

- I. Designation of Bus Routes - The School Board shall delegate to the Superintendent authority to designate the route to be traveled regularly by each school bus. Each such route shall meet the following requirements:
  - A. The route shall be planned, scheduled, and adjusted to the capacity of the bus to serve students whose homes are beyond a reasonable walking distance from the school center to which they are assigned, except as otherwise provided by Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules. The routing and scheduling of buses shall be planned to eliminate the necessity for students to stand while the bus is in motion. In emergency situations where the number of transported students in a bus exceeds the rated seating capacity, the bus shall proceed at such a reduced rate of speed to maximize students' safety.
  - B. Designated school bus routes shall be restricted to those areas where road conditions, bridge capacities, and the number of transported students allow such service to be economically feasible and practicable.
  - C. A route shall not be extended for the purpose of accommodating students whose homes are within a reasonable walking distance by a shorter or more economical route which is available to serve the students.
  - D. School bus routes shall, insofar as possible, be restricted to main routes and county-maintained roads.
  - E. A suitable turning area shall be available for any route requiring a bus to be turned around.
  - F. Only one (1) bus shall be assigned students on any given route unless the school schedules necessitate a dual assignment of buses.
  - G. Student loading and unloading stops shall be established at least one quarter of a mile (1,320 feet) apart; provided, however, stops may be closer than one quarter of a mile when students' safety and welfare are involved.
  - H. The location of each bus stop will conform to the requirements of Florida Statutes.
- II. Spur Routes - A spur route shall exist only when an extremely hazardous condition is present, requiring the bus to deviate from the main trunk.

- III. Change in Routes - School bus operators shall not discontinue stops, begin new stops, or otherwise change a route without prior approval of the Superintendent or designee.
- IV. Other Provisions - Students who are approved to attend a District school which is not located in their assigned attendance area shall be ineligible for transportation provided by the School Board except as otherwise permitted by controlling regulations.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** **1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

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**TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY****8.34\***

The Superintendent is directed to ensure that School Board liability is protected when transporting students and persons other than students to events or activities in which the School Board or school has agreed to participate or co-sponsor.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****1001.43, 1006.21, 1006.24, F.S.****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007  
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**EXITING THE SCHOOL BUS****8.35**

No student shall leave the school bus on his/her way to or from school without the student's parent(s), as defined by Florida Statutes, and the principal or designee's written authorization except at the customary destination of the bus which shall be either the school or the assigned stop.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** **1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:** **1000.21, 1006.21, 1006.22, F.S.**

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## **TRANSPORTING STUDENTS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES**

**8.36\***

- I. The District will normally use school buses, as defined in Florida Statutes, for all regular transportation of students, prekindergarten through grade 12.
- II. The transportation of students in privately-owned motor vehicles for educational field trips or school-sponsored or school-related events shall be approved by the Superintendent or designee on a case-by-case basis pursuant to Florida Statutes, except in an emergency situation.
- III. The vehicle must be a passenger car or multipurpose passenger vehicle or truck, as defined by federal law, designed to transport fewer than ten (10) students.
- IV. Drivers of such vehicles shall be required
  - A. to show proof of insurance coverage at the minimum limits required by Florida Statutes and at other limits that may be required by the School Board;
  - B. to provide proof of a valid driver's license; and
  - C. to comply with the requirements of the District's safe driver plan.
- V. Vehicles shall not transport numbers beyond their rated capacity. Students must be transported in designated seating positions.
- VI. Appropriate safety measures such as use of seat belts shall be observed.
- VII. The parent, as defined by Florida Statutes, of each student shall be notified in writing about the transportation arrangement and shall give written consent before a student is transported in a private vehicle except in an emergency situation.
- VIII. Violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.

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**SEAT BELTS****8.37**

- I. The operator and each passenger of a motor vehicle who are conducting School Board business or a school-related activity shall be restrained by a safety belt when the vehicle is in motion. This provision is applicable to all vehicles as defined in Florida Statutes, except for the following:
  - A. A school bus except as required by law;
  - B. A bus used for transportation of persons for compensation;
  - C. A farm tractor or implement of husbandry;
  - D. A truck of net weight of more than five thousand (5,000) pounds; and,
  - E. A motorcycle, moped, or bicycle.
- II. The number of passengers of a vehicle shall not exceed the number of safety belts which were installed by the manufacturer.
- III. School bus drivers shall wear a seat belt when operating a school bus.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****316.003, 316.614, 1001.43, 1006.21, F.S.****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):****6A-3.0171****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007  
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## **AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT**

**8.38**

All automotive equipment owned by the School Board shall be assigned to the Superintendent or designee for proper care and maintenance.

