

INVESTMENT**DFA**

As a charter school, the Virtual Learning Academy Charter School is not required to abide by the provisions of RSA 197:23-a. However, VLACS endeavors to follow the investment guidelines outlined in that statute with respect to available types of investments and to invest funds subject to the following objectives and standards of care. VLACS's Board of Trustees shall be responsible for making investments on behalf of VLACS.

OBJECTIVES

The three objectives of investment activities shall be safety, liquidity, and yield.

1. Safety of principal is the foremost objective in this policy. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital by mitigating credit and interest rate risk.
2. Liquidity of the investment portfolio shall remain sufficient to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated.
3. Yield. The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of attaining a market rate of return throughout budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and liquidity needs. Return on investment is of secondary importance compared to the safety and liquidity objectives described above.

STANDARDS OF CARE

1. Prudence. The standard of prudence to be used by those involved in the investment process shall be the "prudent person" standard and shall be applied in the context of managing an overall portfolio.
2. Ethics and conflicts of interest. Those involved in the investment process, shall refrain from personal business activity that could conflict with the proper execution and management of the investment program or that could impair their ability to make impartial decisions. Those involved in the investment process shall disclose any material interests in financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall further disclose any personal financial institutions with which they conduct business. They shall also disclose any personal financial/investment positions that could be related to the performance of the investment portfolio. Those involved in the investment process shall subordinate their personal investment transactions to those of VLACS, particularly with regard to the timing of purchases and sales.

Legal References:

- *RSA 197:23-a, Treasurer's Duties*

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