

This policy refers to purchase approvals using non-federal funds. Federal Funds must follow the federal purchasing approval guidelines.

Purchases made in excess of \$1,500 shall be individually approved by the Building/Department Administrator, purchases made in excess of \$10,000 shall be individually approved by the District Administrator, and purchases made in excess of \$25,000 shall be individually approved by the Board. Purchases over \$5,000 shall be based on quotations, advertised bids and/or other evidence that competitive pricing has been sought. Exceptions to purchasing approvals shall be made for the following:

- a. Textbooks, books, and instructional materials
- b. Replacement parts for existing equipment or if the value of the replacement parts are estimated to be less than fifty percent (50%) of the total value of the existing equipment.
- c. Cooperative Educational Service Agency (CESA) contracts
- d. Professional service contracts/agreements
- e. State of Wisconsin or other national purchasing contracts
- f. Emergency circumstances jointly recommended to the Board President by the District Administrator and the Business Manager and approved for exemption by the Board President.
- g. Purchases from Fund 21 or Fund 60 (non-taxpayer funds).
- h. Competitive pricing is not available from other vendors.
- i. Purchases approved by the Director of Business Services under special circumstances (Examples include invoices from local and state government agencies).
- j. Expenditures committed by an IEP team

Technology equipment purchases shall require ~~final~~ approval from the Building/Department Administrator and the Director of Technology.

A monthly report shall be provided to the Board of Education that lists purchases made under any of the approved exception categories.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all formal bids or informal quotations, to waive technicalities, to make adjustments in specifications or quantities and/or to make selections based on best interests of the school district.

Legal Ref.: Sections 66.0901 Wisconsin Statutes

Cross Ref.:       672, Purchasing  
                  672.3, Cooperative Purchasing  
                  780, Insurance Management  
                  851-Rule, Sales Advertising  
                  Exception  
                  933, Construction Contracts, Bidding  
                  and Awards

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