

## **District Purchasing**

The function of district purchasing is to serve the educational program by providing the necessary supplies, equipment and services. Items commonly used in the various schools and their subdivisions will be standardized whenever consistent with educational goals and in the interest of efficiency or economy.

The business manager is appointed by the Board to serve as purchasing agent. He/She will be responsible for developing and administering the district's purchasing program.

No obligation may be incurred by any officer or employee of the Board unless that expenditure has been authorized in the budget or by Board action and/or Board policy. In all cases calling for the expenditure of district money, except payrolls, a requisition and purchase order system must be used.

No purchase with the exception of a petty cash purchase will be authorized unless covered by an approved purchase order. No bills will be approved for payment unless purchases were made on approved purchase orders. All purchases, contracts or agreements outside the adopted district budget obligating district funds in excess of \$10,000 will require prior Board approval.

The superintendent or designee and the business manager are authorized to issue all other purchase orders, contracts or agreements without prior approval of the Board where formal bidding procedures are not required by law and when current budget appropriations are adequate to cover such obligations.

The business manager will review bills due and payable for the purchase of supplies and services to determine if they are within budget amounts. After appropriate administrative review, the business manager will direct payment of the just claims against the district. The business manager is responsible for the accuracy of all bills and vouchers.

No Board member, officer, employee or agent of this district shall use or attempt to use his/her official position to obtain financial gain or avoidance of financial detriment for himself/herself, a relative or for any business with which the Board member or a relative is associated.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS Chapters 279, 279A, 279B, 279C](#)

[ORS 294.311](#)

[ORS 328.441 - 328.470](#)

[ORS 332.075](#)

[OAR 125-055-0040](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

BBA - Board Powers and Duties

BBFA - Board Member Conflicts of Interest

DJC - Bidding Requirements

DJG - Vendor Relations