

PURCHASING AND ACQUISITION

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**Purchasing  
Authority**

The Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to make budgeted purchases for goods or services. However, any single, budgeted purchase of goods or services that costs \$50,000 or more, except as provided below, shall require Board approval before a transaction may take place.

The Superintendent is not required to obtain Board approval for the following types of budgeted purchases, regardless of cost:

1. A purchase made pursuant to a Board-approved interlocal contract or a cooperative purchasing program, in accordance with law;
2. A purchase made through a state purchasing program that satisfies the District's obligation for competitive purchasing [see CH(LEGAL)]; or
3. A continuing or periodic purchase under a Board-approved bid or contract.
4. **When urgent purchases, exceeding \$50,000, need to be completed with a vendor that does not have an Ector County ISD ("District") awarded contract or an awarded contract with a District approved purchasing coop, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall contact the Board President to inform and approve the need to process those purchases.**

**Purchasing Method**

The Board delegates to the Superintendent or designee the authority to determine the method of purchasing in accordance with CH(LEGAL).

*Competitive  
Bidding*

If competitive bidding is chosen as the purchasing method, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare bid specifications. All bids shall be in accordance with administrative regulations, and the submission of any electronic bids shall also be in accordance with Board-adopted rules. All bidders shall be invited to attend the bid opening. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for opening. Bids received after the specified time shall not be considered.

The District may reject any and all bids.

*Competitive  
Sealed Proposals*

If competitive sealed proposals are chosen as the purchasing method, the Superintendent or designee shall prepare the request for proposals and/or specifications for items to be purchased. All proposals shall be in accordance with administrative regulations, and the submission of any electronic proposals shall also be in accordance with Board-adopted rules. Proposals received after the specified time shall not be considered. Proposals shall be opened

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at the time specified, and all proposers shall be invited to attend the proposal opening. Proposals may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time of opening. Changes in the content of a proposal, and in prices, may be negotiated after proposals are opened.

The District may reject any and all proposals.

**Electronic Bids or Proposals**

Bids or proposals that the District has chosen to accept through electronic transmission shall be administered in accordance with Board-adopted rules. Such rules shall safeguard the integrity of the competitive procurement process; ensure the identification, security, and confidentiality of electronic bids or proposals; and ensure that the electronic bids or proposals remain effectively unopened until the proper time.

**Responsibility for Debts**

The Board shall assume responsibility for debts incurred in the name of the District so long as those debts are for purchases made in accordance with the adopted budget, state law, Board policy, and the District's purchasing procedures. [See CE] The Board shall not be responsible for debts incurred by persons or organizations not directly under Board control. Persons making unauthorized purchases shall assume full responsibility for all such debts.

**Purchase Commitments**

All purchase commitments shall be made by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with administrative procedures, including the District's purchasing procedures.

**Personal Purchases**

District employees shall not be permitted to make purchases for personal use through the District's business office.