

IDAPA 32 – ENDOWMENT FUND INVESTMENT BOARD

32.01.01 – Rules Governing the Credit Enhancement Program for School Districts

Who does this rule apply to?

This rule applied to Idaho school districts that are issuing bonds to finance the construction or remodeling of public schools.

What is the purpose of this rule?

The Credit Enhancement Program for School District Bonds allows eligible voter-approved school bonds to be issued with AAA credit ratings, which is above the State of Idaho's AA+ rating. This credit enhancement is achieved by a pledge that the Public School Endowment Fund, which is administered by the Endowment Fund Investment Board, will purchase up to \$300 million in notes of the State of Idaho if needed to avoid default on school district bonds. The enhanced credit rating reduces borrowing costs for Idaho school districts. This rule indicates that the Endowment Fund Investment Board will charge school districts an application fee of \$500 and a one-time bond guarantee fee equal to two one hundredths of one percent (0.02% or two basis points) of the Total Debt Service

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?

This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

Public Funds in General -

Investment of Permanent Endowment and Earnings Reserve Funds:

- [Section 57-728, Idaho Code](#) – Credit Enhancement Program for Public School District Bonds
- See also [2010 Idaho Attorney General Opinion 01](#), which concludes the Endowment Fund Investment Board must charge fees to offset the costs of the program.

Who do I contact for more information on this rule?

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Section 57-728(2), Idaho Code, gives the Endowment Fund Investment Board authority to promulgate rules necessary to the discharge of the EFIB's duties for the administration of the Credit Enhancement Program. 2010 Idaho Attorney General Opinion 01 concludes that the EFIB must charge fees to offset the costs of the Credit Enhancement Program to the Endowments. (3-25-22)

001. SCOPE.

These rules contain the provisions for implementation of the Credit Enhancement Program. (3-25-22)

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES.

01. Administrative Fees. Application Fees and Pass-through Fees charged to School Districts applying for and receiving guarantees under the Credit Enhancement Program. (3-25-22)

02. Application Fee. The amount determined by the EFIB and set forth in this chapter as the cost of reviewing applications to the Credit Enhancement Program and administering the Credit Enhancement Program. (3-25-22)

03. Credit Enhancement Program. The Credit Enhancement Program for School District Bonds established in Section 57-728, Idaho Code. (3-25-22)

04. EFIB. Endowment Fund Investment Board. (3-25-22)

05. Endowments. The trusts granted to the state of Idaho by the Idaho Admission Bill, 26 Statutory Laws 215, chapter 656 as amended. The Endowments include the Public School Endowment established by Idaho Admission Bill sections 4 and 13. (3-25-22)

06. Guarantee Fee. The amount determined by the EFIB and set forth in this chapter as the cost of guaranteeing a school bond under the Credit Enhancement Program. The cost of guaranteeing a school bond includes the difference in the investment return to the Public School Endowment projected by the EFIB to arise from the guarantee and additional costs to the Endowments arising from investment of the Public School Endowment in the Credit Enhancement Program. (3-25-22)

07. Guaranty Program. The Idaho School Bond Guaranty Program established in Title 33, Chapter 53, Idaho Code. (3-25-22)

08. Pass-Through Fee. A direct cost to the EFIB for reviewing an application to the Credit Enhancement Program or for issuing a note to pay a debt service payment under the Credit Enhancement Program. Direct costs include the costs billed to the EFIB by legal, accounting, and financial professionals. (3-25-22)

09. School District. As defined in Section 33-5302, Idaho Code. (3-25-22)

10. Total Debt Service. The total amount to be repaid to bond purchasers over the stated maturity of the School District bond (principal plus interest). (3-25-22)

011. -- 019. (RESERVED)

020. APPLICATION.

01. Required Materials. School Districts must submit the following application materials to the EFIB: (3-25-22)

a. Correspondence from the Idaho State Treasurer certifying that the School District has been approved to participate in the Guaranty Program and setting forth the maximum credit enhancement amount available to the School District within the limitations set forth in Section 57-728(8), Idaho Code. (3-25-22)

b. A fully completed application form as prescribed by the EFIB from time to time executed by a party authorized to bind the School District. (3-25-22)

c. Copies of the complete audited financial statements of the School District prepared pursuant to Section 33-701, Idaho Code, for the preceding three (3) fiscal years and the adopted budget for the current fiscal year. (3-25-22)

d. Upon request of the EFIB, documentation substantiating the information set forth in materials submitted pursuant to Subsection 020.01 of these rules. (3-25-22)

021. -- 029. (RESERVED)

030. FEES.

01. Guarantee Fee. School Districts must remit to the EFIB a one-time fee equal to two one-hundredths of one percent (0.02% or two basis points) of the Total Debt Service. School Districts must remit the Guarantee Fee to the EFIB within five (5) days of the sale of bonds guaranteed by the Credit Enhancement Program. The EFIB will deposit the Guarantee Fee in the Public School Endowment. (3-25-22)

02. Administrative Fees. (3-25-22)

a. Application Fee. School Districts shall submit to the EFIB an Application Fee of five hundred dollars (\$500). School Districts shall submit the Application Fee to the EFIB with the application materials. The EFIB will use Application Fees to pay costs of reviewing applications and administering the Credit Enhancement Program. At the conclusion of each fiscal year, the EFIB will deposit unexpended Application Fees in the Public School Endowment. (3-25-22)

b. Pass-through Fee. The EFIB may incur a Pass-through Fee related to the review of an application in its discretion. The EFIB will not invoice a School District for Pass-through Fees related to the review of an application without the prior written approval of the School District. The EFIB may incur a Pass-through Fee related to the issuance of a note without prior approval of the School District. The EFIB will invoice School Districts for the full amount of any Pass-through Fees related to the issuance of a note. School Districts shall remit each invoiced Pass-through Fee to the EFIB within thirty (30) days of invoice. The EFIB will use a Pass-through Fee to pay the direct costs to the EFIB under the Credit Enhancement Program giving rise to the fee. (3-25-22)

031. -- 039. (RESERVED)

040. APPROVAL AND DENIAL OF APPLICATIONS.

01. Review Periods. The EFIB will provide written approval or denial of an application within twenty (20) days of the submission of all required materials. If the Board requests substantiating documentation, the EFIB will provide written approval or denial of the application within twenty (20) days of the submission of the substantiating documentation. (3-25-22)

02. Delegation of Review and Approval. The EFIB may delegate review of applications to EFIB staff or experts including legal, accounting, and financial professionals. The EFIB may delegate approval of applications to the EFIB's manager of investments. (3-25-22)

03. Discretionary Investment. The EFIB will invest in a School District bond issuance under the Credit Enhancement Program in its sole discretion and within its fiduciary responsibilities as trustees of the financial assets of the Endowments. The EFIB may deny an application for participation in the Credit Enhancement Program if the EFIB determines the investment is not in the best interests of one (1) or more of the Endowments. (3-25-22)

04. Denial of Application for Unpaid Fees. The EFIB may deny an application for participation in the Credit Enhancement Program if a School District has not paid a fee under a pending application or a prior guarantee issued by the Credit Enhancement Program. (3-25-22)

041. -- 999. (RESERVED)