



PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS

The Richland County School District One Board of Commissioners may elect to exempt specific supplies or services from the purchasing procedures herein required or withdraw any exemptions provided for in this section. The District adopts the exemptions granted by the State Budget and Control Board both present and future. The following exemptions are granted by the Richland County School District One Board of Commissioners and do not require competitive procurements, when it is not advantageous or practical:

1. Copyrighted Educational Materials to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Books, dictionaries, textbooks, newspapers, diplomas
 - b. Professional journals, technical pamphlets, periodicals, subscriptions
 - c. Educational films, filmstrips, slides and transparencies
 - d. Video tapes, cassettes, DVDs
 - e. Standardized testing materials
 - f. Educational kits and replacement parts required for instruction (STEM, PLTW, ROTC, Health Sciences, etc.)
 - g. Instructional Materials required in a course of study
 - h. Learning Management Systems

2. Copyrighted Technology Materials to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Computer assisted instructional materials, interactive video programs
 - b. CD-ROM documents, data bases
 - c. Site Licenses, maintenance contracts, upgrades and related information, materials for District adopted instructional software, including site licenses, or other support services or related information/materials only available or provided by the software provider
 - d. License agreements/renewals for computer software after such software has been competitively bid as required by the Code and additional software features/options that are only available by the software provider.

3. Medical and/or Psychological Supplies & Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Licensed/certified medical doctors, physicians, surgeons, dentists, pathologist, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, school psychologists, behaviorists, counselors, optometrists, dentists, etc.
 - b. Hospital. medical clinics and clinical services, occupational and physical therapy, orientation and mobility
 - c. Speech, language, audio logical, optical and other related supplies and services
 - d. Hepatitis B and other vaccines
 - e. Medical devises required for instruction
 - f. Long-term medical or educational organizations and treatment services
 - g. School Nurse Medical Supplies
 - h. Mental Health organizations and services

4. Governmental Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Services and supplies provided by the Federal government, State agencies, county, city or town governments, and special purpose districts
 - b. Payments of taxes, social security, annuities, credit unions
 - a. School Resource Officers and Security services (subject to Board Approval)
 - c. Purchase of goods and services provided by State Fiscal Accountability Authority (SFAA) – Division of Procurement Services statewide term contract (SC State Contract).
 - d. Purchase of goods and services provided under cooperative and piggyback arrangements with other governmental entities provide the contract established under the bidding or RFP process establishes such right.

5. Educational Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Contractual, cooperative agreements, services and supplies for provision of services to students including foreign teachers
 - b. Tuitions/Fees paid to educational institutions
 - c. Evaluation services and expense of visiting committees
 - d. Consultants for evaluation of academic programs
 - e. Executive search and recruitment services

6. Policy and Legal Services to include, but not to be limited to:
 - a. Attorney services (subject to Board approval), court recorders, expert witness services, bond rating services and costs associated with issuance or refinancing of bonds.
 - b. Certified Public Accountants (subject to Board Approval)
 - c. Legislative consultant (subject to Board approval)
 - d. Finance Advisors, investment management, brokerage services, Erate services (subject to Board approval)
 - e. Insurance coverage, both primary and reinsurance coverage
 - f. Board governance consultants and facilitators
 - g. Security Underwrites and similar services provided by professionals regulated by the National Association of Securities Dealers (“NASD”).

7. Staff Development to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Training provided by consultants, certified teachers/trainers or District personnel
 - b. Training materials secured or prepared for instructional purposes
 - c. Workshops, conferences and/or virtual training
 - d. Training facility rentals to include food, materials and equipment
 - e. Professional dues, Registration, and Membership Fees
 - f. Travel expenses, such as airfare, hotels, car rental or other transportation type services, etc.

8. Student Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Electronic and printed exams, tests, testing materials, including scoring services and materials
 - b. Canine drug and/or weapon detection services and related support services
 - c. Homebound services and home visits
 - d. Instruction provided by certified teachers
 - e. Interpreters, interpreter services, tutors
 - f. Employment sourcing services for instructional staff identified as critical needs

9. Utilities and Energy Expenses to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Fuel, propane, natural gas
 - b. Oil company credit card purchases of gas, oil or fluids
 - c. Electric/power services,
 - d. Water/sewer services and related costs

10. Communication Expenses to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Local & long distance telecommunication services
 - b. Telecommunication equipment, upgrades, maintenance & repair contracts
 - c. Lease of imbedded telephone systems
 - d. Cell phones & services
 - e. Cable & satellite TV
 - f. Internet connectivity

11. **Refunds** to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Refunds of health insurance, earnest monies, bid securities, or other funds temporarily entrusted to the District

12. **One of a kind and proprietary items** to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Paintings, sculptures, antiques, art reproductions, historical artifacts, other rare items
 - b. Scientific specimens, skeletal and taxidermy mounts, models, fossils, minerals, rocks, etc.
 - c. Previously owned (*used*) vehicles, equipment and instruments (Subject to approval by the Chief Procurement Officer)
 - d. Band Uniforms
 - e. Athletic Equipment Reconditioning
 - f. School/Activity Bus Inspections
 - g. Entertainment and/or amusement parks, movie theatres, other field trip type venues
 - h. Facilities lease/rental of lecture halls, theatres, coliseums, convention centers, athletic facilities recreation areas for District-sponsored events and/or staff meeting
 - i. Training/Workshop for district parents/families – speaker, services and materials

13. **Emergency Repairs to include, but not limited to:**
 - a. Repairs to life safety, fire and security systems.
 - b. Repairs to buses or other vehicles used to transport students or staff.
 - c. Environmental remediation services where the issues giving rise to remedial services disrupt the educational process

14. **Items Purchased for Resale or Trade**

15. **Livestock, Feed and Veterinary Supplies and Services**

16. **Mail and Delivery Services, Postage, and Post Office Box Services**

17. **Perishable Foods** to include
 - a. Milk, Meats, Fish and Eggs
 - b. Catering services for district approved events
 - c. Food items for nutritional instructional classes, after school programs and community schools.

18. Travel Expenses for Staff and Students to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Airline, car rental, bus, train, parking, taxis, etc.
 - b. Hotel accommodations
 - c. Meals/allowances
 - d. Conference/seminar and other registration/fees

19. Property Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Appraisals, Surveys, Inspections and related services
 - b. Leasing of public parking lots, lecture halls, theaters, arenas, athletic facilities, recreational areas, storage facilities, etc.

20. Advertising and Marketing Services
21. Pupil Activity Funds or Other Trust or Agency Funds. (*Non- Allocated Funds*)
22. Professional Artists to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Writers and poets
 - b. Theater groups and dancers
 - c. Craftsmen, folk artist and other such services
 - d. Services and performers approved by the South Carolina Arts Commission
23. Clergy Services
24. Goods, Products, and Services provided by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, Division of Prison Industries
25. Services and Repairs provided by the original installer and/or inspector, complex in nature that is deemed most advantageous to the District.
26. **Grant Specified Equipment and Services:** Purchase of grant specified and approved equipment, subcontracts and consultants required for the successful completion of the grant project and where competitive bidding is not required or practical (subject to Chief Procurement Officer approval)
27. **Confidential Goods and Services:** Goods and services of a confidential/sensitive nature that would cause injury to students, staff and/or District if procured through public solicitation (subject to Superintendent or designee approval)
28. Procurements by the District through a cooperative purchase where the public procurement unit or external procurement activity administering the cooperative purchase complied with the requirements of the Richland County School District One Procurement Code.
29. **Budget and Control Board Exemptions:** The District also adopts the exemption granted by the State Budget and Control Board, bot present and future exemptions.