

Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2025



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

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 Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative'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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative, 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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.

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 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 April 15, 2026 on our consideration of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
April 15, 2026
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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

Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative and Cooperative 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 Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2026. We issued an adverse opinion because the Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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*.

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

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
April 15, 2026

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,592,371	\$ 380,017	\$ 840,770
Investments	1,498,276		
Accounts receivable	144,859	253,446	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,235,506	\$ 633,463	\$ 840,770
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 12,014	\$ 23,967	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	312,181	609,496	
Assigned	1,332,947		\$ 840,770
Unassigned	1,578,364		
Total Fund Balances	3,223,492	609,496	840,770
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,235,506	\$ 633,463	\$ 840,770

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

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
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			
State assistance	\$ 2,915,393		
Federal assistance		\$ 778,865	
Activity revenues	3,701		
Investment income	73,647		
Other revenues	1,498,001	182,926	
TOTAL REVENUES	4,490,742	961,791	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	1,745,201	220,852	
Special education	339,900	56,568	
Student support services	449,017	70,216	
Instructional staff support services	1,181,720	526,378	\$ 19,952
General administration support services	181,996		
Central services support services	185,052	263,789	16,296
Operation and maintenance of plant services	135,554		3,436
Other support services	24,109		
Food services operations	22,843		
Facilities acquisition and construction services			36,367
Non-programmed costs	20,000	40,597	
Activity expenditures	4,274		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,289,666	1,178,400	76,051
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	201,076	(216,609)	(76,051)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Federal grant revenue passed through to school districts		(23,511)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	201,076	(240,120)	(76,051)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	3,022,416	849,616	916,821
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,223,492	\$ 609,496	\$ 840,770

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

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
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						
State assistance	\$ 2,972,411	\$ 2,915,393	\$ (57,018)			
Federal assistance				\$ 759,658	\$ 778,865	\$ 19,207
Activity revenues	2,900	3,701	801			
Investment income	88,200	73,647	(14,553)			
Other revenues	1,268,087	1,498,001	229,914	183,597	182,926	(671)
TOTAL REVENUES	4,331,598	4,490,742	159,144	943,255	961,791	18,536
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	1,792,706	1,745,201	47,505	222,133	220,852	1,281
Special education	347,193	339,900	7,293	77,816	56,568	21,248
Career education programs	31		31			
Student support services	451,556	449,017	2,539	65,500	70,216	(4,716)
Instructional staff support services	1,334,724	1,181,720	153,004	546,060	526,378	19,682
General administration support services	182,344	181,996	348			
Central services support services	189,964	185,052	4,912	184,817	263,789	(78,972)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	158,513	135,554	22,959			
Other support services	23,000	24,109	(1,109)			
Food services operations	37,185	22,843	14,342			
Non-programmed costs	75,740	20,000	55,740	43,472	40,597	2,875
Activity expenditures	3,400	4,274	(874)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,596,356	4,289,666	306,690	1,139,798	1,178,400	(38,602)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>(264,758)</u>	<u>201,076</u>	<u>465,834</u>	<u>(196,543)</u>	<u>(216,609)</u>	<u>(20,066)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	134,152		(134,152)			
Transfers out	(14,940)		14,940			
Federal grant revenue passed through to school districts					(23,511)	(23,511)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	119,212		(119,212)		(23,511)	(23,511)

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
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 AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (145,546)	\$ 201,076	\$ 346,622	\$ (196,543)	\$ (240,120)	\$ (43,577)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>2,984,904</u>	<u>3,022,416</u>	<u>37,512</u>	<u>842,795</u>	<u>849,616</u>	<u>6,821</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 2,839,358</u>	<u>\$ 3,223,492</u>	<u>\$ 384,134</u>	<u>\$ 646,252</u>	<u>\$ 609,496</u>	<u>\$ (36,756)</u>

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

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a 14 member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities within the jurisdiction of the Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative (Cooperative). 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. If applicable, 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 individual, 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.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO 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 the financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

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 Cooperative 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	10-20
Buildings	25-50
Equipment	5-20

F. 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 balances – represents amounts that are constrained by the Cooperative’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.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

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

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative 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. Cooperative 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 Cooperative does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance 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.

