

**SOMERSET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - FORM

This form is to be completed by individuals specified in Somerset County Public Schools Policy 100-3 D 5. Disclosure statements are due by April 30 of each year reporting on the prior calendar year. Completed forms are to be returned to the Administrative Associate for the Board of Education.

I Would Like To Be Notified If Someone Looks At My Form

Instructions:

1. Fill in the preliminary information requested in the box below. Be sure to correctly identify the reporting period.
2. Upon completion of your financial disclosure statement, sign and date the lower portion of the page and make the required oath or affirmation before a notary public or other officer authorized to take oaths.

Regular Reporting Period: January 1 through December 31, **20**_____

or

Termination Report: January 1 through _____, 20_____

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME
AGENCY AFFILIATION (INCLUDE DEPARTMENT AND UNIT WHERE APPLICABLE)		
CURRENT AGENCY ADDRESS (WHERE YOU CAN BE SENT CORRESPONDENCE)		
CURRENT POSITION OR OFFICE HELD WITH SOMERSET COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, IF ANY (OR OFFICE FOR CANDIDACY)		
E-MAIL ADDRESS		

This financial disclosure statement describes all interests and related transactions and matters required to be disclosed by Somerset County Public Schools Policy 100-03 with respect to the period indicated and pertaining to the person filing the statement. The statement consists of this cover sheet, the checklist, and Schedules A through I.

I hereby make oath or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this financial disclosure statement, including the Schedules attached hereto, are complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Signature of Person Filing: _____

(SEAL)

Date: _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____

Signature of Notary Public: _____

Printed/Typed Name of Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

Form 1

Schedule A – Real Property Interests

Do you have any interest (**as an owner or a tenant**, including interests in time shares) in real property in Maryland or in any other state or country?

- Yes
- No (Go to Schedule B)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule A will be required for each property you need to disclose.)

1. What is the address or legal description of the property? (Give Street Address, if you know it. If the property is your primary residence, you may enter the lot and block legal description instead, if you wish)

Street Address _____
City/State/Zip _____

2. What kind of property is it?

Improved (indicate whether property is residential or commercial property): _____

Unimproved (vacant lot): _____

3. Is the interest held directly by you or is it attributable to you? (See Paragraph E of Instructions for definition of "Attributable.")

Direct _____ Attributable _____

4. Are you the owner or tenant?

Owner _____ Tenant _____

5. Do you hold the interest solely or is it jointly held with another?

Solely _____ Jointly _____ Tenants by the Entirety _____

If held jointly, or by tenants by the entirety, the name(s) of the other joint owner(s): _____

6. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances on the property? (Example: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.)

- Yes
- No

If yes, what is/are the name(s) of the lender(s), creditor(s), lien holder(s), etc? _____

7. What date was the property acquired? _____

8. How was the property acquired? (Example: purchase, gift, inheritance, etc.)

9. From whom was the property acquired? (Name of individual or entity from whom you purchased or inherited the property or who gifted the property to you.)

10. What consideration was given when the property was acquired? (Dollar amount paid or, if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property) _____

11. Have you transferred any interest in this property during the reporting period?

Yes

No

If Yes;

11.A. What percentage of interest did you transfer: _____%

11.B. What consideration did you receive for the interest: _____

11.C. To whom did you transfer the interest: _____

If you have any additional interests in real property in Maryland, any other state or any other country, please use additional sheet(s), if necessary, and respond to each above question for each such entry.

Schedule B – Interests in Corporations and Partnerships

Did you have any interest in any corporations, partnerships, limited liability partnerships (LLP) or limited liability companies (LLC) during the reporting period whether or not the entity did business with Somerset County Public Schools?

Yes
 No (Go to Schedule C)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule B will be required for each interest you need to disclose.)

1. What is the name of the entity? Include the complete name of the entity, do not identify solely by trading symbol: _____

2. Does the stock of the corporation trade on a stock exchange?

Yes
 No

If "no," the legal address of the entity's principal office.

3. Is the interest held directly by you or is it attributable to you? (See Paragraph E of Instructions for definition of "Attributable.")

Directly: _____ Attributable: _____

4. Do you hold the interest in your name alone, or is it held jointly?

In your name alone: _____ Jointly: _____

If jointly, the percentage of your interest: _____%

5. What is the nature of your interest and its dollar value or the number of shares? (Example: stock, notes, bonds, puts, calls, straddles, purchase options, etc.) If in a non-publicly traded entity or LLP or LLC, report the percentage of ownership.

Type: _____
Dollar Value of Shares: _____ or Number of Shares: _____

percentage of ownership: _____%

6. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances that apply to your interest in the entity? (Example: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.)

