

Records Retention Schedule

It is very important that certain records be retained. It helps to develop a records retention policy. Listed on this page are items that should be reviewed on a periodic basis and kept in a safe place.

Accounts payable records 7 years Annual financial review (audit) reports Permanently Bank reconciliations 1 year Board members/Officers Permanently Bylaws, including all amendments Permanently Cash receipt records 7 years Checks (canceled) 7 years Contracts and leases (expired) 7 years Contracts and leases still in effect Permanently 3 years Correspondence (general) Correspondence (legal) Permanently Duplicate deposit slips 7 year Equipment owned by the PTA Permanently Financial statements (year-end) and budgets 10 years Grant award letters of agreement 10 years Insurance records, accident reports, claims, policies, certificates Permanently Inventories (products and materials) 7 years Invoices 7 years IRS Information (990) Returns 7 years Journals Permanently Minute books of directors and committees Permanently PTA charter Permanently

Note: PTA board members have a fiduciary responsibility to protect sensitive and confidential information. Any documents with personal information or cancelled checks (and copies of checks deposited) should be shredded.