

### **Overview of Edlink AFR Submission Process**

August 2025



## **Agenda**

- Overview of Annual Financial Report (AFR)
- State Laws & Requirements for Reporting AFR
- **AFR Submission**
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# **Overview of AFR**



### What is the AFR?

- The AFR is used to collect, consolidate and review computerized fiscal data from the Local Education Agencies (LEA) to support LDOE management decisions and to respond to various requests for educational financial data.
- The AFR provides a summary of all financial activities for the LEA during the fiscal year being reported (i.e., preceding July 1 - June 30), together with the status of selected funds and/or account groupings as of the end of that fiscal year (June 30).

# Identify the State Laws & Requirements for Reporting Financial Data to the LDOE



### Laws

### **Louisiana Revised Statute 17:92**

Requires LEA Annual Financial Reports to be submitted to the LDOE by September 30th each year



### **AFR Submission**

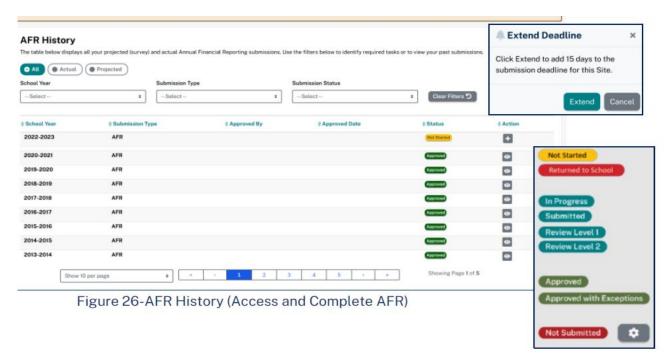


### **AFR Submission**

- All Fiscal Project Codes (FPCs) (primary & secondary) must be separately uploaded via the EdLink Ops Portal - https://ldoe.edlink.la.gov/#/
- MyLA accounts should be created and Edlink roles must be approved in order to access the Edlink Ops Portal



### **AFR Submission Deadline**



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- If the AFR is not submitted on September 30, the school system will receive an automatic extension of 15 days beginning October 1
- If the AFR is not submitted within those 15 days, the school system will have to request an extension from LDE
- After the third request, the school system Superintendent and Business Manager will receive a non compliance e-mail



# **Helpful Links**



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#### **Helpful Links**

2022-2023 040 - Rapides Parish (School System)

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#### Helpful Links

The links below are for common, frequently-used resources.

#### **Overview and Reference Documents**

GASB 84 and Louisiana School Activity Funds &

Annual Financial Report (AFR) Data Collection Highlights & Overview of Annual Financial Review Process & AFR User Guide Version 1.0 2 Federal Cash Management Improvement Act 2 Subawards For Indirect Costs Calculation User Guide [2]

#### AFR Instructions and Forms

Fiscal Project Codes [2]

Project Code AB1 Reporting Coding for Federal & State Grants & Revenue Coding Guidance Z Expenditure Coding Guidance 2 Frequently Asked Questions for Expenditure Coding (2) AFR Form with formulas for City/Parish systems & AFR Form with formulas for charters, lab schools, & state agencies 2 **AFR Post Submission Review Process** 

AFR Review Process - Post Submission Audit Review Instructions for LEAs E. AFR Review Checklist - City/Parish Systems 2 Response to AFR Checklist - City/Parish Systems ≥ AFR Review Checklist - Charters, Lab schools & State Agencies 2 Response to AFR Checklist - Charters, Lab Schools & State Agencies & Special Reporting Certification - City/Parish systems, Charters, Lab Schs & State Agencies &



### **Helpful Links**

- Links for common and frequently used resources to assist with gathering data and completing the AFR
- Documents included in Helpful Links:
  - AFR Overview and Reference Documents
  - AFR Instructions and Forms
  - Frequently Asked Questions

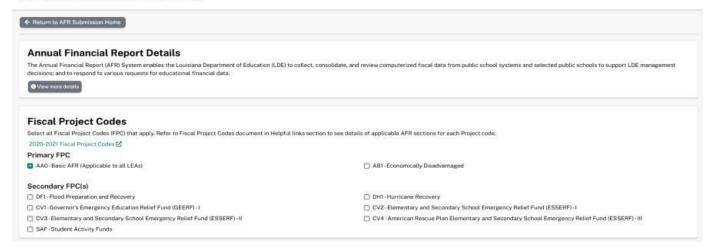




#### **AFR File Submission**

2022-2023 040 - Rapides Parish (School System)

On this page you will find more information about the requirements for an AFR submission. An MS Excel workbook is provided as a template. Please fill in all required fields and do not modify the layout. This is critical for the EdLink system to validate that all the information is received and reviewed accurately.





