

1 **Browning Public Schools**

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3 Policy #

4 Policy Name: *Cooperative Purchasing*

5 *Regulation:*

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7 It is the policy of the District to increase the flexibility and efficiency of the District’s resources
8 by utilizing provisions in law that allow for cooperative purchasing without the formalities of the
9 bidding process.

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11 The District may enter into a cooperative purchasing contract for the procurement of supplies or
12 services with one or more districts. This allows the District to participate in a cooperative
13 purchasing group to purchase supplies and services through the group without bidding if the
14 cooperative purchasing group has a publicly available master list of items available with pricing
15 included and provides an opportunity at least twice yearly for any vendor, including a Montana
16 vendor, to compete, based on a lowest responsible bidder standard.

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18 An example of flexibility under this policy and Montana Law includes but is not limited to the
19 Montana Cooperative Services (MCS) Program.

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22 **Legal Reference:** 20-9-204(4), MCA Conflicts of interest, letting contracts, and calling
23 for bids – exceptions

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26 **Policy History:**

27 Adopted on: 1/10/17

28 Amended on:

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