

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: FINANCES

TITLE: PURCHASES BUDGETED

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611. PURCHASES BUDGETED	
Authority	It is the policy of the Board that when funds are available all purchases contemplated within the current budget and not subject to bid shall be made in a manner that ensures the best interests of the district. [1][2]
Delegation of Responsibility	All purchases that are within budgetary limits and were originally contained within the budget may be made upon authorization of the Director of Administrative Services unless the contemplated purchase meets or exceeds the competitive bid limit established on an annual basis by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, in which case prior approval by the Board is required. [1][2][3] All purchase order requests must be referred to the department head, building principal, and Superintendent, who shall check whether the proposed purchase is subject to bid, whether sufficient funds exist in the budget, and whether the material might be available elsewhere in the district. [1][2][3]
Guidelines	In the interests of economy, fairness and efficiency in its business dealings, the Board requires that: 1. Items commonly used in the various schools and the District Office be standardized whenever possible. 2. Opportunity to do business with the district shall be provided to as many responsible suppliers as possible. Lists of potential suppliers for various types of supplies, equipment and services will be developed and maintained. 3. No purchase request will be honored unless made on a district requisition form that has the necessary approval. Upon placement of a purchase order, the Business Office shall encumber the expenditure against a specific budget line item to guard against creation of liabilities in excess of appropriations.

	The Board recognizes its position as a major purchaser in the community. While it is the Board's intent to purchase quality materials and supplies at the lowest possible cost through open competition, if all other considerations are equal, the Board may prefer to purchase within the district from established local merchants. Legal References: <u>1. 24 P.S. 751</u> <u>2. 24 P.S. 807.1</u> <u>3. 24 P.S. 609</u> <u>24 P.S. 508</u>
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