- The AFR File Submission provides guidance on what should be submitted.
- Edlink Ops accepts Microsoft Excel files and vendor converted text files
- The approved excel file may be downloaded from the link on the AFR File Submission Page:

#### Upload Annual Financial Report (AFR) AFR below. Ensure the spreadsheet is complete and error free before submission. If you do not have an existing template, download the version below. Download AFR Templat



- The AFR file submitted will be validated for accuracy and completeness prior to submission.
- The excel file should be an unmodified version of the template. Any files that have been altered will not be accepted.



### **Pre-Submission File Validation**

#### Pre-Submission File Validation

The file submitted will be validated for accuracy and completeness prior to the Submission screening. Please ensure that the file used is an unmodified version of the template supplied on this page. Files that have been altered will not be accepted.

#### 1 - Template Accuracy

Result: PASSED

File uploaded does not adhere to the template format. It could possibly be missing rows or columns. It could also include any values entered in a blocked out or restricted cell. Please download the template provided and enter data using that excel workbook. Do not modify the contents.

#### 2 - Key Punch Code Accuracy

Result: PASSED

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#### 3 - Missing or Invalid Values

Result: PASSED

File uploaded was not filled in completely. All required cells must have a data value. The values can be either negative, positive or zero.

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- The excel template used was altered
- There are missing columns and/or rows
- Revenues Violating the Blockout
  - Review the excel file for revenues that are blocked out and reclassify revenues

# **Pre-Submission File Validation -Keypunch Code Accuracy**

#### 2 - Key Punch Code Accuracy

Result: PASSED

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Reported keypunch codes does not align to correct cells.



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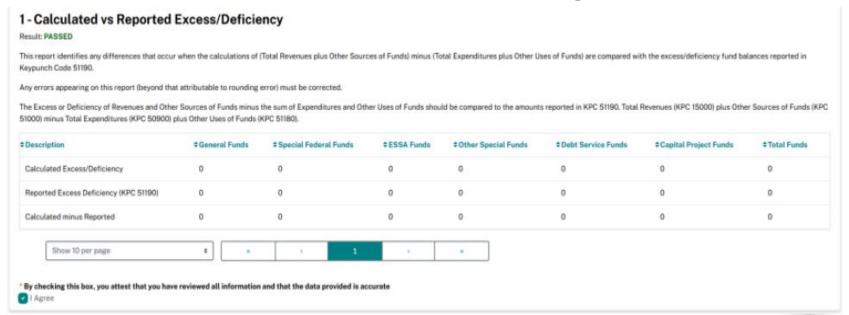
 There are some cells that do not have data in it. If a value for any cell is 0, that should be entered. No fields should be left blank if using the excel template.



### **AFR Edits**



# **AFR Edits - Calculated vs Reported Excess/Deficiency**



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- Differences will be shown in the 3rd row (Calculated minus Reported)
- If there is a difference, a failed status will be displayed. A new AFR should be submitted to correct the error.
- If there is a difference due to rounding, a pass with exceptions status will be displayed.
- If there are no differences, a pass status will be displayed.
- The I agree box should be checked prior to moving forward

### **AFR Edits - Calculated EOY Balance**

#### 2 - Calculated EOY Fund Balance

Result: PASSED

This report notes any differences that occur when EOY Fund Balances are calculated solely from submitted Fund Balance records (i.e., Keypunch Codes 51190-51195) and then compared with the EOY Fund Balances reported in Keypunch Code 51196. Any errors appearing on this report (beyond that attributable to rounding error) must be corrected.

Compare beginning of year fund balance (KPC 51195) plus reported excess/deficiency (KPC 51190) plus transfer in (KPC 51192) minus transfer out (KPC 51193) plus prior year adjustment (KPC 51194) to reported end of year balance (KPC 51196). ERRORS CAN OCCUR IF BEGINNING FUND BALANCE DOES NOT EQUAL TO PRIOR YEARS ENDING FUND BALANCE.

