

## Federal Procurement

This policy and its accompanying regulation shall apply to the purchase of services, supplies, equipment, or other property with federal funds that are subject to the federal Uniform Grant Guidance (UGG) and other applicable federal law, including but not limited to the Education Department General Administration Regulations (EDGAR) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations governing school food service programs. In the event this policy or its accompanying regulation conflict or are otherwise inconsistent with mandatory provisions of the UGG, EDGAR, or other applicable federal law, the mandatory provisions of such laws shall control.

Employees of Mapleton Public Schools (the “District”) shall follow Board policy concerning employee purchasing authority when making any purchase with federal funds and shall obtain prior Board approval in those instances when it is required by Board policy. District employees shall also follow applicable state law and Board policy concerning competitive bidding, to the extent that state law and/or Board policy establish additional requirements that are not consistent with this policy and its accompanying regulation.

### Micro-Purchases

A “micro-purchase” is a purchase that, in an aggregate amount, is \$10,000 or less.

Micro-purchases may be made or awarded without soliciting competitive quotations, to the extent District staff determine that the cost of the purchase is reasonable. For purposes of this policy, “reasonable” means the purchase is comparable to market prices for the geographic area.

To the extent practicable, the District will distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers when the same or materially interchangeable products are identified and such suppliers offer effectively equivalent rates, prices, and other terms.

### Small Purchases

A “small purchase” is a purchase that, in an aggregate amount, is \$10,001 or more, but less than \$74,999.

For small purchases, price or rate quotes shall be obtained in advance from two or more qualified sources, as detailed in this policy’s accompanying regulation, unless:

1. A valid basis exists under the federal Uniform Grant Guidance for relying on procurement by a noncompetitive proposal (i.e., “single source” procurement); or
2. The District elects to use a more formal competitive bid or request for proposal process.

### **Large Purchases**

A large purchase is a purchase that, in an aggregate amount, is \$75,000 or more.

The District shall conduct a cost or price analysis for large purchases that, at a minimum, includes making an independent estimate before receiving bids or proposals (including noncompetitive proposals). A cost analysis means evaluating the separate cost elements that make up the price. A price analysis means evaluating the total price, without looking at the individual cost elements.

Whenever appropriate and relevant to the specific transaction, the cost analysis may include life-cycle cost estimates, which shall then be incorporated into any solicitations of bids or proposals.

### **Unnecessary or Duplicative Items**

The District shall avoid the acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items.

Consideration shall also be given to consolidating or breaking out purchases to obtain a more economical purchase.

### **Record Keeping**

The District shall maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurements made with federal funds. These records may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following: rationale for the method of procurement, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price (including a cost or price analysis).

Retention of such procurement records shall be in accordance with applicable law and Board policy.

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### **LEGAL REFERENCES:**

2 C.F.R. Part 200 Subpart D (*post-award requirements under the federal Uniform Grant Guidance*)

2 C.F.R. 200.318 (*general standards for procurement supported by federal funds*)

2 C.F.R. 200.319 (*written procurement standards required*)

2 C.F.R. 200.320 (*methods of procurement to be followed*)

2 C.F.R. 200.323 (*cost or price analysis*)

2 C.F.R. 200.333 (*record retention requirements*)

2 C.F.R. 200.336 (*access to records*)

7 C.F.R. 3016.36 (*USDA's procurement standards*)

7 C.F.R. 3016.37 (*USDA's procurement requirements for subgrants*)

34 C.F.R. Parts 75, 76 (*EDGAR - Education Department General Administrative Regulations*)

48 C.F.R. Subpart 2.1 (*micro-purchase and competitive bidding thresholds*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

BCB: School Board Member Conflict of Interest

DAC: Federal Fiscal Compliance

DJ/DJA: Purchasing/Purchasing Authority

DJE: Bidding Procedures

DKC: Expense Authorization/Reimbursement (Mileage and Travel)

EHB: Records Retention

GBEA: Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest