

PURCHASING

One of the most important aspects of control over expenditures is an efficient and effective system of purchasing. Every school district in the state must establish a purchasing system.

The purchasing practices of the district shall be in accordance with all the state statutes and financial accounting practices approved by all governing state agencies. All purchases shall be made in the best interest of the district. The board declares its intent to purchase competitively without prejudice and to seek maximum value for every dollar expended.

Decisions on purchases shall be based on the best prices, consistent with quality and service. The best interest of the school district shall be given first consideration in all transactions.

The centralized, computerized purchasing process as adopted by the board, utilizes bid documents where required, requisitions, purchase orders, and receiving reports.

The only duly recognized purchasing agent in behalf of the board is the superintendent or the designee.

This school board hereby declares that it is essential to the efficient operation of this school district that adequate supplies of goods and services continue to be available from private sources; that the good name and credit of the district may be promoted by timely and responsible payment of just claims; and that fair compensation be awarded suppliers when payments of their claims are delayed without justification.

As it relates to timely payments, this district will comply with all applicable provisions of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated including but not limited to § 31-7-305 as amended, and with all other applicable federal and state laws.

SOURCE:	Jackson Public School District, Jackson, Mississippi
LEGAL RE.:	Section 31-7-309, 37-39-1, 37-39-15, Ch. 466, SB 2534 (1976); Mississippi Code of 1972; Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Schools, Section D, 1985, Revised 2003 Chapter 489, House Bill 999, Regular Session 1986
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