

Consider approval of technology purchases for the 2026-2027 school year

1. Background:

District staff is seeking approval of up to \$2,700,000 for technology purchases from Altex, Apple, AG Parts, B&H Photo-Video, Best Buy, Bluum, CDW-G, Computer Solutions, Dell, ENA/Zayo, Howard Technologies, Intech Southwest, Mosyle, Network Craze, PDQ, Scinary, and Solid Border. All listed vendors, except for Apple, will competitively bid for Windows computers, Chrome computers, network devices, printers, phones, projectors, software, audio/visual equipment, security equipment, and other technology-related equipment. Apple, Inc. is proprietary and provides manufacturer direct pricing at an educational fixed rate, and does not allow other vendors to competitively bid. These purchases would be used to add, replace, and upgrade technology devices, network infrastructure, and software across the district. Historical expenditures for technology can be found in the attached spreadsheet.

2. Process:

Purchases will be made utilizing the competitively procured DIR state contracts, purchasing cooperative pricing, and requests for quotes.

3. Fiscal Impact:

SWISD anticipates purchases up to \$2,700,000 for technology during the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Funding for these items will include budgeted local funds, budgeted state categorical funds, and budgeted federal funds. Purchases will be made utilizing competitively procured DIR state contracts, purchasing cooperative pricing, and requests for quotes.

4. Recommendation:

That the Board approve expenditures of up to \$2,700,000 for the purchase of technology for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, using the provided vendors.

5. Required:

Board action.