

Business and Noninstructional Operations

EXPENDITURES AND PURCHASES

The Governing Board recognizes its fiduciary responsibility to oversee the prudent expenditure of District funds. In order to best serve District interests, the Superintendent/designee shall develop and maintain effective purchasing procedures that are consistent with sound financial controls and that ensure the District receives maximum value for items purchased. The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that records of expenditures and purchases are maintained in accordance with law.

(cf. 3000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 3100 - Budget)
(cf. 3230 - Federal Grant Funds)
(cf. 3400 - Management of District Assets/Accounts)
(cf. 3460 - Financial Reports and Accountability)
(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)

Expending Authority

The Superintendent/designee may purchase supplies, materials, equipment and services up to the amounts specified in Public Contract Code 20111, beyond which a competitive bidding process is required. The Board shall not recognize obligations incurred contrary to Board policy and administrative regulations.

(cf. 3311 - Bids)
(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

The Board shall review all transactions entered into by the Superintendent/designee on behalf of the Board every 60 days. (Education Code 17605)

The Superintendent/designee may authorize an expenditure which exceeds the budget classification allowance against which the expenditure is the proper charge only if an amount sufficient to cover the purchase is available in the budget for transfer by the Board.

(cf. 3110 - Transfer of Funds)

District funds shall not be expended for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. (Education Code 32435)

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Purchasing Procedures

Insofar as possible, goods and services purchased shall meet the needs of the person or department ordering them at the lowest price consistent with standard purchasing practices. Maintenance costs, replacement costs, and trade-in values shall be considered when determining the most economical purchase price.

(cf. 3314.2 – Revolving Funds)
(cf. 3440 - Inventories)

All purchases shall be made by formal contract or purchase order or shall be accompanied by a receipt. In order to eliminate the processing of numerous small purchase orders, the Superintendent/designee may create a "blanket" or "open" purchase order system for the purchase of minor items as needed from a vendor. The Superintendent/designee shall ensure that the "open" purchase order system details a maximum purchase amount, the types of items that can be purchased under this order, the individuals authorized to approve purchases, and the expiration date of the "open" order.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

- 17604 Delegation of powers to agents; approval or ratification of contracts by governing board
- 17605 Delegation of authority to purchase supplies and equipment
- 32435 Prohibited use of public funds, alcoholic beverages
- 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
- 35035 Powers and duties of superintendent
- 35160 Authority of governing boards
- 35250 Duty to keep certain records and reports
- 38083 Purchase of perishable foodstuffs and seasonal commodities
- 41010 Accounting system
- 41014 Requirement of budgetary accounting

GOVERNMENT CODE

- 4330-4334 California made materials

PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE

- 3410 U.S. produce and processed foods
- 20111 Contracts over \$50,000; contracts for construction award to lowest responsible bidder

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Management Resources:

WEB SITES

CSBA, Financial Services: <http://www.csba.org/fs>

California Association of School Business Officials: <http://www.casbo.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

Policy

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