No

Yes; **If yes**, name of entity holding the encumbrance: _____

7. Did you acquire an interest in the entity during the reporting period?

Yes
 No

If Yes;

7A. In what month was the interest acquired? _____

7B. How was the interest in the entity acquired? (Example: purchase, gift, will, etc.): _____

7C. From whom did you acquire the interest in the entity? (If you purchased it from a brokerage, the name of the brokerage): _____

7D. What consideration was given when the interest was acquired? (Dollar amount paid, or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property): _____

8. Have you transferred any interest in this entity during the reporting period?

Yes
 No

If Yes;

8A. What portion of the interest was transferred? _____

8B. What consideration did you receive for the interest in the entity? (Dollar amount paid, or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value and terms at the time you transferred your interest in the property): _____

8C. To whom did you transfer your interest in the entity? _____

If you have additional interests in corporations or partnerships, please use additional sheet(s) if necessary, and answer each of the above questions for each additional entry.

Schedule C – Interests in Non-Corporate Business Entities Doing Business with Somerset County Public Schools

Do you have an interest in any non-corporate business entity (a sole proprietorship) that did business with Somerset County Public Schools during the reporting period?

- Yes
- No (Go to Schedule D)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule C will be required for each business entity to be disclosed.)

1. Name and Address of the Principal office of the business entity?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. Is the interest held directly by you or is it attributable to you? (See Paragraph E of Instructions for definition of "Attributable.")

Direct: _____ Attributable: _____

3. Do you hold the interest solely or is it jointly held with another?

Solely: _____ Jointly: _____

3.A. If jointly, the percentage of your joint interest: _____%

3.B. Dollar value of your interest in the entity: \$_____; or

percentage of your interest in the entity: _____%

4. Are there any legal conditions or encumbrances that apply to your interest in the entity? (Example: mortgages, liens, contracts, options, etc.)

- Yes, If yes give name of creditor: _____
- No

5. Was any interest acquired during the reporting year?

- Yes
- No

If Yes;

5A. What month was the interest acquired? _____

5B. How was the interest in the entity acquired? (Example: purchase, gift, will, etc.)

5C. From whom did you acquire the interest? _____

5D. What consideration was given when the interest was acquired? (Dollar amount paid or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value at the time you acquired your interest in the property) _____

6. Did you transfer any of your interest during the reporting period?

___ Yes

___ No

If yes:

6A. What percentage of interest, if less than all, was transferred? _____ %

6B. What consideration did you receive for the interest in the entity? (Dollar amount paid or if you received the property as a gift or inherited it, the fair market value and terms at the time you transferred your interest in the property): _____

6C. To whom did you transfer your interest in the entity? _____

If you have additional interests in sole proprietorship(s) that did business with the State during the reporting year, please use additional sheet(s) if necessary, and answer each of the above questions for each additional entry.

Schedule D – Gifts

During the reporting period, did you receive any gift(s), directly or indirectly, in excess of a value of \$20 or a series of gifts from the same donor with a cumulative value of \$100 or more from a person or entity who: 1) did business with Somerset County Public Schools; 2) engaged in an activity that was regulated or controlled by Somerset County Public Schools; or 3) was a regulated lobbyist? Gifts received from a member of the official’s or employee’s immediate family, another child, or a parent of the individual, do not need to be disclosed.

This does not include the value of meals and beverages consumed in the presence of the donor or sponsoring entity, ceremonial gifts or awards having insignificant monetary value or unsolicited gifts of nominal value (not exceeding \$20.00) or trivial items of informational value.

- Yes
- No (Go to Schedule E)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule D will be required for each gift.)

1. Who gave you the gift?

2. What was the nature of the gift? (Example: book, restaurant meal, theater tickets, book, etc.)

3. What was the value of the gift?

4. If the gift was given to someone else at your direction, list the identity of the recipient of the gift.

Please use additional sheet(s), if necessary, for any additional entries.

Schedule E – Officers, Directorships, Salaried Employment and Similar Interests

During the reporting period, did you or any member of your immediate family (spouse or dependent child) have any salaried employment or hold any office or directorship with an entity that did business with Somerset County Public Schools?

- Yes
- No (Go to Schedule F)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule E will be required for each disclosure.)

1. What is the name and address of the business entity?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. Who was the individual who held the position or interest listed above? (Example: yourself, spouse, dependent child)

Self: _____ Spouse: _____ Dependent child: _____

2A. Name of spouse or dependent child: _____

3. What is the title of the office you, your spouse or dependent child held? (Example: limited partner, director, treasurer, chair of the board of trustees, etc.) _____

4. What year did the position begin? _____

5. What was the nature of the business? (Example: regulated by Somerset County Public Schools. registered under the lobbying law, or involved with sales and contracts with Somerset County Public Schools)

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule F – Debts You Owe

During the reporting period, did you owe a debt (excluding a retail credit account) to a financial entity that did business with Somerset County Public Schools? **[NOTE: If, on Schedule A, B or C you listed a financial entity that did business with Somerset County Public Schools as the holder of your mortgage or other encumbrance, you must complete Schedule F with regard to that indebtedness.]**

- Yes
- No (Go to Schedule G)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule F will be required for each debt to be disclosed.)

