

# Obion County Board of Education

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1 *General*

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3 All purchases of supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services in excess of ten thousand  
4 dollars (\$10,000)<sup>1</sup>, including those of individual schools, shall be based on competitive bids. These  
5 bids shall be solicited by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation within the school system.  
6 However, said newspaper advertisement may be waived by the executive committee in an emergency.  
7 The executive committee shall advertise for bids and receive quotations.<sup>2</sup>

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9 All purchases of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less, including those of individual schools, may be  
10 made in the open market without newspaper notice, but shall, whenever possible, be based on at least  
11 three (3) competitive bids.

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13 The lowest and best bid shall be accepted, provided the purchaser reserves the right to reject any or all  
14 bids or any part of any bid and, if applicable, to accept that bid which is best as evidenced by reasons  
15 relative to the purpose of the purchase. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the scheduled time for the  
16 opening of bids. Any bid received after the time and date specified shall not be considered.

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18 The bidder to whom the award is made may be required to enter into a written contract.

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20 The practice of splitting an order or dividing items to be purchased in order to avoid the use of bidding  
21 or other purchasing procedures is prohibited.

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23 **EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

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25 Contracts for legal services, educational consultants, insurance purchased through a plan authorized and  
26 approved by any organization of governmental entities representing cities and counties<sup>3</sup> and similar ser-  
27 vices by professional persons or groups of high ethical standards shall not be based upon competitive  
28 bids but shall be awarded on the basis of recognized competence and integrity.<sup>4</sup>

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35 Legal References:

- 36 1. Public Acts 2006; Public Chapter 664  
37 2. TCA 49-2-203(a)(3); TCA 49-2-203(a)(3)(A)(B);  
38 TCA 49-2-206(b)(2)  
39 3. TCA 29-20-407  
40 4. TCA 12-4-106  
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