Description	General Funds	Special Federal Funds	<b>¢ESSA Funds</b>	Other Special Funds	Debt Service Funds		<b>‡ Total Funds</b>
Calculated EOY Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported EOY Fund balance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Difference	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

By checking this box, you attest that you have reviewed all information and that the data provided is accurate







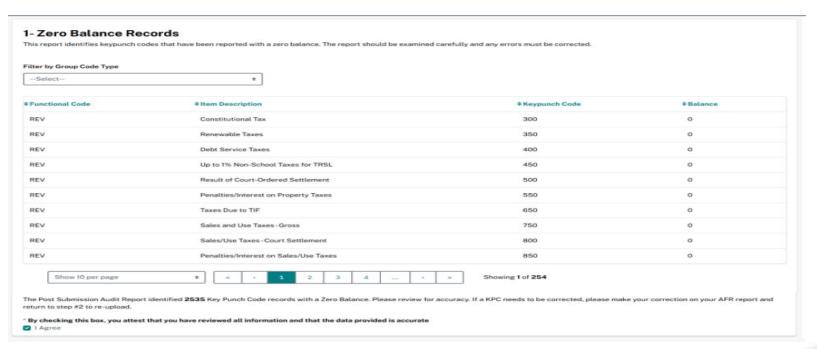
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### **AFR Reviews**



### **AFR Review - Zero Balance Records**



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- Edlink will identify all zero balances reported in the AFR
- Each zero balance should be reviewed for accuracy. If a change is necessary, a revised AFR should be submitted.
- The I agree box should be checked prior to moving forward



### **AFR Review - Negative Balance Records**

#### 2 - Negative Balance Records

Result: PASSED

This report identifies keypunch codes that have been reported with a negative balance. The report should be examined carefully and any errors must be corrected. For all KPCs with negative balances, an explanation should be provided.

The Post Submission Audit Report identified 0 Key Punch Code records with a Negative Balance, Please review for accuracy, If a KPC needs to be corrected, please make your correction on your AFR report and return to step #2 to re-upload.

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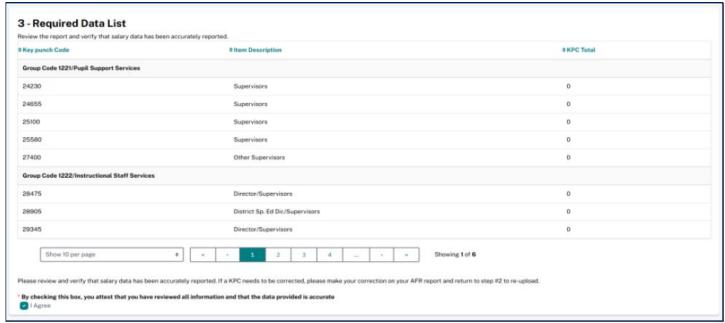


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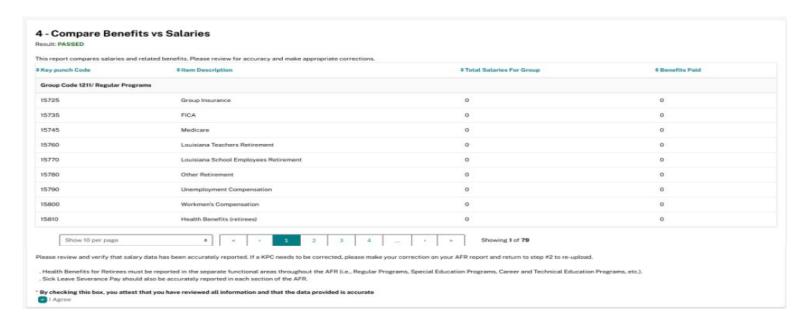
- Edlink will identify all negative balances reported in the AFR
- The result will indicate Pass with Exceptions if any negative balances were reported
  - If this result is displayed, a text box will appear and responses will be required
- Upon review of the negative balances and responses provided, the I agree should be marked prior to moving forward



