Teacher editions of textbooks are considered instructional supplies. Other objects (800) includes those classroom costs for regular instruction that are not included in the above classifications. The budget lines for special schools support services are used to report those administrative expenditures allocated by the district to the special school as part of its local share of funding the program. These allocated costs should include the incremental costs of maintaining the programs and should not include those which would not be eliminated with the elimination of the program. The support services expenditures are segregated between salaries (object 100), personal services - employee benefits (object 200), purchased professional and technical services (object 300), other purchased services in the 400-500 series (object 500), supplies and materials (object 600), and other objects (object 800). It should be noted that summer school tuition should be reported as revenue and not netted against budgeted appropriations.

Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools (10-000-100-56X - regular districts only)

Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools is used to record the estimated payment of district general fund revenues related to resident students projected to attend a charter school. The amount to be recorded is provided by the department and includes the projected per pupil regular education spending and special education amounts for those pupils. The district general fund payments should be budgeted on line 84000. The estimated payments for restricted preschool education aid should be budgeted in line 87060 in account 20-218-100-56X.

Transfer of Funds to Renaissance Schools (10-000-100-571 - regular districts only)

Transfer of Funds to Renaissance Schools is used to record the estimated payment of district general fund revenues related to resident students projected to attend a renaissance school. The amount to be recorded is provided by the department and includes the projected per pupil regular education spending and special education amounts for those pupils.

General Fund Contribution to School-Based Budgets (10-000-520-930 – School-Based Budget SDA districts only)

General Fund Contribution to School-Based Budgets is used to record the general fund contribution (allocation of unrestricted local, state, and federal revenues) included as a revenue source in the blended resource school-based budgets of SDA districts required to use school-based budgeting. There will be an edit check in the budget software that the amount entered on this line agrees with the total of the amounts reported as general fund contribution revenues in the SDA district's school-based budgets.

Special Revenue Fund (fund 20)

Special Revenue Fund is used to record local, state, and federal restricted grants.

Restricted Local Grants

Based on [department review of GASB No. 84](#), accounting and reporting requirements for Student Activity Funds and Scholarship Funds are to be reported in the Special Revenue Fund. Lines 84200 and 84220, respectively, are used to record appropriations under the accounting requirements for these items.

Restricted Federal Grants:

Restricted federal grants detailed appropriations should be budgeted on lines 88500 through 88740. Line 88500 is used for Title I expenditures, line 88520 is used for Title II expenditures; line 88540 for Title III expenditures, line 88560 for Title IV, and line 88600 for Title VI. Federal grants that do not have a specific line item, such as Learn and Serve America, should be budgeted on line 88700 – Other; the program range to select for other federal projects is 450-469. This also requires departmental approval as obtained in the federal grants budget application. Districts should refer to the [ESSA Reference Information](#) for further guidance on schoolwide programs and to the NJCOA for further guidance on federal grant account coding including Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Carryover of State Restricted Aids:

Preschool Education Aid carryover amounts from June 30, 2025 and carryover of Preschool Education Aid anticipated as available for carryover at June 30, 2026 should be incorporated into the district's 2026-27 spending plans for allowable program expenditures and budgeted on the Preschool Education Aid screen on the PEA- Prior Year Carryover revenue line. The Preschool Education Aid detail screen in the budget software provides for the identification of PEA carryover funds as a source of funding for the planned program/strategy.

Preschool Education Programs (20-218-XXX-XXX)

Districts receiving Preschool Education Aid (PEA) should account for the full cost of the preschool program in fund 20, except for self-contained preschool disabled students and support services needed for preschool disabled students served in general education classrooms. Any district first funded in 2025-26 or 2026-27 are subject to a local cost share and should account for the full cost of the preschool program in fund 20. Costs for self-contained preschool disabled students' education and support services needed for preschool disabled students served in general education classrooms should be accounted for in the applicable special education cost centers of the general fund. PEA should reflect the cost of the child's placement in a district program, a licensed child care provider program, or a Head Start Program which provide full-day preschool in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:13A*.

Preschool Education Aid (20-218-XXX-XXX) is used to report the restricted appropriations for PEA state aid pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-54* distributed to school districts with high concentrations of at-risk students and to other districts with at-risk students, for the purpose of providing preschool education. The appropriations are summarized under three functions:

1. instruction (function code 100),
2. support (200), and
3. facilities acquisition and construction services (400).

