

LOCAL PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Policy Code:

6440

All purchases of equipment, materials and supplies will be made in accordance with laws and regulations, including Chapter 143, Article 8, of the North Carolina General Statutes, board policy, and any school system purchasing procedures. For purchases and contracts valued at \$1,000 or more, the board will obtain certification from each bidder or vendor affirming that it is not listed on the state treasurer's "Final Divestment List," as required by G.S. 143C, Article 6A. All employees involved in purchasing must be familiar with these requirements.

When competitive bidding is not required, purchases should be made under conditions which foster competition among potential vendors. Purchase decisions should be made after considering price, quality, suitability for specified need, and timeliness of delivery and performance. The board will not enter into a contract with any supplier or contractor when performance on any previous contract has been found to be unsatisfactory by the superintendent or the board.

Records of all informal bids will be kept but will not be available for public inspection until the contract has been awarded. Such records should include the date the bid is received, from whom it is received, and for what item it is made.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -522; 143, art. 8; 143-129, -129.9, -131, -135.9; 143C, art. 6A

Cross References: Contracts with the Board (policy 6420), State Purchasing Requirements for Equipment, Materials and Supplies (policy 6430)

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