

Cedar Ridge School District

Independence County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2025



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INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cedar Ridge School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2025, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005 described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2025, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, as described in Note 1, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

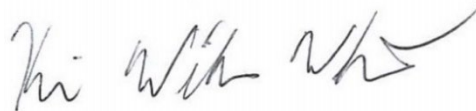
Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplementary information, and our auditor’s report thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the regulatory basis financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 17, 2026 on our consideration of the District’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING
STANDARDS*

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Cedar Ridge School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cedar Ridge School District (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2026. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2025, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's regulatory basis financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

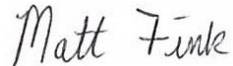
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state and federal laws and regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated February 17, 2026.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Matt Fink, CPA
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Little Rock, Arkansas
February 17, 2026

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Cedar Ridge School District and School Board Members
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Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the Cedar Ridge School District's (the "District") compliance with the compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Qualified Opinion on AL No. 84.010A Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on AL No. 84.010A Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on AL No. 84.010A Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, the District did not comply with requirements regarding AL No. 84.010A Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies as described in finding number 2025-001 for Allowable Costs/Cost Principles.

Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for the District to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify a certain deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2025-001, to be a material weakness.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Cedar Ridge School District and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We would like to communicate the following items that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comments is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management to maintain a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations, and to improve internal control. These matters were discussed previously with District officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

The District's operating bank account was unreconciled for the periods of July through November 2024 and January through June 2025, with an unexplained variance of \$12,943 as of June 30, 2025.

The Superintendent was overpaid \$750 and a certified employee was underpaid \$249 due to clerical errors.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local school board and District management, state executive and oversight management, federal regulatory and oversight bodies, the federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
February 17, 2026

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			Fiduciary Fund Types
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 543,380	\$ 307,534	\$ 1,916,220	\$ 1,915
Investments	1,193,025		3,925,374	
Accounts receivable	32,912	101,756	4,000	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,769,317</u>	<u>\$ 409,290</u>	<u>\$ 5,845,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,915</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 22,246	\$ 2,301		
Fund Balances:				
Restricted	272,659	406,989		\$ 1,915
Assigned	196,634		\$ 5,845,594	
Unassigned	1,277,778			
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,747,071</u>	<u>406,989</u>	<u>5,845,594</u>	<u>1,915</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,769,317</u>	<u>\$ 409,290</u>	<u>\$ 5,845,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,915</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 7,264,056		
State assistance	2,239,539	\$ 9,048	
Federal assistance		1,441,901	
Activity revenues	264,312		
Meal sales		18,226	
Investment income	208,037		\$ 215,172
Other revenues	103,147		
TOTAL REVENUES	10,079,091	1,469,175	215,172
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	3,938,345	162,648	
Special education	445,171	320,707	
Career education programs	255,740		
Compensatory education programs	68,050	304,445	
Other instructional programs	487,166	10,195	
Student support services	217,574	113,372	
Instructional staff support services	642,999	173,307	
General administration support services	286,396	51,471	
School administration support services	330,384		
Central services support services	247,425		
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,499,514	39,439	37,981
Student transportation services	650,913	16,143	
Other support services	63,481		
Food services operations	4,478	528,565	
Community services operations	25,480	17,203	
Non-programmed costs		4,250	
Activity expenditures	279,287		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement			365,000
Interest and fiscal charges			140,912
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,442,403	1,741,745	543,893
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	636,688	(272,570)	(328,721)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in		45,868	505,912
Transfers out	(551,780)		
Federal grant revenue passed through from a cooperative		38,341	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(551,780)	84,209	505,912
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	84,908	(188,361)	177,191
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,662,163	595,350	5,668,403
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 1,747,071	\$ 406,989	\$ 5,845,594