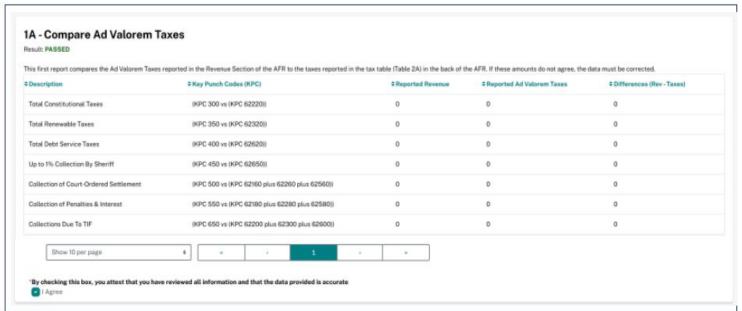
### **AFR Review - Required Data List**



### **AFR Review - Compare Benefits vs Salaries**



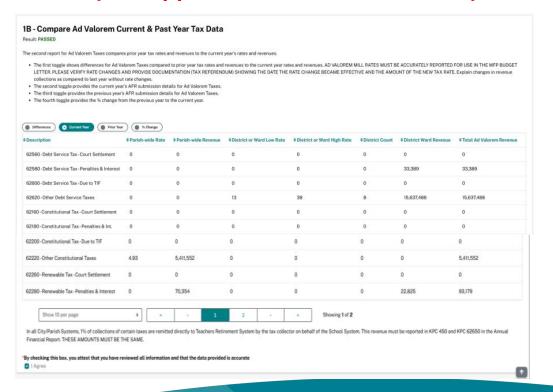
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### **AFR Review - Compare Ad Valorem Current & Past Year Tax Data** (Not applicable to Charter Schools)

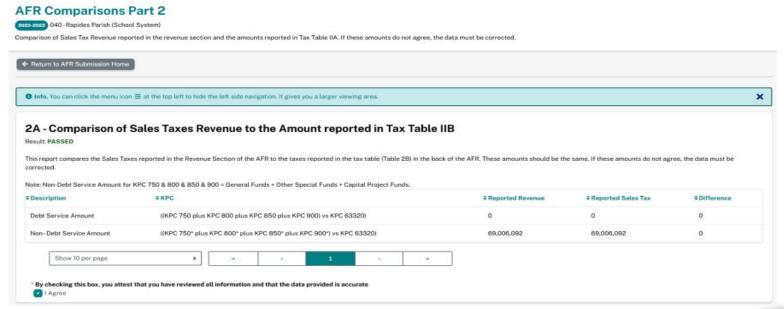


### **AFR Review - Compare Ad Valorem Current & Past Year** Tax Data

- If there is a difference between current year and prior year tax rates, a pass with exceptions will be displayed. School system should review for accuracy.
- If there is a rate change, a copy of the board minutes should be provided.
- If the school system agree with the data presented in Ad Valorem Tax Table, you may mark the I agree box and move forward



# AFR Review - Compare Sales Taxes Revenue (Not applicable to Charter Schools)

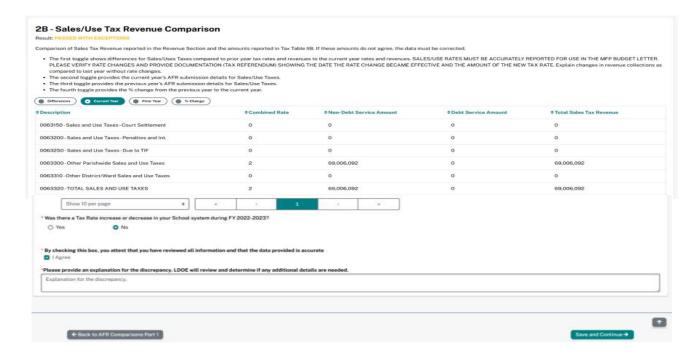


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## AFR Review - Compare Sales/Use Tax Comparison (Not applicable to Charter Schools)

