The Texas Education Agency (TEA) may enter into an agreement with a federal agency concerning a project related to education, including provision of school lunches and construction of school buildings. TEA, or another state agency designated by the governor, shall coordinate the District's actions relating to participation in a federal financial assistance program. *Education Code 7.021(b), (c); Gov't Code 742.003*

RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS

If the District applies to obtain money provided by the United States government or its agencies and if any of the money will pay part or all of any employee's salary, the District must also apply for any legally available funds to pay state contributions to the retirement system as set out in Government Code 825.404, and to pay state contributions to the group insurance program for retired school employees as set out in Insurance Code Chapter 1575.

When the District receives funds to pay for state contributions for retirement and insurance pursuant to this application, it shall immediately send such funds to the retirement system for deposit in the state contribution account. The District shall report monthly to the system, in a form it prescribes, the names of each employee paid in whole or in part from a grant, the source of the grant, the amount of the employee's salary paid from the grant, the amount of money provided for state contributions for the employee by the grant, and such other information as the retirement system deems necessary.

The District shall comply with applicable rules governing examination of its records by the Teacher Retirement System.

Gov't Code 825.406; Insurance Code 1575

BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

If the District receives more than $5,000 in block grant funds to be used as the District determines is appropriate, it shall provide evidence to TEA that a public meeting or hearing was held in a timely manner solely to seek public comment on the needs or uses of block grant funds. This meeting or hearing may be held in conjunction with another Board meeting or hearing if the meeting or hearing to consider block grant funds is clearly noted on the public announcement for the other meeting or hearing. *Gov't Code 2105.058*

CONTRACTS SUPPORTED BY FEDERAL FUNDS

No employee or Board member shall participate in selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by federal funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. Such a conflict would arise when any of the following has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for award:

1. An employee or Board member.
2. Any member of the immediate family of an employee or Board member.
3. The partner of an employee or Board member.
4. An organization that employs or is about to employ any of the above.

The District's employees and Board members shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to subagreements.

The District may establish minimum rules where the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal intrinsic value.

7 CFR 3016.36(b)(3)