

**Spending Policy Analysis  
for the  
Texas Permanent School Fund  
Methodology and Process**

- The spending policy of the Texas Permanent School Fund is critical in order to “inflation proof” the assets for future generations.
  
- The spending policy analysis was based on several factors as follows:
  - Expected long-term rate of return of the capital markets
  - Short-and long-term volatility of the capital markets
  - Actual long-term volatility of the Texas Permanent School Fund
  - Long-term projection of inflation
  - Projected growth of student population
  - Impact of GLO contributions on the Texas Permanent School Fund
  - Expected long-term rate of return of the Texas Permanent School Fund
  - Transition of the Texas Permanent School Fund Asset Allocation to a higher returning portfolio
  
- Expected long-term rates of return were based on three important inputs
  - Return of the capital markets
    - Domestic Equities
    - Domestic Fixed Income
    - International Equities
  - Standard deviation of returns
  - Correlation between each asset class

- Other important factors include:
  - Ten-year inflation factor of 2.75%
  - Growth of student population of 1.89%
  
- Modeling of expected returns were calculated using the following three methods:
  - The simple “rule of thumb” model
  - The linear model
  - Comprehensive “stochastic” model

# The Spending Policy Decision

## What is RVK's Recommendation?

Current Asset Allocation      Transition to New Asset Allocation

	3 Year	10 Year	3 Year	10 Year
GLO = Ø	3.07%	3.00%	3.07%	3.43%
GLO \$100 Million + Inflation	3.56%	3.50%	3.56%	3.93%
GLO \$150 Million + Inflation	3.81%	3.74%	3.81%	4.17%
GLO \$200 Million + Inflation	4.05%	3.99%	4.05%	4.42%
GLO \$250 Million + Inflation	4.30%	4.23%	4.30%	4.66%
GLO \$300 Million + Inflation	4.55%	4.48%	4.55%	4.91%

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*For speed and ease of analysis, these spending rates were generated using the linear approach. When the Board chooses a particular policy combination, RVK recommends it be recalculated using the stochastic model, which could yield a final rate +/- 10 bps from the ones shown here.*