

POLICY 642: Procurement and Purchasing

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) has, as its over-arching purchasing objective, to satisfy the operational needs of the School District while realizing overall best value for goods and services using best practice and professional judgement. The Board assigns to the Secretary-Treasurer responsibility for those judgements.

The Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) will tender banking and audit requirements every three (3) years.

The Board values the District's purchasing function's contribution to educational and operational programs through:

- Application of specialized professional knowledge
- Development of district-wide experiential knowledge
- Utilization of public purchasing standards
- Efficiency of acquisition of goods and services
- Realization of best value in acquiring goods and services

The District's procurement activities must be conducted with integrity and the highest standard of ethical conduct. All individuals involved with the District's procurement activities must act in a manner that is consistent with the principles and objectives of this policy.

The Board believes the school district should participate with other public authorities in a cooperative way and take full advantage of shared opportunities and services, when appropriate.