

## PURCHASING AUTHORITY

### Purchasing Agent

The superintendent with the School Board's formal approval may designate a qualified employee to serve as the purchasing agent for the Board. In this capacity, the agent for the Board may purchase or contract for all supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services required by the school division subject to federal and state laws and regulations and School Board policies. All purchases made by the school division will be in accordance with the Virginia Public Procurement Act.

### Internal Controls

The superintendent, or superintendent's designee, establishes appropriate procedures for internal accounting controls.

All personnel in the division who desire to purchase equipment and supplies shall follow the established procurement procedures within their departments or schools for the issuance of a requisition or purchase order. All purchase orders must be forwarded to the superintendent or superintendent's designee for approval and processing.

### Purchasing and Contracting

Bristol Virginia School Board encourages full and open competition whenever practicable among potential contractors and suppliers by competitive bidding practices; to centralize purchasing and contracting within the school division to realize the economies resulting therefrom; and to seek maximum educational value for every dollar expended.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-4300 et seq., 22.1-70 and 22.1-78.

Cross Refs.:	DA	Management of Funds
	DG	Custody and Disbursement of School Funds
	DGC	School Activity Funds
	DGD	Funds for Instructional Materials and Office Supplies
	DI	Financial Accounting and Reporting
	DJ	Small Purchasing
	DJB	Petty Cash Funds
	DJF	Purchasing Procedures