

BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Barre City Elementary & Middle School

Barre Town Middle Elementary School

Spaulding High School

Central Vermont Career Center

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Purchasing Procedure

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that the business of Barre Unified Union School district will be conducted according to the Barre Unified Union School District Fiscal Management and General Financial Accountability Policy (F20).

Approval by an Administrator must be obtained prior to completing a purchase. Employee completes a Requisition Form to request placing an order/making a purchase. If approved by the Administrator, the district Bookkeeper creates a Purchase Order in the financial management system, and submits the order.

When the cost of an item or service exceeds \$15,000 please contact the Business Manager. According to statute, we must publicly advertise or invite three or more bids from persons deemed capable of providing items or services.

Paper and supplies will be procured each year. The Business Manager will notify each Bookkeeper who they will be expected to purchase items from. Administrators will require staff to use this vendor whenever possible. Exceptions may be granted for specialty items. **FY21 WB MASON.**

- Purchase Order is placed in file pending itemized receipt of supplies, materials, and/or equipment (equipment is an item over \$5,000).
- When purchases arrive items are verified against the packing slip.
- Packing slips are sent to the Bookkeeper notifying them the invoice is "OK TO PAY."
- Invoice is reviewed by Bookkeeper for accuracy, ensuring that no sales tax* has been charged, and he/she facilitates weekly approval (signature) by Administrator.
- Approved invoices are sent/delivered to the BUUSD Business Office weekly by 4:00 pm on Friday.
- On occasion, charge accounts are used. Charge accounts are established at local businesses when approved by the Business Manager, and only authorized personnel who are listed on account are approved to charge. Administrator approves these invoices as well.

Examples **Non-Allowable Costs:**

1. Alcoholic Beverages - Alcoholic beverages are not allowable under any circumstances.
2. Gifts - Gifts or items that appear to be gifts are not allowable.
3. Prepaid store cards—i.e. retail/grocery stores, Amazon, I-Tunes, convenience stores, gas cards, etc. are not allowed under federal/local regulations.
4. *Sales Tax- The BUUSD is a tax exempt organization. Vermont State Tax Exemption Certificate Form S-3 is available from Staff Accountants upon request for seller's verification. Invoices that include sales tax will be returned until rectified.