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 7,210,242	\$ 7,264,056	\$ 53,814			
State assistance	1,956,790	2,239,539	282,749	\$ 7,900	\$ 9,048	\$ 1,148
Federal assistance				1,403,256	1,441,901	38,645
Activity revenues		264,312	264,312			
Meal sales				17,700	18,226	526
Investment income		208,037	208,037			
Other revenues	82,000	103,147	21,147			
TOTAL REVENUES	9,249,032	10,079,091	830,059	1,428,856	1,469,175	40,319
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	4,166,197	3,938,345	227,852	75,706	162,648	(86,942)
Special education	563,093	445,171	117,922	260,615	320,707	(60,092)
Career education programs	263,651	255,740	7,911			
Compensatory education programs	69,576	68,050	1,526	346,828	304,445	42,383
Other instructional programs	540,045	487,166	52,879		10,195	(10,195)
Student support services	157,441	217,574	(60,133)	66,312	113,372	(47,060)
Instructional staff support services	464,075	642,999	(178,924)	140,850	173,307	(32,457)
General administration support services	268,657	286,396	(17,739)	55,539	51,471	4,068
School administration support services	415,556	330,384	85,172			
Central services support services	273,557	247,425	26,132			
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,630,258	1,499,514	130,744	51,491	39,439	12,052
Student transportation services	613,758	650,913	(37,155)		16,143	(16,143)
Other support services	39,904	63,481	(23,577)			
Food services operations		4,478	(4,478)	480,373	528,565	(48,192)
Community services operations	11,785	25,480	(13,695)	17,942	17,203	739
Non-programmed costs				6,028	4,250	1,778
Activity expenditures		279,287	(279,287)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,477,553	9,442,403	35,150	1,501,684	1,741,745	(240,061)

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (228,521)	\$ 636,688	\$ 865,209	\$ (72,828)	\$ (272,570)	\$ (199,742)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	11,973,027		(11,973,027)	85,161	45,868	(39,293)
Transfers out	(12,494,746)	(551,780)	11,942,966	(62,003)		62,003
Federal grant revenue passed through from a cooperative					38,341	38,341
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(521,719)	(551,780)	(30,061)	23,158	84,209	61,051
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(750,240)	84,908	835,148	(49,670)	(188,361)	(138,691)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,684,383	1,662,163	(22,220)	582,025	595,350	13,325
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 934,143</u>	<u>\$ 1,747,071</u>	<u>\$ 812,928</u>	<u>\$ 532,355</u>	<u>\$ 406,989</u>	<u>\$ (125,366)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a seven member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the Cedar Ridge School District (District). There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects, including the District's food services operations. The Special Revenue Fund also includes required matching for those federal programs, program income required to be used to further the objectives of those programs, and transfers from the general fund to supplement such programs.

Other governmental funds, presented in the aggregate, consist of the following:

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Capital Projects Fund excludes those types of capital-related outflows financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Fiduciary Fund types include the following:

Private-purpose Funds – Private-purpose funds are used to report all other arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets, leases, and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of compensated absences and the net pension liability in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Major governmental funds are defined as general and special revenue, and such funds are presented separately in the financial statements. All other governmental funds are presented in the aggregate. Fiduciary fund types are presented in a separate column in the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and financed purchases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose funds will be reflected in the notes to financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA, except for property taxes (see Note 1 F below).

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

No salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Improvements/infrastructure	8-25
Buildings	15-50
Equipment	5-20

F. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied (tax rates are established) in November of each year based on property assessment (real and personal) that occurred within a specific period of time beginning January 1 of the same year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the year following the levy date and are considered delinquent after October 15 of the same calendar year.

Amendment no. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution established a uniform minimum property tax millage rate of 25 mills for maintenance and operation of public schools. Ark. Code Ann. § 26-80-101 provides the uniform rate of tax (URT) shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other school property taxes, but the net revenues from the URT shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and distributed by the State to the county treasurer of each county for distribution to the school districts in that county. For reporting purposes, URT revenues are considered property taxes.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Fund Balance Classifications

1. Restricted fund balance – represents amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through bond covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
2. Assigned fund balance – represents amounts that are constrained by the District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
3. Unassigned fund balance – represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification can also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

H. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The Superintendent, in conjunction with other management and accounting personnel, is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. The District's Board of Education has not adopted a formal policy addressing this authorization.

The District's revenues, expenditures, and fund balances are tracked in the accounting system by numerous sources of funds. The fund balances of these sources of funds are combined to derive the District's total fund balances by fund. It is uncommon for an individual source of funds to contain restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) funds. The District does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. District personnel decide which resources (source of funds) to use at the time expenditures are incurred. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The District does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balances when committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

I. Stabilization Arrangements

The District's Board of Education has not formally set aside amounts for use in emergency situations or when revenue shortages or budgetary imbalances arise.

J. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

The District's Board of Education has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The District does not prepare and submit amended budgets during the fiscal year. The State Department of Education's regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the school districts employ the cash basis method.

The District budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis. Additionally, the District routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund.

Budgetary perspective differences are not considered to be significant, because the structure of the information utilized in preparing the budget and the applicable fund financial statements is essentially the same.

L. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost. The District's cash deposits at June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 1,250,000
Collateralized:	
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name	7,266,861
Total Deposits	\$ 8,516,861

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$5,118,399 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2025, were comprised of the following

Description	Governmental Funds		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
State assistance	\$ 31,087	\$ 427	
Federal assistance		101,329	
Investment income	1,825		\$ 4,000
Totals	\$ 32,912	\$ 101,756	\$ 4,000

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JUNE 30, 2025

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable at June 30, 2025, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 22,246	\$ 2,301

5: COMMITMENTS

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2025:

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

The District is presently paying on the following long-term debt:

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2025	Maturities To June 30, 2025
<u>Bonds</u>					
9/8/16	11/1/35	2 - 2.2%	\$ 2,480,000	\$ 1,545,000	\$ 935,000
10/1/19	6/1/39	1.25 - 2.375%	2,625,000	2,040,000	585,000
10/6/20	6/1/39	.5 - 1.6%	1,060,000	865,000	195,000
9/19/23	6/1/39	3.4 - 4%	1,370,000	1,225,000	145,000
Total Long-Term Debt			\$ 7,535,000	\$ 5,675,000	\$ 1,860,000

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2024	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2025
Bonds payable	\$ 6,040,000	\$ 0	\$ 365,000	\$ 5,675,000

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JUNE 30, 2025

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 375,000	\$ 131,512	\$ 506,512
2027	385,000	123,615	508,615
2028	400,000	115,567	515,567
2029	410,000	106,948	516,948
2030	405,000	98,102	503,102
2031-2035	2,215,000	347,688	2,562,688
2036-2039	1,485,000	92,528	1,577,528
Totals	<u>\$ 5,675,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,015,960</u>	<u>\$ 6,690,960</u>

Security for Debt Payments

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1204 specifies procedures to be followed if a school district is delinquent in a payment to the paying agent for bonded debt. As additional security, any delinquent payment for bonded debt will be satisfied by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Depending on the date of the bond issue, DESE will recover the full amount of any delinquency payment through the withholding of a school district's state funding or a direct payment from the school district. There were no delinquent bond payments incurred by the District during the audit period.

6: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$7,535,000 issued from September 8, 2016 to September 19, 2023. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$6,690,960, payable through June 1, 2039. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$504,090 and 627,523, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 80.33 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$505,912 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$348,753 and future capital projects of \$157,159. Additionally, the District transferred \$45,868 from the general fund to the special revenue fund to supplement its food service operations. The District also transferred \$157,159 of unspent bond proceeds from the capital projects fund to the debt service fund for debt related payments. This transfer was eliminated for reporting purposes because these funds are included within the other aggregate funds.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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JUNE 30, 2025

8: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers employees of schools and education-related agencies, except certain non-teaching school employees. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 501-682-1517, or by visiting the ATRS website at www.artrs.gov.

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2025, were \$926,149, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2024, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$6,746,474.

9: CHANGES IN PRIVATE-PURPOSE FUNDS

ADDITIONS	
Donations	\$ <u>1,500</u>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,500
FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	<u>415</u>
FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 1,915</u>

10: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The District carries commercial insurance for accidental death and dismemberment and board legal liability coverage.

The District participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Workers' Compensation Trust (the Trust), a self-insurance trust voluntarily established on July 1, 1994, pursuant to state law. The Trust is responsible for obtaining and administering workers' compensation insurance coverage for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Trust is responsible for monitoring, negotiating and settling claims that have been filed on behalf of and against member districts. The District contributes annually to this program.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

10: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Additionally, the District participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Risk Management Program (the Association), a self-insurance program voluntarily established on February 1, 1984, pursuant to state law. The Association is responsible for obtaining and administering insurance coverage for property and vehicles for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Association is responsible for monitoring, negotiating, and settling claims that have been filed against member districts. The District pays an annual premium for its coverage of buildings, contents, vehicles, and mobile equipment .

The District participates in the Arkansas Fidelity Bond Trust Fund administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program provides coverage for actual losses sustained by its members through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by officials or employees. Each loss is limited to \$300,000 with a \$2,500 deductible. Premiums for coverage are paid by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas from funds withheld from the Public School Fund.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in the major categories of risk.

