



Financial and Human Resource Management for Primary and Secondary Schools

Microsoft Business Solutions offers powerful applications to help school districts effectively track budgets, manage payroll, and automate financial reporting.

With budget cuts, staff cutbacks, and escalating student enrollments all happening as GASB 34 mandates school districts to comply with national accounting and reporting standards – where do administrators turn for real-world answers to complex operations challenges?

Microsoft® Business Solutions-Great Plains® offers districts software applications to ensure compliance with generally accepted accounting principals.

Flexible and affordable, these tools allow finance managers to provide accurate, timely financial data, track encumbrances, manage grants, and confidentially share reports with other departments.

The many automated features in Microsoft Great Plains free up staff time by streamlining functions, including:

- Core Financials
- Student Information Systems
- Records Management
- Fund Accounting
- Human Resources/Payroll
- Accounts Payable and Receivable
- Grants Management

Secure and in sync – financial management and reporting solutions make compliance easier.

School districts need financial management systems that work within budgetary constraints. Microsoft Great Plains and Microsoft Certified Business Solutions partner applications help manage and monitor your expenditures and appropriations by allowing Business Managers to easily navigate reports and analyze financial data.

Microsoft Great Plains can integrate with current IT systems and can assist in getting payroll, human resource, and financial systems in sync – and talking to one another! Shared data can be entered once and can be automatically updated throughout the school district's systems – affording a new level of internal communication between departments.

Our solutions help Business Managers produce better reports and allow auditors to quickly justify past, present, or future educational expenditures. With advanced fund accounting and tracking capabilities, you'll have the necessary applications to prepare accurate financial statements, ensure compliance with GASB 34 and effective use of funds, and maintain and sort a detailed chart of accounts.

Use these tools to streamline processes and implement district-wide procedures to reduce transaction entry steps and increase accuracy by copying, voiding, deleting, or correcting general ledger transactions with full audit control and trail support.

Slice, share and maximize your data for departmental benchmarking and funding.

Microsoft Great Plains makes it easier to locate financial information and share it with internal administration departments as well as share student curriculum data with other school districts, government, or private entities.



Users can quickly export Microsoft Great Plains reports to Microsoft Office Excel with just a few clicks, enhancing understanding of key information and reducing labor required to create these tables and charts.

With improved reporting systems, you're able to report more accurate data to auditors – and significantly increase your ability to qualify for additional grant funding. And most importantly, you can maximize your funding and deploy it effectively so you never have to return unused funding.

Manage a myriad of payroll and human resource management functions.

Because teachers' contracts are so different from each other, district administrators need a highly flexible payroll management solution. Microsoft Great Plains and our Microsoft Certified Business Solutions partners resolve the toughest human resource and payroll

challenges so you can track contract start and end dates and manage a variety of compensation packages consistently and efficiently.

Plus, insightful "what if" scenario options to calculate staff raises or return on investments make budgeting and planning far simpler and much more accurate. With a simple click, now you can find out what a 3% across-the-board staff raise will do to your budget for this year – or the longer-term. With another fast click, recalculate the forecasts at different increases!

Manage student information systems – and enhance data management solution.

Look up individual student records or aggregated enrollment data in a matter of minutes with the search and retrieve capabilities combined with an easy Web interface. Send reports securely across the Web to people who need specific information in order to make important funding or educational assessments and decisions.

Improve your districts' internal and external reporting capabilities. Handle multiple and diverse payroll requirements. Monitor departmental spending and adeptly respond to changing budgetary requirements and funding activities. This is all possible – and even simple – with Microsoft Business Solutions-Great Plains.

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