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# **Orange County Educational Money Market Fund**

#### Principal Stability Fund **Ratings Definitions**

AAAm A fund rated 'AAAm' demonstrates extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit 'AAAm' is the highest principal stability fund rating assigned by S&P Global

AAm A fund rated 'AAm' demonstrates very strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. It differs from the highest-rated funds only to a small degree.

Am A fund rated 'Am' demonstrates strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk, but is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than funds in higher-rated categories

BBBm A fund rated 'BBBm' demonstrates adequate capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit risk. However, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a reduced capacity to maintain principal stability.

BBm A fund rated 'BBm' demonstrates speculative characteristics and uncertain capacity to maintain principal stability. It is vulnerable to principal losses due to credit risk. While such funds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, these may be outweighed by large uncertainties or major exposures to adverse conditions.

Dm A fund rated 'Dm' has failed to maintain principal stability resulting in a realized or unrealized loss of principal.

#### About the Pool

Pool Rating **AAAm** Stable NAV Government Pool Type

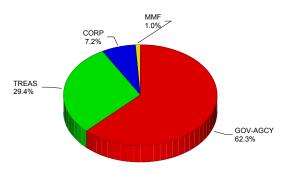
Investment Pool

Office of the Orange County Treasurer Investment Adviser

Portfolio Manager Shari L. Freidenrich

Pool Rated Since December 2008 Custodian The Northern Trust Co.

### Portfolio Composition as of September 28, 2018



GOV-AGCY - Agency and Government; TREAS - Treasury; CORP - Corporate; MMF - Money Market Fund

#### Rationale

S&P Global Ratings assigned its 'AAAm' principal stability fund rating to Orange County Educational Money Market Fund (the 'Fund'). The rating is based on our analysis of the Fund's high credit quality, low market-price exposure, and management. The rating reflects the Fund's extremely strong capacity to maintain principal stability and to limit exposure to principal losses due to credit, market, and/or liquidity risks. We review pertinent fund information and portfolio reports weekly as part of our ongoing rating process.

# Overview

The Orange County Treasurer's Investment Policy Statement is reviewed and approved annually by the Orange County Board of Supervisors in accordance with the requirements of California Government Code Sections 53646 and 27133 respectively. A seven member oversight committee, comprised of two County officials, a school district official and four public members review the investment policy prior to its approval by the County Board of Supervisors. As manager of the Fund, the Orange County Treasurer invests these public funds to provide the maximum security of principal while meeting the pool participants' daily cash flow needs. The Fund's primary objectives are to provide safety and daily liquidity to pool participants with a third objective to achieve a market rate of return. In attempting to meet its objectives, the Fund is invested in high-quality cash-equivalent securities, providing liquidity for immediate cash needs.

### Management

The investment team that is responsible for

supported by an investment team of three professionals. The Assistant Treasurer-Tax Collector is responsible for establishing and maintaining strong internal controls and with his Accounting and Compliance team, is responsible for the Portfolio's daily monitoring for compliance with the investment policy.

#### **Portfolio Assets**

The Fund is a short-term, liquid component of the Orange County Educational Investment Pool. The Fund is typically comprised of highly rated investments including U.S. agency securities and U.S. Treasury obligations, money market mutual funds and negotiable certificates of deposit. The Fund may also invest in banker's acceptances, corporate commercial paper, investment pools, municipal debt, medium-term notes, repurchase agreements and highly rated counterparties and supranationals. The Fund's weighted average maturities are managed at 60 days or less to increase portfolio liquidity and mitigate interest-rate risk sensitivity. The Fund's investments are typically kept considerably liquid to meet operating requirements and cash-flow needs.

managing the Fund reports to Orange County Treasurer, Shari Freidenrich, who has been investing and managing public funds for over 20 years. The Director of Investments is responsible for the Portfolio's day-to-day management and is

Plus (+) or Minus (-) The ratings may be modified

relative standing within the rating categories.

by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show

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Participants should consider the investment objectives, risks and charges and expenses of the pool before investing. The investment guidelines which can be obtained from your broker-dealer, contain this and other information about the pool and should be read carefully before investina.

# Principal Stability Rating Approach and Criteria

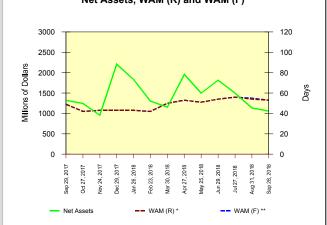
A S&P Global Ratings principal stability fund rating, also known as a "money market fund rating", is a forward-looking opinion about a fixed income fund's capacity to maintain stable principal (net asset value). When assigning a principal stability rating to a fund, S&P Global Ratings analysis focuses primarily on the creditworthiness of the fund's investments and counterparties, and also its investments' maturity structure and management's ability and policies to maintain the fund's stable net asset value. Principal stability fund ratings are assigned to funds that seek to maintain a stable or an accumulating net asset value.

Generally, when faced with an unanticipated level of redemption requests during periods of high market stress. the manager of any fund may suspend redemptions for up to five business days or meet redemption requests with payments in-kind in lieu of cash. A temporary suspension of redemptions or meeting redemption requests with distributions in-kind does not constitute a failure to maintain stable net asset values However, higher rated funds are expected to have stronger capacities to pay investor redemptions in cash during times of high market stress because they generally comprise shorter maturity and higher quality investments.

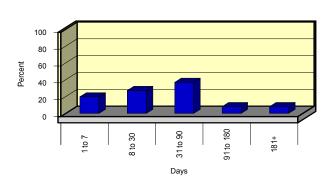
Principal stability fund ratings, or money market fund ratings, are identified by the 'm' suffix (e.g., 'AAAm') to distinguish the principal stability rating from a S&P Global Ratings traditional issue or issuer credit rating. A traditional issue or issuer credit rating reflects S&P Global Ratings view of a borrower's ability to meet its financial obligations. Principal stability fund ratings are not commentaries on yield levels.

# Data Bank as of September 28, 2018

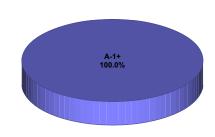
Net Assets, WAM (R) and WAM (F)



## Portfolio Maturity Distribution as of September 28, 2018

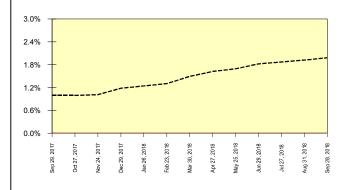


# Portfolio Credit Quality as of September 28, 2018 \*



\*As assessed by S&P Global Ratings

# Portfolio 7 Day Net-Yield



The yield quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Current yield may be lower or higher than the yield quoted.

Pool portfolios are monitored weekly for developments that could cause changes in the ratings. Rating decisions are based on periodic meetings with senior pool executives and public information.

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