

# **PROCUREMENT POLICY**

## **OBJECTIVE**

It is the policy of the Board of Education of Wicomico County (Board) to procure only those items which are required to fill a bona fide need for the system. All procurement will be made in compliance with all laws and regulations relating to purchases by a Local Educational Agency (LEA) within the State of Maryland. Procurement will be made with complete impartiality based strictly on the merits of supplier proposals and applicable related considerations such as delivery, quantity and past performance.

The Board encourages and supports cooperative purchasing, as outlined in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Section 4-123, through such organizations as the Eastern Shore of Maryland Educational Consortium. The Board also encourages and supports purchasing through the use of existing purchasing contracts of other governmental agencies, regional and national cooperatives.

## **AUTHORITY**

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to develop and implement guidelines and procedures to accomplish these objectives.