

Turner Recreation Commission Funding

A recreation system is defined as any system of public recreation and playgrounds. In 1963 the Turner Unified School District (TUSD), by Kansas Statute 12-1924, established the Turner Recreation Commission (TRC). TRC prepares an annual budget for the operation of the recreation system. Prior to the certification of its budget to the TUSD, the TRC Administration and Board plan the TRC budget according to its operations and community needs. The TUSD then certifies the TRC budget for a tax levy sufficient to operate the recreation system. TUSD shall not be required to levy a tax in excess of the maximum tax levy set by the school district by current resolution of the TUSD tax base.

Therefore, the budget monies utilized for the recreation system are very much legally and statutorily separate from the budget that TUSD utilizes for their operations of the school system. The monies budgeted for TRC may only be spent on the recreation system under direction of the TRC governing board and administration. These monies cannot be used for the operations of the TUSD and are a separate tax levy used to finance the recreation system of TRC. TRC also utilizes other revenue sources such as program fees, grant monies, rental fees, and investment strategies to supplement the operations of the recreation system.