

# Financial Fraud, Waste, or Abuse Hotline

## 1-877-453-6681



The hotline to report financial fraud, waste, or abuse operates **24 hours a day, 7 days a week**. Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) encourages any concerned individual to report financial fraud, waste, or abuse.

<b>Financial Fraud</b>	consists of ways AACPS employees, vendors, contractors, or other individuals use their employment, vendor relationship, or other contractual connection to divert funds for themselves or others at the expense of AACPS and taxpayers.
<b>Financial Waste</b>	includes ways employees, vendors, contractors, or others improperly, carelessly, or needlessly expend AACPS resources as a result of deficient, inefficient, or ineffective practices.
<b>Financial Abuse</b>	includes ways employees, vendors, contractors, or others carelessly or excessively spend, consume, mismanage, or misuse AACPS resources.

### Examples of Events to Report:

- Stealing or misusing AACPS money, property, inventory, or supplies
- Abusing overtime
- Falsifying time records, financial records, or expense reports
- Creating fictitious employees, vendors, or contractors
- Executing related third party transactions
- Receiving or giving kickbacks
- Removing, borrowing, or destroying AACPS records, furniture, fixtures, or equipment without proper authorization
- Misusing confidential information
- Maintaining inappropriate vendor relations
- Diverting AACPS assets for personal use

The hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is operated by the same independent organization as the Student Safety Hotline.

**Callers can choose to remain anonymous or provide contact information.** Callers should provide as much detailed information as possible concerning the “who, what, where, when, and how much”.

## Please help us protect our resources!