

IONIA COUNTY ISD

BOARD POLICY

3610 Purchasing Goods and Services (Cf. 3615, 5230)

The Superintendent will be the sole purchasing agent for the District. All purchases shall comply completely with MCL [380.634](#) – Conflict of Interest Policy.

Purchasing from District Employees

The Board will not purchase equipment, supplies, or services from any employee who is employed by the District for more than an average of 25 hours per week, nor from a member of a household of that employee, nor from any firm in which that employee or member of his/her household holds a 10 percent or greater financial interest. [12](#)

Purchases through the District

Board members and employees will not make any purchase through the District for personal use. The name of the District or school, or an employee's position, will not be used in such manner that discounts or cost preferences are given to such person. Purchasing equipment and supplies by the District for resale to employees is prohibited.

Emergency Purchases

Emergency purchases may be made without using the quotation or bidding process. Such emergencies may arise because of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence that could affect the life, health, welfare, or safety of the District's students or employees.

Prohibited Purchases

No District funds or other public funds under the control of the District will be used for purchasing alcoholic beverages, jewelry, gifts, fees for golf, or any item the purchase or possession of which is illegal. Subject to MCL [380.634](#)(8), the District may use public funds for the purchase of a plaque, medal, trophy, or other award for the recognition of an employee, volunteer, or student if the purchase does not exceed the amount allowable by law per recipient.

As used in this subsection, "public funds" means funds generated from taxes levied under law, state appropriations of state or federal funds, or payments made to the District for services by a constituent district or any other person, but does not include voluntary contributions made for a specific purpose by a Board member, a District employee, another individual, or a private entity.

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LEGAL REF: MCL [15.321](#)-330; [380.634](#); [380.1216](#); [380.1274](#)

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In order to properly oversee the purchasing function and protect the resources of the District, the following administrative rules shall apply to policy 3610. These rules shall apply equally to all employees of the District regardless of assignment.

1. No employee has authority to sign any contract for the purchase of any goods or services, nor encumber the District with any debts or obligations beyond the amount of \$500.00 without the specific, written permission of the Superintendent of Schools. Should he/she so desire, the Superintendent might issue written authorizations annually to certain District employees that authorizes expenditures of more than \$500.00 on a limited basis and for specific reasons.
2. Any expenditure for goods or services of \$500.00 or less is authorized only if such expenditures are chargeable, specifically, to an appropriate budget line item in the budget adopted by the Board of Education.

3. The Superintendent, or a person designated specifically by the Superintendent, shall be empowered to sign lease agreements on behalf of the District regardless of duration of the lease or the amount of the expenditure. It shall be the general practice of the District that, with the exception of technology equipment, such as computers, printers, scanners, copying machines, and the like, and certain transportation equipment, no lease shall be entered into that encumbers the District and the Board for more than a five-year period.

4. Any employee violating or attempting to circumvent these rules will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

In addition, the Superintendent has authority to pursue any legal remedy necessary to seek restitution from the offending employee for any outstanding debts or obligations incurred by the District because of the employee's violation of these rules, subject to applicable collective bargaining agreements and law.

5. All vendors doing business with the District, or seeking to do business with the District, will be informed of these rules. Any vendor who seeks to circumvent or violate these rules might be barred, permanently, from doing business with the District.