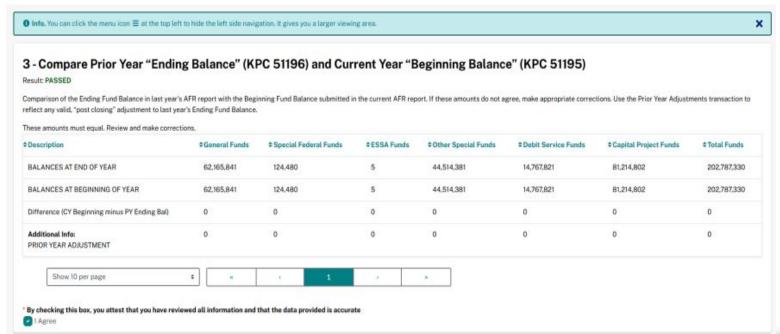


### **AFR Review - Sales/Use Tax Comparison**

- If there is a difference between current year and prior year tax rates, a pass with exceptions will be displayed. School system should review for accuracy.
- If there is a rate change, a copy of the tax resolution should be provided.
- If the school system agree with the data presented in Sales Tax Table, you may mark the I agree box and move forward



### AFR Comparisons - Prior Year "Ending Balance" KPC 51196) and **Current Year "Beginning Balance" (KPC 51195)**



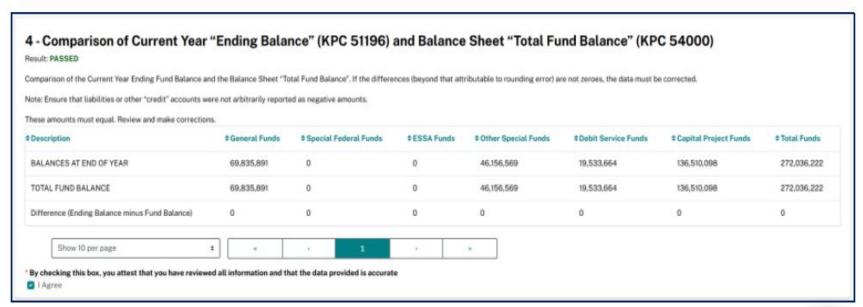


### AFR Comparison - Prior Year "Ending Balance" (KPC 51196) and **Current Year "Beginning Balance" (KPC 51195)**

- Comparison of the Ending Fund Balance in last year's AFR with the Beginning Fund Balance submitted in current AFR
- If the amounts do not agree, a failed status will appear. School system must review and make the necessary corrections and resubmit the AFR
- If a result of passed with exceptions appear, this is due to rounding and the school system should check the I agree button to move forward



### AFR Comparisons - Current Year "Ending Balance" (KPC 51196) and **Balance Sheet "Total Fund Balance" (KPC 54000)**

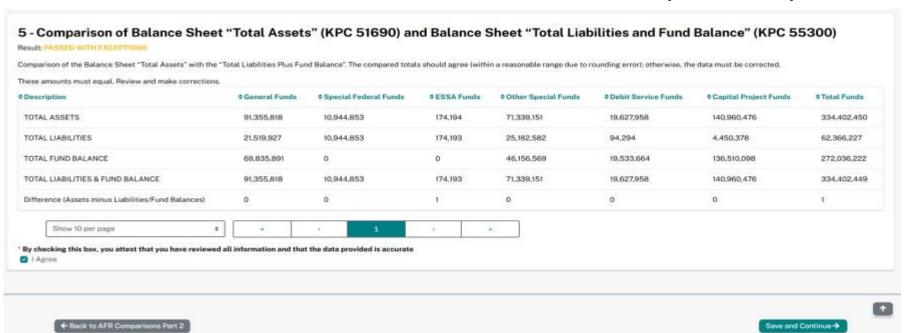


### AFR Comparison - Current Year "Ending Balance" (KPC 51196) and **Balance Sheet "Total Fund Balance" (KPC 54000)**

- Comparison of the Current Year "Ending Balance" and Balance Sheet "Total Fund Balance" should agree.
- If amounts do not agree, a failed status will appear. School system must review and make the necessary corrections and resubmit the AFR
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### AFR Comparisons - Balance Sheet "Total Assets" (KPC 51690) and Balance Sheet "Total Liabilities and Fund Balance" (KPC 55300)



