

The board desires to provide opportunities to responsible suppliers to do business with the school system. To this end, the superintendent is directed to develop and maintain lists of potential vendors for the various types of materials, equipment, and supplies. Such lists will be used in the development of a **mailing** list for distribution of specifications, invitations to bid, and notice of other competitive purchasing processes.

The superintendent or designee has the discretion to determine which vendors are included on the list and may establish **objective, nondiscriminatory** standards for being placed on the list or for remaining on the list. The standards shall take into account the requirements of G.S. 147, art. 6E and art. 6G. The superintendent is encouraged to include **small business** vendors **certified under the North Carolina Small Business Enterprise Program.** ~~listed as historically underutilized businesses with the Division of Purchase and Contracts at the State Department of Administration.~~

Legal References: G.S. 115C-522; 147 art. 6E, art. 6G

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