

AP 642.1 Procurement and Purchasing

1. The Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that purchasing procedures are established so that all supplies, services and equipment required for the operation of the School District's schools and educational programs are obtained at the best price and quality available with free opportunity, whenever practicable, for all interested vendors to make proposals for supply.
 - 1.1. The School District will purchase locally, whenever and wherever possible; however, the School District's first consideration must be value for money spent. For this reason, local suppliers and contractors will be given preference only, as other factors are equally comparable.
 - 1.2. The Board will, whenever practical, join in Shared Services BC and other cooperative purchasing arrangements with other School Districts or agencies to take advantage of lower negotiated prices for bulk purchasing and to reduce the administrative costs in tendering (e.g. using Focused Education Resources shared services).
 - 1.3. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide to the Board a monthly printout of all expenditures in excess of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for information.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that tendering procedures are established for the District (see Accounting Procedures Manual).
 - 2.1. Tender calls will be made in accordance with the B.C. Government Public Sector purchasing requirements.
 - 2.2. Tender calls for audit services will be invited from accounting firms within the School District that hold a chartered accountant designation and can comply with the Ministry of Education requirements for auditing school districts.