

EXEMPTIONS TO PROCUREMENT CODE

The Board of Education may exempt specific supplies or services from the purchasing procedures herein required or withdraw any exemptions provided for in this section. The District adopts the exemptions granted by the State Budget and Control Board both present and future. The following exemptions are granted by the Board of Education and do not require competitive pricing when it is not advantageous or practical:

1. Copyrighted Educational Materials to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Books, dictionaries, textbooks, newspapers, diplomas, sheet music
 - b. Professional journals, technical pamphlets, periodicals, subscriptions
 - c. Educational media
 - d. Goods and materials recommended by the State Department of Education for a prescribed curriculum
 - e. Educational kits and replacement parts required for instruction (STEM, PLTW, ROTC, Health Sciences)

2. Copyrighted Technology Materials to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Computer assisted instructional materials, interactive video programs and other related materials made available by information technology that can only be obtained from the company providing the information or service
 - b. District adopted instructional software, including site licenses, or other support services or related information/materials only available or provided by the software provider
 - c. License agreements/renewals for computer software after such software has been competitively bid as required by the Code and additional software features/options that are only available by the software provider.

3. Medical and/or Psychological Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Licensed/certified medical doctors, physicians, surgeons, dentists, pathologist, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, school psychologists, behaviorists, counselors, optometrists, dentists, etc.
 - b. Hospital. medical clinics and clinical services, occupational and physical therapy, orientation and mobility services
 - c. Speech, language, audiological and related services
 - d. Long-term care medical or educational organizations and treatment programs
 - e. Hepatitis B and other Vaccines
 - f. Medical devises required for instruction
 - g. Mental health organizations and services

4. Governmental Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Services and supplies provided by the Federal government, State agencies, county, city or town governments, and special purpose districts
 - b. Payments of taxes, social security, annuities, credit unions
 - c. School Resource Officer services

5. Educational Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Contractual, cooperative agreements, services and supplies for provision of services to students
 - b. Tuitions paid to institutions of higher education
 - c. Evaluation services and expense of visiting committees such as Cognia
 - d. Consultants for evaluation of academic programs
 - e. Executive search and recruitment services

6. Policy and Legal Services to include, but not to be limited to:
 - a. Attorney services (subject to Board approval), court recorders, expert witness services, bond rating services and costs associated with issuance or refinancing of bonds.
 - b. Certified Public Accountants, Auditors (subject to Board Approval)
 - c. Legislative consultant (subject to Board approval)
 - d. Finance Advisors, investment management, brokerage services (subject to Board approval)
 - e. Insurance coverage, primary and reinsurance coverage
 - f. Board governance consultants and facilitators
 - g. Security Underwrites and similar services provided by professionals regulated by the National Association of Securities Dealers (“NASD”).
 - h. Other professional services obtained on a fee basis

- i. Terms of financing incidental to procurements such as lease-purchase or installment-purchase, provided competitive pricing from market participants is obtained in a manner that is commercially reasonable in the relevant financial market
7. Staff Development to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Training provided by consultants, certified teachers, trainers or District personnel
 - b. Training materials secured or prepared for instructional purposes
 - c. Training facility rentals
 8. Student Services to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Electronic and printed exams, tests, testing materials, including scoring services and materials
 - b. Canine drug and/or weapon detection services and related support services
 - c. Homebound services and home visits
 - d. Instruction provided by certified teachers
 - e. Interpreters, interpreter services, tutors
 - f. Employment sourcing services for instructional staff identified as critical needs
 9. Utilities and Energy Expenses to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Fuel, propane, natural gas
 - b. Oil company credit card purchases of gas, oil, or fluids
 - c. Electric/power services,
 - d. Water/sewer services and related costs
 - e. Solid waste fees.
 10. Communication Expenses to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Local & long distance telecommunication services
 - b. Telecommunication equipment, upgrades, maintenance & repair contracts
 - c. Lease of imbedded telephone systems
 - d. Cell phones & services
 - e. Cable & satellite TV
 - f. Internet connectivity
 11. Refunds to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Refunds of health insurance, earnest monies, bid securities, or other funds temporarily entrusted to the District
 12. One of a kind items to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Paintings, sculptures, antiques, art reproductions, historical artifacts, other rare items
 - b. Scientific specimens, skeletal and taxidermy mounts, models, fossils, minerals, rocks, etc.
 - c. Previously owned (used) vehicles, portable classroom/office/restroom buildings, and instruments (subject to approval by the Chief Procurement Officer)
 - d. Band Uniforms (subject to approval by the Chief Procurement Officer)
 13. Emergency Repairs to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Repairs to life safety, fire, security and public address systems
 - b. Repairs to buses or other vehicles used to transport students or staff on District sponsored trips.
 - c. Environmental remediation services where the issues giving rise to remedial services disrupt the educational process
 14. Items Purchased for Resale
 15. Livestock, Feed and Veterinary Supplies and Services
 16. Mail and Delivery Services, Postage and Post Office Boxes
 17. Perishable Foods not subject to U.S Department of Agriculture procurement to requirements to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Milk, Meats, Fish and Eggs

- b. Catering services
 - c. Food items for nutritional instructional classes, after school programs and community schools.
18. Travel Expenses to include, but not be limited to:
- a. Airline, car rental, bus, train, parking, taxis, etc.
 - b. Hotel accommodations
 - c. Meals/allowances
 - d. Conference/seminar and other registration/fees
19. Professional Dues & Memberships
20. Property Services to include, but not be limited to:
- a. Appraisals and related services
 - b. Leasing of public parking lots, lecture halls, theaters, arenas, athletic facilities, recreational areas, etc. for District sponsored events.
21. Advertising
22. Pupil Activity Funds or Other Trust or Agency Funds. *(Except when used to procure capital equipment, site improvements, construction services, architects and other facility related services).*
- a. Student Activity Funds
 - b. Daycare Funds
 - c. Donations for a specific purpose
 - d. Items purchase for resale (i.e, school store items, yearbooks, school pictures etc.)
23. Professional Artists to include, but not be limited to:
- a. Writers and poets
 - b. Theater groups
 - c. Craftsmen and folk artist
24. Clergy Services
25. Grant Specified Equipment and Services
- a. Purchase of grant specified and approved equipment, subcontracts and consultants required for the successful completion of the grant project and where competitive bidding is not required or practical (subject to Chief Procurement Officer approval)
26. Confidential Goods and Services
- a. Goods and services of a confidential/sensitive nature that would cause injury to students, staff and/or District if procured through public solicitation as recommended by administration and approved by Superintendent on an “as needed” basis .
27. Cooperative Purchase with Public Procurement Units:
- a. Procurements by the District through a cooperative purchase where the public procurement unit or external procurement activity administering the cooperative purchase complied with the requirements of the South Carolina Procurement Consolidated Code, or such other procurement code approved by the Office of General Services of the State Budget and Control Board.
28. Budget and Control Board Exemptions:
- a. The District also adopts the exemptions granted by the State Budget and Control Board, both present and future.