



Provo City School District
Policy Series 6000 Finances and Operations

Policy No. 6210

Purchasing

Purpose

The purpose of Provo City School District's purchasing policy is to acquire goods and services in an efficient, cost-effective manner which:

- Assists the District in achieving its mission and goals
- Protects the integrity of district employees
- Protects the integrity of the district
- Protects the assets of the district

This policy is intended to outline general purchasing guidelines to direct district employees in acquiring goods and services. These guidelines are:

1. Provo City School District will comply with applicable state and federal purchasing laws and will use a standard procurement process outlined in the policy and procedure.
2. All contracts and purchases of goods and services of \$50,000 or more require prior approval of the Provo City School District Board of Education.

Exceptions:

- Expenditures specifically called out by project in the budget formally adopted by the Provo City School District Board of Education.
 - Ongoing normal operating expenditures, such as utilities, food service program food/supply purchases, payroll related expenditures, which are part of a formally adopted budget.
3. Both the requestor and the authorized immediate supervisor, or the acting supervisor in the authorized immediate supervisor's absence, must sign the request.
 4. The business administrator's and superintendent's requests are approved by the board president.
 5. All contracts that create a liability for the district must reviewed and signed by the Business Administrator or their designee.
 6. Situations that threaten life, health, safety or property are considered emergency situations. Emergency situations require prompt resolution. If proper authorization is not possible, district employees are authorized to remove the immediate threat to life, health, safety, or property in the most cost-effective manner possible. Proper authorization is to be obtained no later than the next business day.
 7. Purchases of goods and services with district funds for personal use or personal gain are strictly prohibited. This includes use of personal credit card in order to receive "points" or "miles".
 8. All employee compensation must be processed through the payroll system.
 9. All procurement will follow the standard procurement process with the following

exceptions:

- Acquisition or disposition of real property or an interest in real property, including a lease of real property.
 - Employment contracts or collective bargaining agreements
 - Acquisition of a procurement item from other public entity (state or any other government entity within the state that expends public funds)
 - Grants (except as specifically addressed by policy)
 - Hiring a mediator, arbitrator, or arbitration panel member to participate in the district's dispute resolution efforts
 - Sole Source Procurement
 - Transitional Costs/Best interest
 - Extension of Contract
 - Trial Use Contract
 - Emergency Procurement
10. Provo City School District will implement procedures in conformance with this policy that cover but are not limited to:
- Proper documentation of transactions
 - Protection of employees and assets
 - Employee policy and procedure training
11. The Provo City School District will also follow procurement procedures required by law and set forth in the Utah State Procurement Code 63G-6a.

The District's Procurement Official is the Business Administrator or designee.

The Procurement Official has the authority to

- Manage and supervise any procurement to ensure, to the extent practicable, that taxpayers receive the best value
- Prepare and issue standard specifications for procurement items
- Review contracts, coordinate contract compliance, conduct contract audits and approve change orders

At any state of the procurement process, upon determining that a District procurement is out of compliance with the Utah Procurement Code or governing regulations, the Procurement Official may correct, amend, or cancel the procurement.

If, at any time during the term of a contract awarded by the District, the Procurement Official determines that the contract is out of compliance with the Utah Procurement Code or governing regulations, the Procurement Official may correct or amend the contract to bring it into compliance or cancel the contract, after consulting with legal counsel, if the Procurement Official determines that correcting, amending, or canceling the contract is in the district's best interest.

Legal References:

Utah State Code 63G-6a

Utah Admin Code R33

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