H. Stabilization Arrangements

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

I. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

J. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Cooperative is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The Cooperative 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 cooperatives employ the cash basis method.

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.

K. Encumbrances

The Cooperative does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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

	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 500,000
Collateralized:	
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Cooperative's name	4,159,494
Total Deposits	\$ 4,659,494

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$1,498,276 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	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 32,812	
Federal assistance		\$ 247,958
Other	112,047	5,488
Totals	\$ 144,859	\$ 253,446

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 12,014	\$ 23,967

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2025

5: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The Cooperative contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees 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 employer contribution was paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education from the Public School Fund, except for those employees paid from federal funding. Employer contributions for those employees were paid by the Cooperative. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's contributions to ATRS for the Cooperative during the year ended June 30, 2025, were \$480,128, equal to the required contributions. The Cooperative's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2025, were \$39,314, 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 Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2024, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$4,175,578.

6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative carries commercial insurance for board liability and business trip accidental death and dismemberment liability.

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Worker's 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 entities. The Cooperative contributes annually to this program.

The Cooperative 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.

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6: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program's general objectives are to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of member entities, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property and vehicles coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The Cooperative pays an annual premium for its buildings, contents, and vehicles.

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.

7: 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 Cooperative's employees, totaled \$138,121 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Medical services		\$ 232,444	
Smart start literacy programs	\$ 77,538		
Special education programs	100,441	95,134	
Child care and development		254,215	
PLG consortium	111,839		
Other purposes	22,363	27,703	
Total Restricted	<u>312,181</u>	<u>609,496</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$ 840,770
Preschool programs	808,867		
Professional development	458,315		
Other purposes	65,765		
Total Assigned	<u>1,332,947</u>		<u>840,770</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,578,364</u>		
Totals	<u>\$3,223,492</u>	<u>\$ 609,496</u>	<u>\$ 840,770</u>

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025
(Unaudited)

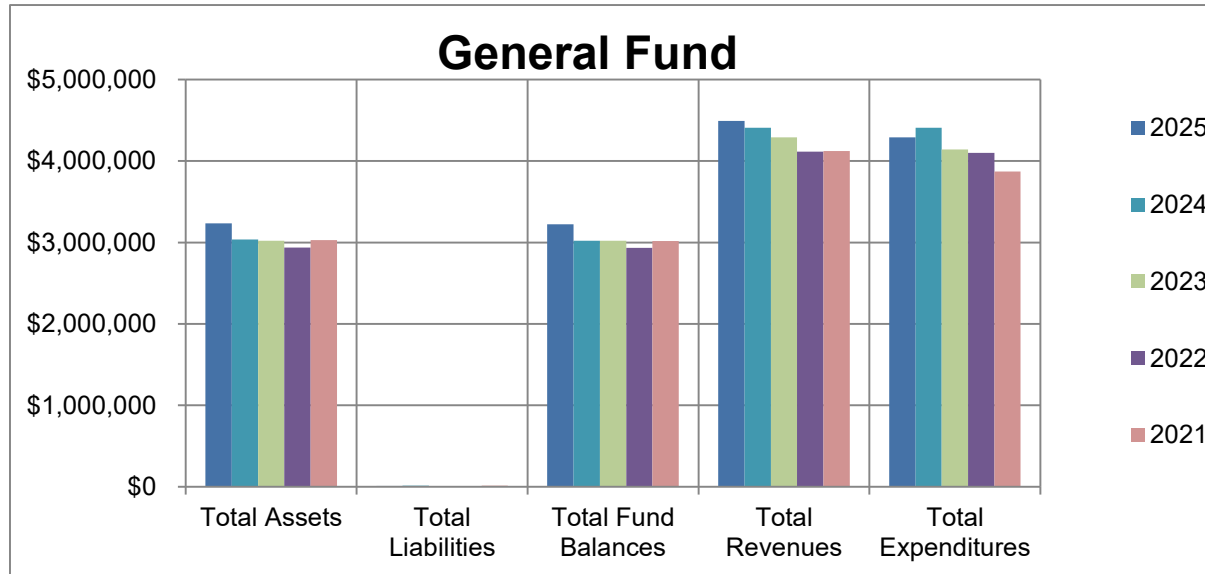
Schedule 1

	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2025</u>
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	<u>\$ 20,000</u>
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	1,205,866
Improvements/infrastructure	1,209,042
Equipment	757,530
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>3,172,438</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	360,494
Improvements/infrastructure	247,888
Equipment	559,556
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,167,938</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>2,004,500</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 2,024,500</u></u>