11: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The allocation of the health insurance premiums paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of the District’s employees, totaled \$234,735 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

12: DETAILS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS DISPLAYED IN THE AGGREGATE

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Alternative learning environment	\$ 23		
Early childhood	102,185	\$ 128,143	
Enhanced student achievement funding	6,325		
Enhanced student achievement match grant	56,679		
Child nutrition programs		91,837	
Medical services		155,961	
Special education programs	71,468		
Title I programs		2	
Other purposes	35,979	31,046	
Total Restricted	<u>272,659</u>	<u>406,989</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$ 5,845,594
Student activities	183,523		
Other purposes	13,111		
Total Assigned	<u>196,634</u>		<u>5,845,594</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,277,778</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 1,747,071</u>	<u>\$ 406,989</u>	<u>\$ 5,845,594</u>

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2025
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 369,125
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	19,726,291
Improvements/infrastructure	2,965,243
Equipment	4,325,238
Total depreciable capital assets	27,016,772
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	12,830,024
Improvements/infrastructure	1,523,596
Equipment	3,229,740
Total accumulated depreciation	17,583,360
Total depreciable capital assets, net	9,433,412
Capital assets, net	\$ 9,802,537

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	3212		\$ 100,379
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555	Direct		11,999
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	3212		210,364
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	3212000		19,333
Total for National School Lunch Program				241,696
Arkansas Department of Education - Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program	10.582	3212		18,964
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				361,039
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				361,039
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	3212		232,282
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	3212		14,337
Total U. S. Department of Education				246,619
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				246,619
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	3212		377,968
Arkansas Department of Education - Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	84.287C	3212		145,426
Rural Education	84.358A	Direct		9,421
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	3212		800
Total for Rural Education Program				10,221
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	3212		14,131
Arkansas Department of Education - Comprehensive Literacy Development	84.371C	3212		4,609
Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative - Teacher and School Leader Incentive Grants	84.374A	not available		3,110
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	3212		49,635

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>U. S. Department of Education (Continued)</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	3212		\$ 4,000
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools	84.425V	3212		12,245
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children and Youth Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425W	3212		<u>14,085</u> <u>30,330</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education				<u>635,430</u>
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				<u>635,430</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,243,088</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation - The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Cedar Ridge School District (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Note 3: The District has elected not to use the 10% or 15% de minimis indirect cost rates allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District received Medicaid funding of \$79,525 from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended, and therefore, are not included in the above Schedule.
- Note 5: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the U. S. Department of Defense through an agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
- Note 6: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the Arkansas Department of Education.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
 INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Schedule 3

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Types of auditor's reports issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with:

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) - adverse
 Regulatory basis - unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	no
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FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: qualified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
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Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.010A	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	no
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SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
INDEPENDENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
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Schedule 3

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

MATERIAL WEAKNESS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
TITLE I GRANTS TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES - AL NUMBER 84.010A
PASS-THROUGH NUMBER 3212
AUDIT PERIOD - YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

2025-001. Allowable Costs/Cost Principles

Criteria or specific requirement: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) 2 CFR part 200, subpart E - Cost Principles, establishes principles determining the allowable costs incurred by the District under federal funds. Such costs are to be necessary and reasonable for the performance of the federal award.

Condition: During our test of payroll expenditures, we identified \$9,213 in salary and fringe benefits paid from the Title I program for a non-Title I certified teaching position. The employee was previously in a Title I position and reassigned to a non-Title I position for the 2025 fiscal year, and the District continued to pay the employee from the Title I program.

Cause: Lack of internal controls and management oversight over program expenditures.

Effect: Unallowable costs of \$7,525 (gross salary) and \$1,688 (fringe benefits) were paid from the Title I program.

Questioned costs: The amount of actual questioned costs was \$9,213.

Context: A test of Title I salary expenditures for 3 employees (\$11,002) from a population of 24 employees (\$278,138). Our sample was not statistically valid.

Identification as a repeat finding: No

Recommendation: The District should contact the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for guidance and implement proper controls over program expenditures.

Views of responsible officials: During the 2024-2025 fiscal year, Title I program funds continued to be used for salary and benefits for an employee whose position had changed from a Title I-funded role in the prior year to a non-Title I role. The payroll funding source was not updated to reflect the position change, and the error was not identified during year-end redistribution processes. Upon notification, the District reviewed payroll coding and has taken steps to correct the funding classification. To prevent recurrence, the District has implemented a formal monitoring procedure requiring the Federal Programs Coordinator to review payroll funding reports and audit trail documentation on a monthly and quarterly basis. This review will be conducted in coordination with the District Treasurer to ensure proper alignment of staffing assignments and federal funding sources. Any necessary payroll redistributions will be completed promptly upon identification. The additional oversight layer strengthens internal controls over federal program expenditures and ensures compliance with allowable cost requirements.



