



Santa Clara County Office of Education

Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools

Informational Bulletin

For Santa Clara County Districts

District Business & Advisory Services

Bulletin: 26-022

Date: February 12, 2026

To: District Chief Business Officers
District Fiscal Directors
Charter School Administrators

From: Susan Ady, DBAS Director

Re: Auditor Selection for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Financial Statements Audit

In accordance with Education Code (EC) Section 41020, the governing board of each school district shall provide for an audit of the books and accounts of the school district. In the event the governing board of a school district has not provided for an audit by April 1, the County Office of Education, having jurisdiction over the district, shall provide for the audit.

When contracting for an audit, please note the following:

- The audit contract must contain a 10% withholding clause per EC Section 14505 and, if applicable, a provision to withhold 50% of the audit fee for any subsequent year of a multi-year contract if the prior year's audit report was not certified as conforming to reporting provisions of the audit guide.
- Per EC Section 41020(f)(2), there is a limit of six consecutive years for any firm where the partner in charge of the audit and the reviewing partner have been the same in each of those years. The law does allow the six-year limitation to be waived by the Education Audits Appeals Panel if it finds that no other eligible auditor is available to perform the audit.
- Please communicate to your selected auditor that they must submit a copy of the 2025-26 audit report to the Santa Clara County Office of Education by **December 15, 2026**. An electronic file in PDF format to DBAS (aromero@sccoe.org) is preferred.
- Fiscally accountable or independent school districts must have their selected auditor include a statement in the NOTES section of the audit stating that sufficient controls are still in place to allow the district to remain fiscally accountable or fiscally independent. Failure to provide this statement may result in the County Office of Education requiring a special independent audit at the expense of the district.

Please complete the attached form and submit it to us by **March 31, 2026**. In the event the governing board of a local educational agency (LEA) has not provided for an audit of the books and accounts of the LEA by **April 1, 2026**, pursuant to EC 41020(b)(3), the County Superintendent of Schools shall provide for the audit, and the cost of the audit shall be chargeable to the LEA.

A list of Certified Public Accountants in California is located on the State Controller's Office website at:
<https://cpads.sco.ca.gov/CPAList.aspx>

Additionally, a list of the audit firms selected by each district is also available on the DBAS webpage at:
<https://www.scooe.org/depts/bizserv/DBAS/Documents/AuditorsbyDistrictandCharter.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact your District Business Advisor:

Jemil Dimaya (408) 453-6590
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Yen Lam (408) 453-6510

Please distribute this memo within your District as deemed appropriate.



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Deadline: April 1, 2026

Subject: SELECTION OF AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

Return to: ANNIE ROMERO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
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Date: _____

In accordance with Education Code Section 41020, the governing board of the _____ School District has selected the following firm to audit the books and accounts of the district for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026:

Firm Name		Telephone Number
Partner in Charge	Reviewing Partner	
Address		
City	State	Zip Code

Stated Maximum Audit Fee: _____

For a multiple-year contract, state the amount for each fiscal year covered:

Fiscal Year:	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28		
Amount:					

Signature, Chief Business Official

Date