NORTHEAST ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 2

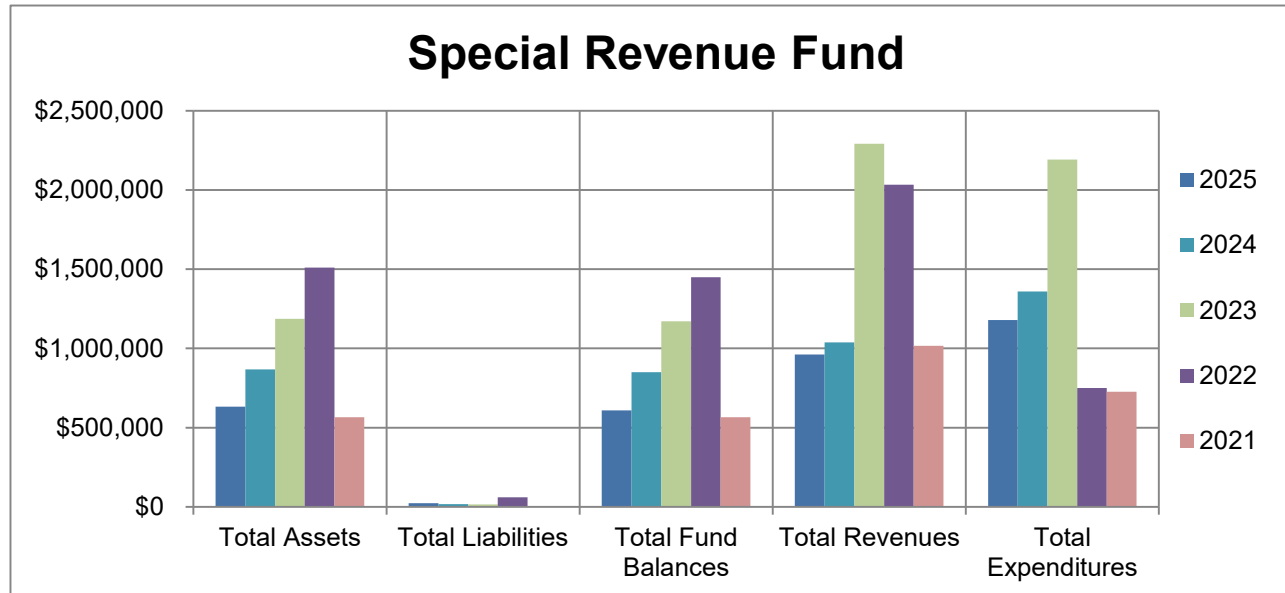
<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 3,235,506	\$ 3,036,246	\$ 3,022,353	\$ 2,938,860	\$ 3,030,313
Total Liabilities	12,014	13,830	2,819	6,262	12,804
Total Fund Balances	3,223,492	3,022,416	3,019,534	2,932,598	3,017,509
Total Revenues	4,490,742	4,409,334	4,289,386	4,113,745	4,123,051
Total Expenditures	4,289,666	4,406,452	4,142,450	4,098,656	3,869,683
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			(60,000)	(100,000)	(90,000)



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Schedule 2

Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 633,463	\$ 867,584	\$ 1,187,284	\$ 1,509,557	\$ 566,075
Total Liabilities	23,967	17,968	15,992	60,739	
Total Fund Balances	609,496	849,616	1,171,292	1,448,818	566,075
Total Revenues	961,791	1,037,254	2,291,635	2,033,928	1,016,443
Total Expenditures	1,178,400	1,358,930	2,191,323	751,003	726,492
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(23,511)		(377,838)	(400,182)	



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 840,770	\$ 916,821	\$ 851,484	\$ 1,114,200	\$ 1,037,332
Total Liabilities					
Total Fund Balances	840,770	916,821	851,484	1,114,200	1,037,332
Total Revenues					
Total Expenditures	76,051	4,287	830,695	23,132	31,854
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		69,624	567,979	100,000	90,000