- I. Automotive equipment shall be used exclusively for school business. It shall not be used for unauthorized purposes.
  - A. The Superintendent shall report any unauthorized equipment usage to the School Board.
  - B. Violation of this rule shall be cause for disciplinary action.
- II. Failure of the operator to notify the transportation supervisor as to any mechanical defect of any piece of automotive equipment may be cause for disciplinary action by the School Board.
- III. All mechanical defects of equipment, where repairs are needed, shall be the Superintendent's or designee's responsibility and repairs shall be made immediately; provided that the vehicle may be withdrawn from use by the Superintendent until the repairs are made. The School Board shall not assume any financial responsibility for purchases or contract for repairs unless prior approval is obtained from the Superintendent or designee.
- IV. The transportation supervisor shall determine that all equipment is inspected at regular intervals. The equipment shall be placed in the District's garage(s) for repairs or service if needed.
- V. Under no conditions shall equipment be repaired by a private shop or private individual without approval of the Superintendent or transportation supervisor.
- VI. The person who is assigned a vehicle on a full time basis shall be responsible for delivering the vehicle to the District's garage for inspection as prescribed by the transportation supervisor.



**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:** 1001.43, 1006.21, 1006.22, F.S.

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## **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**

**8.39**

- I. All transportation equipment shall be maintained in safe operating condition. The transportation supervisor shall be responsible for a planned program of maintenance to keep all vehicles running safely and efficiently. This program shall include
  - A. Instructing bus operators in methods of anticipating and noting maintenance problems.
  - B. Inspecting and servicing all vehicles as prescribed in State Board of Education rules on a periodic basis.
  - C. Maintaining service and repair records on each vehicle as required by State Board of Education rules. A checklist shall be devised for use in recording the results of the safety inspection.
  - D. Planning and scheduling preventive maintenance, through major overhaul and repair of all equipment.
  - E. Training through inservice activities for apprentice mechanics.
- II. The mechanical condition of each school bus shall be determined at least once each thirty (20) working days that the bus is in operation. Any school bus which does not comply with the requirements of Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules shall be withdrawn immediately from use until it meets such requirements.
- III. Only School Board or government-owned vehicles may be repaired or serviced in the school bus garage.
- IV. The School Board shall maintain appropriate school bus replacement programs to assure appropriate maintenance of the bus fleet.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:**

**1006.21, 1006.22, 1006.25, F.S.**

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**GENERAL FOOD SERVICE REQUIREMENTS****8.40\*+**

- I. The school food service program shall operate according to requirements set forth in Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules. The school food service program shall include the federally reimbursed lunch program and may include other federally reimbursed Child Nutrition Programs.
- II. The school food service program shall be an integral part of the District's educational program, offering nutritional and educational opportunities to students.
- III. Foods and beverages available in schools shall be only those which meet the nutritional needs of students and contribute to the development of desirable health habits unless permitted otherwise by State Board of Education rules and approved by the Superintendent.
- IV. The school food service program shall meet the standards for Food Service and Sanitation and Safety as provided by the Florida State Board of Health and Florida State Department of Education.
- V. USDA commodities shall be acquired, stored, and utilized in accordance with United States Department of Agriculture and related State Board of Education rules.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****1001.43, 1006.06, 1006.0605, F.S.****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):****6A-7.040, 6A-7.041,  
6A-7.0411, 6A-7.045****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007  
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**MEAL PATTERNS****8.41\***

All schools with grades K-12 shall participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs and serve student meals according to meal patterns established by the United States Department of Agriculture. Schools may participate in other Child Nutrition Programs; meals shall be served to students according to meal patterns established by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****1006.06, F.S.****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):****6A-7.040****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007**  
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**FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS****8.42\***

Free or reduced price meals shall be served to all students who are unable to pay the full price of meals and who qualify based on eligibility criteria approved by the School Board.

- I. The income Eligibility Guidelines for free or reduced price meals shall be in accordance with the scales provided by the Florida Department of Education as adopted by the State Board of Education based upon income guidelines prescribed by the United States Secretary of Agriculture.
- II. Eligibility criteria shall be applicable to all District schools and shall provide that all students from a family meeting the eligibility criteria and attending any District school are offered the same benefits.
- III. Procedures for implementing the free and reduced price meal services shall be reviewed annually and shall be in accordance with procedures and guidelines published by the Florida Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.42, 1001.43, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****1006.06, 1006.0605, F.S.****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):****6A-7.0421****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007**  
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**SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM****8.44+**

- I. The District shall develop a plan to sponsor a summer nutrition program. One (1) site shall be within five (5) miles of an elementary school at which fifty percent (50%) of the students qualify for free or reduced price school meals and shall operate for thirty-five (35) consecutive days. The remaining sites shall be within ten (10) miles of each elementary school at which fifty percent (50%) of the students qualify for free or reduced price school meals. The Superintendent may collaborate with governmental agencies and not-for-profit entities in implementing this plan.
  
