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Fwd: Public Records Request – Purchasing & Contract Approval Policy Thresholds

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From: CT Mills <outreach@educatorsupportnetwork.org>
Date: Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 9:51 PM
Subject: Public Records Request – Purchasing & Contract Approval Policy Thresholds
To: <lcorrea@d56.org>

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the **Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) – 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.**, I am requesting copies of any **existing records** that describe purchasing or contracting approval authority within your School District.

Specifically, please provide records, policies, schedules, or tables that identify:

- Dollar thresholds requiring approval by school administrators (e.g., principals)
- Dollar thresholds requiring approval by central office staff or department leadership
- Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the superintendent or designee
- Dollar thresholds requiring approval by the board of education

If approval thresholds differ by category (for example, instructional materials, instructional technology, software, professional services, or consulting), please include records reflecting those distinctions.

Please note: I am not requesting the creation of any new records. This request is limited to **existing records only**. If no such records exist, please confirm that in writing.

If any of the requested records are already publicly available, a **link** or **citation** to their location would be sufficient.

This request is being made for non-commercial purposes.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Chris Miller
Public Info Access LLC
984-303-8215

Aurora Orozco <aorozco@d56.org>
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Mon, Jan 19, 2026 at 11:49 AM

Good morning,

In response to your FOIA request, the District does not maintain specific dollar limits for purchasing authority for District Office staff, principals, administrators, or the Superintendent. Purchasing decisions are made using professional judgment and in accordance with assigned budget lines. All expenditures are monitored to ensure they remain within approved budget allocations and are not overspent.

For reference, I have also attached District Policy 4:60, which governs purchases and contracts.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you

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"We are not myths of the past, ruins in the jungle, or zoos. We are people and we want to be respected not to be victims of intolerance and racism." -Rigoberta Menchu

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:60 Purchases and Contracts

The Superintendent shall manage the District's purchases and contracts in accordance with the law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable Board policies.

Standards for Purchasing and Contracting

All purchases and contracts shall be entered into in accordance with applicable federal and Illinois law. The Board Attorney shall be consulted as needed regarding the legal requirements for purchases or contracts. All contracts shall be approved or authorized by the Board of Education.

All purchases and contracts should support a recognized District function or purpose as well as provide for good quality products and services at the lowest cost, with consideration for service, reliability, and delivery promptness, and in compliance with federal and State law. No purchase or contract shall be made or entered into as a result of favoritism, extravagance, fraud, or corruption.

Adoption of the annual budget authorizes the Superintendent or designee to purchase budgeted supplies, equipment, and services, provided that State law is followed. Purchases of items outside budget parameters require prior Board approval, except in an emergency.

When presenting a contract or purchase for Board approval, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that it complies with applicable State law, including but not limited to, those specified below:

1. Supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of \$35,000 must comply with the State law bidding procedure, [105 ILCS 5/10-20.21](#), unless specifically exempted.
2. Construction, lease, or purchase of school buildings must comply with State law and Board policy 4:150, Facility Management and Building Programs.
3. Guaranteed energy savings must comply with [105 ILCS 5/19b-1](#) et seq.
4. Third party non-instructional services must comply with [105 ILCS 5/10-22.34c](#).
5. Goods and services that are intended to generate revenue and other remunerations for the District in excess of \$1,000, including without limitation vending machine contracts, sports and other attire, class rings, and photographic services, must comply with [105 ILCS 5/10-20.21](#)(b-5). The Superintendent or designee shall keep a record of: (1) each vendor, product, or service provided, (2) the actual net revenue and non-monetary remuneration from each contract or agreement, and (3) how the revenue was used and to whom the non-monetary remuneration was distributed. The Superintendent or designee shall report this information to the Board by completing the necessary forms that must be attached to the District's annual budget.
6. Any contract to purchase food with a bidder or offeror must comply with [105 ILCS 5/10-20.21](#)(b-10).
7. The purchase of paper and paper products must comply with [105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c](#) and Board policy 4:70, Resource Conservation.
8. Each contractor with the District is bound by each of the following:
 - a. In accordance with [105 ILCS 5/10-21.9](#)(f): (1) prohibit any of its employees who is or was found guilty of a criminal offense listed in [105 ILCS 5/10-21.9](#)(c) and [5/21B-80](#)(c) to have direct, daily contact at a District school or school-related activity with one or more student(s); (2) prohibit any of the contractor's employees from having direct, daily contact with one or more students if the employee was found guilty of any offense in [5/21B-80](#)(b) (certain drug offenses) until seven years following the end of the employee's sentence for

the criminal offense; and (3) require each of its employees who will have direct, daily contact with student(s) to cooperate during the District's fingerprint-based criminal history records check on him or her.

- b. In accordance with [105 ILCS 5/22-94](#): (1) prohibit any of its employees from having *direct contact with children or students* if the contractor has not performed a sexual misconduct related employment history review (EHR) of the employee or if the District objects to the employee's assignment based on the employee's involvement in an instance of sexual misconduct as provided in [105 ILCS 5/22-94\(j\)\(3\)](#), which the contractor is required to disclose; (2) discipline, up to and including termination or denial of employment, any employee who provides false information or willfully fails to disclose information required by the EHR; (3) maintain all records of EHRs and provide the District access to such records upon request; and (4) refrain from entering into any agreements prohibited by [105 ILCS 5/22-94\(g\)](#).
- c. In accordance with [105 ILCS 5/24-5](#): (1) concerning each new employee of a contractor that provides services to students or in schools, provide the District with evidence of physical fitness to perform the duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease; and (2) require any new or existing employee who provides services to students or in schools to complete additional health examinations as required by the District and be subject to additional health examinations, including tuberculosis screening, as required by the Ill. Dept. of Public Health rules or order of a local health official.

9. Any pavement engineering project using a coal tar-based sealant product or high polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon sealant product for pavement engineering-related use must comply with the Coal Tar Sealant Disclosure Act.
10. Design-build contracts must comply with [105 ILCS 5/15A-1 et seq.](#)
11. Any new contract for a district-administered assessment must comply with [105 ILCS 5/10-20.86](#).
12. Purchases made with federal or State awards must comply with [2 C.F.R. Part 200](#) and [30 ILCS 708/](#), as applicable, and any terms of the award.

The Superintendent or designee shall: (1) execute the reporting and website posting mandates in State law concerning District contracts, and (2) monitor the discharge of contracts, contractors' performances, and the quality and value of services or products being provided.

LEGAL REF.:

[2 C.F.R. Part 200](#).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.19c](#), [5/10-20.21](#), [5/10-20.86](#), [5/10-21.9](#), [5/10-22.34c](#), [5/15A-1 et seq.](#), [5/19b-1 et seq.](#), [5/22-94](#), and [5/24-5](#).

[30 ILCS 708/](#), Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

[410 ILCS 170/](#), Coal Tar Sealant Disclosure Act.

[820 ILCS 130/](#), Prevailing Wage Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 4:70 (Resource Conservation), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting)

Adopted: March 19, 2025