



# Governor's Agency IG Inventory

**IG Responding** (*enter name and agency*): **Mike Blackburn Department of Education**

**Is your agency Inspector General SMS or SES?**                      **SMS**                       **SES**

**Our OIG staff are:**

SES:                       Career Service:                       OPS:  (*If more than one type provide details below*)

**Identify the mix**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**How many OIG staff, if any, are sworn law enforcement officers?**

None                       Some  (*Number of Sworn, if applicable:*) [Click here to enter text.](#)

**If there are sworn staff, under what authority/whose auspices are they sworn?**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Are any expenditures associated with their sworn status absorbed by a budget entity other than the OIG's budget?**

No                       Yes  (*explain*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Does the IG attend the agency head's leadership meetings?**

Yes, weekly.

**Does the IG independently identify, and have authority independent of the agency head or other agency staff, to hire OIG staff when vacancies occur?**

Advertisements must route for approval. Reviewing applications and conducting interviews occurs independent of any other office. The final selection and rate of pay must route for approval. This is mainly for budgetary reasons, as I have not had any hires questioned other than for rate.



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**Does the OIG have the authority, within existing salary and rate considerations, to set OIG staff salary.**

Yes  No  *(explain):* The OIG works with the agency CFO and the Commissioner to make requests for rate considerations for approval. The only time I had a staff salary questioned was when my audit director's proposed starting salary was reduced by \$2,000 even though I was going to use rate that was in another vacant position within my office.

**Does the OIG have any duties outside the provisions of section 20.055, F.S.?**

No  Yes

**If so, list (with statutory requirement cited if applicable) those duties**

*(examples would be Single Audit, EEO investigations, agency employee background screening, etc.)*

N/A  or:  Background Screening Chapter 435 F.S.; Investigations in school districts and state colleges as spelled out in 1001.20 F.S.

**How many FTE are associated with "outside" duties?**

N/A  or:  An estimated .5 FTE for Backgrounds and .5 FTE for school district and state college investigations.

**What are you agency head's thoughts (if discussed) on reassigning these duties?**

Not discussed  or:  [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Does the IG independently approve all travel for staff within the OIG?**

Yes  No *(explain):* All travel is charged back to the program area and must be routed for approval through the budget office.

**If no, has there been any unreasonable restrictions on authorizations to travel?**

No  Yes  *(explain):* [Click here to enter text.](#)



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**Does the agency have any specific statutory language affecting IG appointments or the duties of the IG?**

No

Yes  (explain):

Section 1001.20(4), F.S. states: "The Department of Education shall establish the following offices within the Office of the Commissioner of Education which shall coordinate their activities with all other divisions and offices: section (e) "Office of Inspector General.—Organized using existing resources and funds and responsible for promoting accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness and detecting fraud and abuse within school districts, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and Florida College System institutions in Florida. If the Commissioner of Education determines that a district school board, the Board of Trustees for the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or a Florida College System institution board of trustees is unwilling or unable to address substantiated allegations made by any person relating to waste, fraud, or financial mismanagement within the school district, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, or the Florida College System institution, the office shall conduct, coordinate, or request investigations into such substantiated allegations. The office shall have access to all information and personnel necessary to perform its duties and shall have all of its current powers, duties, and responsibilities authorized in s. [20.055](#)".

**Does the OIG have a separately established budget entity within the department?**

Yes

No

**Does the IG have independent expenditure authority for the OIG budget allocation?**

Yes

No

**If no, has there been any unreasonable restrictions on expenditures requested by the IG?**



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No  Yes  (*explain*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Does the OIG prepare their own LBR for unfunded requirements?**

Yes  No  (*explain*): [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Are OIG reports reviewed by the Agency Head, General Counsel, or any other agency official prior to release?**

No  Yes

**If so, identify who does this review?**

The General Counsel will occasionally review investigative reports, but only at the request of the OIG.

**Was this review process requested by the IG, or by the agency head or other official?**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**Are all OIG staff centrally located with the IG, or are staff disbursed?**

Yes  No

**If disbursed, to how many locations and where are they?**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

**How many auditors, investigators, administrators and other staff (in those categories) are in the OIG?**

Auditors: 5  
Investigators: 4  
Others: 5