

6450 CHOICE OF VENDOR

The Board of Education recognizes its position as a major purchaser of goods and services in the community served by the school district. It is the intention of the Board to purchase goods and services of the requisite quality at the lowest possible cost and to invite widespread competition in order to achieve this end. Where all other considerations are equal, however, the Board will exercise a preference for dealing with established local merchants and service providers from within the boundaries of the school district.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to place purchase orders with local merchants and providers when their prices and terms are competitive with other vendors. Nothing in this policy shall be deemed to circumvent the requirements of law regarding public purchasing.

All vendors shall supply assurances that they do not practice discrimination as described in the administrative code. All vendors shall be informed that harassment of any kind, of district pupils or employees by their representatives is prohibited.

In the schools, vendors shall be seen by appointment only. Vendors who call upon a school shall be governed by policy. Teachers and supervisors of instruction who have invited vendors to call should notify the Principal's office in advance so that proper courtesies may be extended.

No agents, canvassers, or vendors shall have access to teachers during their classes. No business concern which solicits or gains business through the school system shall use school facilities for this purpose.

Affirmative Action

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N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8; 18A:12-2; 18A:18A-15(b)

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