Services will be purchased in a manner consistent with the board's purchasing goals. The board generally does not require competitive bidding for the purchase of services; however, contracts for services will be made under conditions that foster competition among potential providers when feasible and after careful pricing.

No contract may be entered into with a restricted company as listed by the state treasurer in accordance with G.S. 147, art. 6E or 6G, except as permitted by those laws.

Purchases using federal funds must be made in accordance with the terms and conditions of the federal award and all applicable requirements of federal law and regulation, including the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ("Uniform Guidance") issued by the U.S. Office of Budget and Management. (See also policy 8305, Federal Grant Administration.)

Contracts entered into with entities or individuals to provide a driver education program for students must be awarded on a competitive basis through requests for proposals to contract and in accordance with the requirements of State Board of Education Policy DRIV-001.

This policy does not apply to contracts for architectural, engineering, surveying, and construction management at risk services, which are governed by policy 9110, Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers At Risk.

Legal References: 2 C.F.R. 200.317-200.326; G.S. 115C-36; 143-64.31; 147 art. 6E, art. 6G; State Board of Education Policy DRIV-001

Cross References: Goals of the Purchasing Function (policy 6400), Federal Grant Administration (policy 8305), Use and Selection of Architects, Engineers, Surveyors, and Construction Managers At Risk (policy 9110)

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