1. To whom did you owe the debt? (Do not include consumer credit debts)

2. When was the debt incurred? _____

3. What are the interest rate and terms of payment of the debt?

Interest Rate _____

Terms (monthly, bimonthly, annually, etc): _____

4. What was the amount of the debt as of the end of the reporting period. If debt existed during the reporting period but was paid in full at the end of the period, put \$0.
\$ _____

5. Did the principal of the debt increase _____ or decrease _____ during the reporting period, and by how much? \$ _____

6. Was any security given for the debt?

- Yes
- No

If Yes; Please state what type of security was given (home, car, boat, etc):

7. If this is a transaction in which you were involved, but which resulted in a debt being owed by your spouse or dependent child, identify your spouse or child and describe the transaction. _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule G – Family Members Employed by the Board of Education

During the reporting period, were any members of your immediate family (spouse or dependent children) employed by Somerset County Public Schools in any capacity?

Yes

No (Go to Schedule H)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule G will be required for each member of the immediate family who is employed by the State.)

1. What is the relation and name of the immediate family member employed by Somerset County Public Schools? _____

2. What was the title of your immediate family member’s position in Somerset County Public Schools during the reporting period? _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule H – Employment/Business Ownership

During the reporting period, did you or any member of your immediate family, receive any earned income from an entity other than Somerset County Public Schools? Please note that your dependent child’s employment or business ownership does not need to be disclosed unless the place of employment or the business entity is subject to regulation or the authority of your agency or has contracts in excess of \$10,000 with your agency.

___ Yes

___ No (Go to Schedule I)

If Yes; (Answer each question below. A separate Schedule H will be required for each member of the immediate family who had employment or ownership of a business entity.)

1. If, during the reporting period, you or a member of your immediate family had employment from which you or they earned income, list the relation, name, and address of the employment.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

2. If, during the reporting period, you or a member of your immediate family wholly or partially owned any business entity from which income was earned, list the relation, name and address of the business entity.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Name of Business Entity: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

If necessary, please use additional sheet(s) for any additional entries.

Schedule I – Other

Is there any additional information or interest you would like to disclose?

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

The Maryland Public Ethics Law includes standards of conduct applicable to financial disclosure filers and other State employees. The standards address disqualification from participation, prohibited secondary employment, prohibited ownership interests, misuse of position, prohibited solicitation and acceptance of gifts, misuse of confidential information, post-employment limitations, prohibited dealings with the State, and procurement specifications assistance restrictions. The Law provides for exceptions and exemptions under certain circumstances.

Filers wanting more detailed information about these requirements should contact the offices of the State Ethics Commission.

PRIVACY NOTICE

The Public Ethics Law (State Government Article, Title 15), Annotated Code of Maryland) requires the collection of this information, which will be used primarily for public disclosure and to determine compliance with the Law. The information may be disclosed to any requesting person, including officials of State, local or federal government, who records their name and address, and this record will be provided to the filer upon request. The subject has the right to review, correct and amend the record as set forth in the Public Ethics Law, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-625 (Supp. 2004). Failure to file or to report information required by Public Ethics Law §15-607 can subject you to civil and administrative penalties including termination or other disciplinary action, suspension of pay, a late filing fee up to \$250, and a civil fine of up to \$5,000 per day. Willful and false filing is subject to criminal penalty for perjury pursuant to Criminal Law Article §9-101, Annotated Code of Maryland.

DEFINITIONS:

Attributable Interest.

Section 15-608 provides that certain property and business interests not directly held by a person may be attributed to him or her and must be reported on the financial disclosure statement. The circumstances under which attribution occurs are as follows:

1. If you owned a 30% or greater equity interest in any business entity during the reporting period and that business entity holds a property or business interest which, if you owned directly, you would be required to report on Schedule A, B, or C, the interest is attributable to you and you must report it on the appropriate Schedule. This limited attribution does not reduce or affect in any way the requirement for disclosure on Schedule A of real property held by a partnership even if the filer holds less than a 30% interest in the partnership.
2. If your spouse or child holds a property or business interest which you would have to report on Schedule A, B, or C, if you owned it directly, and if you exercised direct or indirect control over that interest at any time during the reporting period, the interest is attributable to you and must be reported on the appropriate Schedule.
3. If at any time during the reporting period you (a) held a reversionary interest in a trust or estate or (b) were the beneficiary of a trust or estate or (c) were the settler of a revocable trust, then any interest held by the trust or estate which you would have to report on Schedule A, B, or C, if you owned it directly, it is attributable to you and must be reported on the appropriate Schedule. For purposes of this attribution provision, you are a beneficiary of a trust if you are a current income beneficiary, either receiving income or currently entitled to receive income, or if you have a current ownership or other interest in the corpus of the trust. Beneficiaries of an estate include immediate beneficiaries of an estate even if it is not settled. A trust, within the meaning of this section, does not include a common trust fund or a trust which forms part of a pension or profit-sharing plan that has more than 25 participants.

F. Unknown Information.

Section 15-607 of the Public Ethics Law requires you to disclose interests and information "if known" for the calendar year for which the required statement is to be filed. If you claim not to know information requested on the form, state "unknown" in response to that question on the statement. Information in the public records or otherwise obtainable is not "unknown," and must be reported.