Within the instruction function, salaries of teachers are recorded in object 101 along with teacher stipends and stipends for substitute teachers. Object 106 is used for salaries of assistants or aides to the instructional staff other than secretarial and clerical personnel. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract, under a normal severance from the district. Object 321 is used to record purchased professional instruction services that are contracted out, such as teacher assistants hired through an outside contract. The cost of contracted (outsourced) other purchased services (500 series) includes any rental or lease purchase of equipment. Tuition to other LEAs within the state (object 561) is used for expenditures for pupils sent to an educational facility outside of the district. General supplies (600) include teaching supplies such as chalk, paper, pencils, paints, and other classroom supplies. Other objects (800) includes those costs for regular instruction that are not included in the above classifications. The support services expenditures include salaries of supervisors of instruction (102), program directors (103), other

professional staff (104), secretaries and clerical assistants (105), and other salaries (110). A new line in 2026-27 for Salaries for Pupil Transportation Between Home and School (160) includes salaries for bus aides. Salaries of family/parent liaison and community parent involvement specialists (173) include non-instructional/non-certified positions that recruit and work with parents to encourage involvement in the schools and increase parental support for student learning at home. Master teachers are recorded in object code 176. Object 199 is used to record payments to terminated or retired employees for unused vacation pay per the employee contract. Support services also include personal services – employee benefits (200), purchased educational services – contracted pre-K (321), purchased educational services - Head Start (325), and other purchased professional-educational services (329). Parent workshops and medical screenings are recorded in other purchased professional services (330). Security and custodial services by non-district personnel in the preschool program are recorded in cleaning, repair and maintenance services (420). Rentals (440) include costs of renting or leasing equipment such as copiers. Lease purchase of equipment is recorded here. Transportation is broken out between contracted services – transportation (between home & school) (511), contracted services – transportation (other than between home & school) – field trips (516), and travel (580). All other purchased services in the 500 series are recorded in miscellaneous purchased services (object 590). Supplies and materials are recorded in object code 600. Items for support that are not classified above are recorded in other objects (800). Startup classroom technology, classroom technology, and playground equipment purchases for the preschool program are reported in instructional equipment (object 731). Purchase of equipment such as copiers is recorded in non-instructional equipment (732).

Contribution to charter schools (20-218-100-56X) is used to budget the estimated payment of PEA to charter schools generated by the resident students projected to attend the charter schools. This figure is provided by NJDOE. Transfer to resident renaissance schools (20-218-100-571) is used to budget the estimated payment of PEA to renaissance schools.

Lines are included in the budget for regular districts to allow those districts receiving PEA to transfer general fund costs as well as a local contribution towards the costs of the preschool programs to the special revenue fund. Districts should record the full instruction cost of their preschool programs (not including the costs for preschoolers with disabilities in self-contained classrooms or support services needed for preschool disabled students served in general education classrooms which use function code 215 or 216 in the general fund) in the special revenue fund, develop those appropriation budgets and calculate the amount of the local contribution. The contribution amount should be reported on the transfer lines provided in the general fund budget on the Preschool Education Aid detail screen (lines 835 and 836 of the revenues section and lines 2040 and 2060 of the appropriations section). Any funds to be raised by taxation to support the preschool program should be reported on line 723 of the revenues section, a new line in the 2026-27 budget software.

SDA districts using school-based budgets are required to record the full cost of preschool (not including the costs for preschoolers with disabilities in self-contained classrooms or support services needed for preschool disabled students served in general education classrooms which use function code 215 or 216 in the general fund) in the special revenue fund. Kindergarten programs and services are to be recorded in the school-based blended resource budgets (fund 15). Preschool costs are not transferred to the blended resource school-based budgets and therefore any transfer of general fund (line 835, 836, 2040 and 2060) to the special revenue fund is to augment preschool costs.

There will be an on-screen edit check that the total of the various revenue sources (tuition preschool, tuition from LEAs-preschool, prior year PEA carryover, PEA, and transfer from general fund - preschool), equals the total budgeted appropriations for the preschool education program.

Districts should review N.J.A.C. 6A:13A-3.1 on preschool programs prior to development of the budgeted appropriations for these funds. Additional information regarding [the funding and accounting for the preschool program](#) is posted on the district-wide budget section of the finance website.

Debt Service Fund (fund 40)

Debt Service Fund appropriation reporting is detailed between regular debt service, and the Debt Service Reserve account.

Principal and interest payments on Commissioner approved lease purchase agreements with terms in excess of five years approved prior to EFCFA, should be entered in accounts 40-701-510-723 and 40-701-510-833, respectively. The executive county superintendent will verify that the amounts budgeted relate to lease purchase agreements approved prior to EFCFA which were eligible for debt service aid. All other lease purchase payments should be budgeted in the appropriate line of the general fund budget.

N.J.S.A.18A:24-61.2 permits school districts to issue refunding bonds to fund their remaining early retirement incentive program liability. A district should budget the current year principal payment of the new debt obligation on appropriation line 89560, “Redemption of Principal – Early Retirement Bonds”, and the current year interest obligation of the new debt obligation on appropriation line 89540, “Interest on Early Retirement Bonds.” Note that a district will not receive debt service aid on the refunding bonds since the original debt obligation was not related to a capital project.

New in 2026-27 budget software, amounts for principal and interest for financing of school facilities projects under P.L. 2024, c.79 should be recorded in lines 89655 and 89656, respectively.

Debt Service Reserve (40-608)

is used to record the transfer from the general fund of proceeds from the sale of district property on line 89940 in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41* subsection (c)(2). Transfers may not be made to this reserve if a district does not have any outstanding debt. *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.3* outlines requirements for withdrawals from the reserve.