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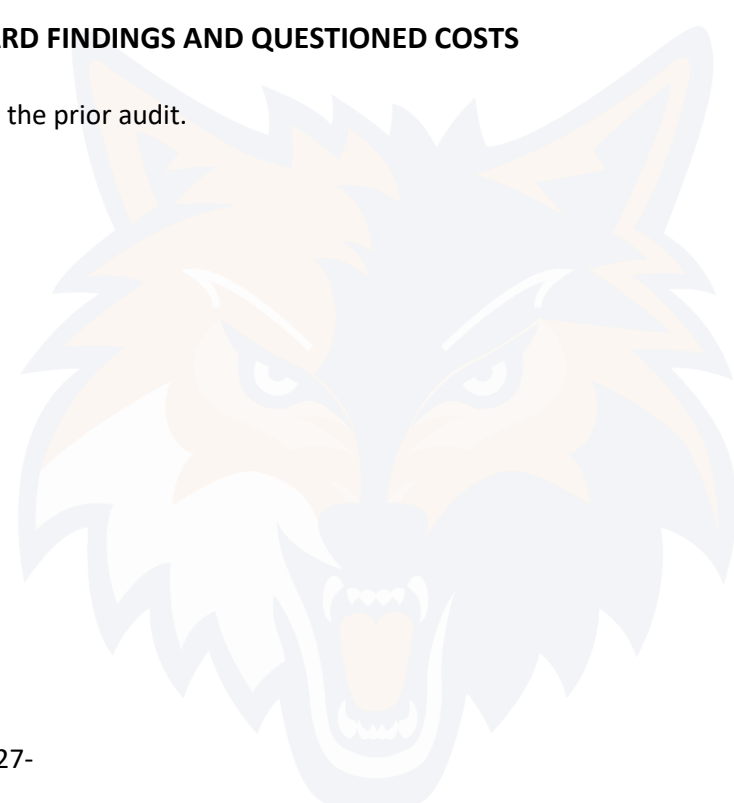
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

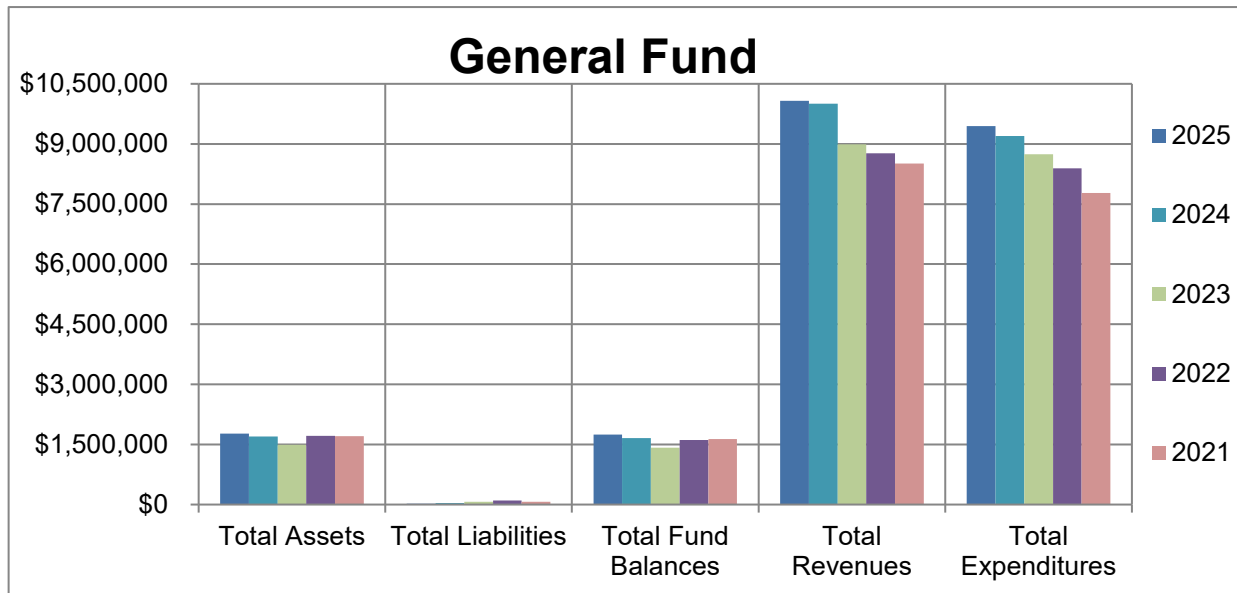
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings in the prior audit.