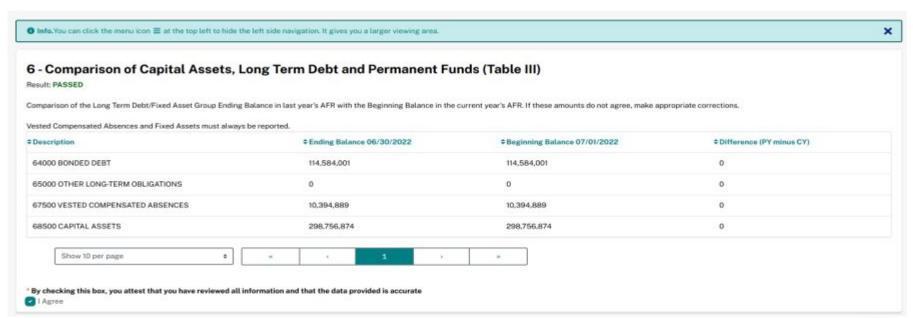
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### AFR Comparison - Balance Sheet "Total Assets" (KPC 51690) and **Balance Sheet "Total Liabilities and Fund Balance" (KPC 55300)**

- Comparison of Total Assets (KPC 51690) and Total Liabilities & Fund Balance (KPC 55300)
- If amounts do not agree, a failed status will appear. School system must review and make the necessary corrections and resubmit the AFR
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### AFR Comparisons - Comparison of Capital Assets, Long-Term Debt and **Permanent Funds (Table III)**

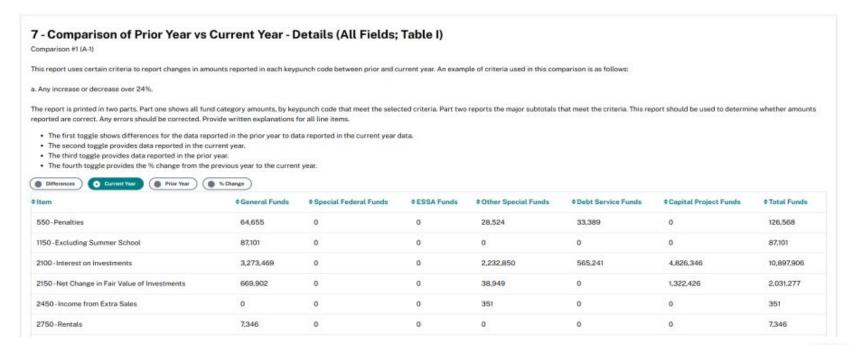


## AFR Comparison - Comparison of Capital Assets, Long-Term Debt and Permanent Funds (Table III)

- The ending balance on 6/30 should be the beginning balance on 7/1
- If amounts do not agree, a failed status will appear. School system must review and make the necessary corrections and resubmit the AFR
- Once reviewed and corrections made as needed, select the I agree button to move forward



#### **AFR Comparisons - Comparison of Prior Year vs Current Year**



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- The report identifies increases or decreases in amounts over 24% reported in each keypunch code between prior year and current year.
- Each school system is required to review each line item and provide written explanations
- If any corrections are needed to any of the keypunch codes, a revised AFR should be submitted



### **Verifications of Revenues and Expenditures**

Verification of Revenues and Exp	enditures	
Result: PASSED WITH EXCEPTIONS		
Verification of Payments: This report compares amounts re- either correct their submission and re-upload the AFR or pr		nounts the school system reports as revenue. If differences exist in a school system's data, the Sponsor shoul
A. Verification of Revenue		
1. Up to 1% Collections on Non-School School system Taxes	(KPC 450). The amount reported on the AFR should equal the amount on the	TRSL
Reported in AAO	Reported by TRSL	Difference
1,341,203	1.341.203	0
2. State Pub School Fund MFP (KPC 4300)		
Reported in AAO	Reported by LDOE	Difference
138,277,476	138,277,476	0
3. Keypunch Code 4450 should always have the minimum a	mount reported by LDOE. School Systems may report more dollars to the KF	c.
Reported in AAO	Reported by LDOE	Difference
195,723	195,723	0
4. MFP payments (Keypunch Codes 4300 + 4450). The amo	ant reported on the AFR should equal the amount shown as allocated by the	Department,
Reported in AA0	Reported by LDQE	Difference
138,473,199	138,473,199	0
5. AB1-Economically Disadvantaged (ED) (KPC 4300-Colum	nn 4)	
Reported in AB1	Reported by LDOE	Difference
10.332,534	10,332,533	T

#### **Verification of Revenues and Expenditures**

- This report compares amounts reported as disbursed to each school system by LDE to the amounts reported in the AFR.
- If any corrections are needed to any of the amounts reported in the AFR, a revised AFR should be submitted.



#### **Contact Information**

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