CEDAR RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
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 (Unaudited)

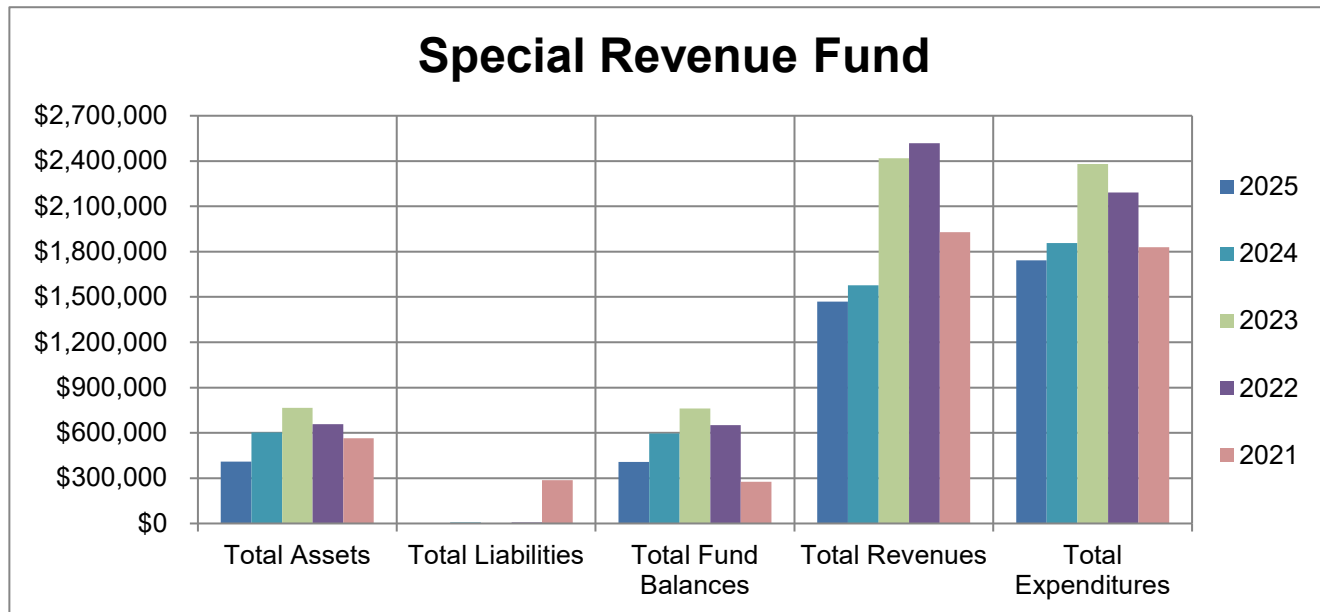
General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 1,769,317	\$ 1,696,666	\$ 1,490,825	\$ 1,714,644	\$ 1,704,480
Total Liabilities	22,246	34,503	68,128	103,606	67,222
Total Fund Balances	1,747,071	1,662,163	1,422,697	1,611,038	1,637,258
Total Revenues	10,079,091	10,000,373	8,993,708	8,767,203	8,508,885
Total Expenditures	9,442,403	9,197,775	8,742,599	8,392,968	7,779,823
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(551,780)	(563,132)	(439,450)	(400,455)	(549,651)



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Schedule 5

Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 409,290	\$ 602,965	\$ 765,393	\$ 657,276	\$ 563,478
Total Liabilities	2,301	7,615	3,120	7,016	287,680
Total Fund Balances	406,989	595,350	762,273	650,260	275,798
Total Revenues	1,469,175	1,577,078	2,418,006	2,518,458	1,929,428
Total Expenditures	1,741,745	1,856,660	2,381,398	2,190,731	1,828,810
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	84,209	112,659	75,405	46,735	23,926



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Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 5,845,594	\$ 5,668,403	\$ 5,353,198	\$ 4,271,218	\$ 4,250,964
Total Liabilities			543,537		
Total Fund Balances	5,845,594	5,668,403	4,809,661	4,271,218	4,250,964
Total Revenues	215,172	187,783	74,654	20,254	30,100
Total Expenditures	543,893	1,212,214	996,527	377,473	430,575
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	505,912	1,883,173	1,460,316	377,473	632,898