- II. The School Board may seek an exemption from sponsoring a summer nutrition program as provided by law. Annually the School Board shall reconsider the decision to be exempt from providing a summer nutrition program. The School Board shall notify the Commissioner of Education within ten (10) days of the decision to continue the exemption.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****1001.43, 1006.0606, F.S.****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007  
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## **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BIDS**

**8.50\***

- I. All school construction bids shall be the immediate responsibility of the Superintendent or designee. All applicable Florida Statutes, State Board of Education rules, and School Board rules shall be observed in school construction bid procedures.
- II. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for preparing the legal notice for bids and shall determine that such notice meets the requirements of Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules and contains the information needed by the prospective bidders to include the following:
  - A. Date, time and place relating to submitting of bids;
  - B. Pre-qualifications of bidder;
  - C. Procedures for presenting bids;
  - D. Conditions and terms for receiving bids;
  - E. Procedures to be followed in opening and presenting bids to the School Board; and,
  - F. Conditions for awarding contracts based on bids.
- III. The advertisement for bids shall be published in at least one (1) local newspaper having circulation in the District. Such advertisement shall be published at least once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks and the last notice shall appear at least one (1) week prior to the opening of bids.
- IV. In addition to the publishing of the advertisement for bids, the bid documents shall be sent to at least three (3) prospective bidders. The advertisement or specifications shall not specify the use of materials or systems by a sole source.
- V. Bid bonds shall be required on new construction and any renovations or remodeling exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).
- VI. These provisions shall be followed for construction bids
  - A. The bid time and date shall be established by the School Board after the Superintendent's recommendation.



- B. Bids shall be opened at the designated time in the invitation to bid. At the designated time, the person presiding shall inquire if all bids have been received; no other bids shall be accepted and no bid may be withdrawn after the deadline. Negligence on the part of the bidder in preparing the bid shall confer no right for withdrawal after the designated time for opening of bids. Bids by telegram shall not be accepted nor shall any other type of bid be accepted which cannot be classified as a sealed bid. Bids received by mail shall be stamped with the time and date received by the purchasing office.
  - C. All bids shall be opened, read aloud, and recorded in the presence of all persons.
  - D. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, a certified check, or a cashier's check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. Failure to include such bond shall automatically disqualify the bid from further consideration.
  - E. The Board will consider all bids received and within the time limit stated in the advertisement for bids will either reject all bids or award the contract to the lowest and best bid with preference to materials, contracts, builders, architects, and laborers who reside within the county and state, whenever such materials can be purchased at no greater expense.
  - F. When a construction contract has been awarded to a contractor on the basis of proper bids, payments on that contract shall be made on a scheduled basis in an amount approved by the architect. This amount shall consider the ten percent (10%) hold-back required by Florida Statutes. Upon completion of the construction, the final payment shall be made only on the School Board's approval after proper inspection of the facilities.
- VII. The specifications for construction bids may not be written to limit any purchase of systems or materials to a specific brand or a single source of supply, unless the School Board, after consideration of all available alternative materials and systems, determines that the specifications of a sole material or system is justifiable, based upon its cost interchangeability.
- VIII. All bid requests shall include a notification to bidders that failure to file a bid protest within the time and in the manner prescribed by School Board rule shall constitute a waiver of any further right to protest such bid award.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:**

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1001.43, 1013.46 - 1013.48, F.S.**

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**PROTESTS OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BIDS****8.501**

- I. The School Board shall provide notice of its decision or intended decision concerning a bid solicitation or a contract award for construction projects as follows:
  - A. For a bid solicitation, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given by United States mail or by hand delivery.
  - B. For any other School Board decision, notice of a decision or intended decision shall be given either by posting the bid tabulation at the location where the bids were opened or by certified United States mail, return receipt requested. The notice required by this paragraph shall contain the following statement: "Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes."
- II. Any person who is affected adversely by the School Board's decision or intended decision shall file a notice of protest in writing with the Superintendent within seventy-two (72) hours after the posting of the bid tabulation or after receipt of the notice of the School Board decision or intended decision and shall file a formal written protest within ten (10) days after the date of filing of the notice of protest. Failure to file a notice of protest or failure to file a formal written protest shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, F.S. Bid protest shall be accompanied by a bond as prescribed in 337.11(5)(a), F.S.
- III. Upon receipt of a notice of protest which has been timely filed, the School Board shall stop the bid solicitation process or the contract award process until the subject of the protest is resolved by final agency action, unless the School Board sets forth in writing particular facts and circumstances which require the continuance of the bid solicitation process or the contract award process without delay in order to avoid an immediate and serious danger to the public's health, safety, or welfare.
- IV. The School Board, on its own initiative or upon the request of a protester, shall provide an opportunity to resolve the protest by mutual agreement between the parties within seven (7) days of receipt of a formal written protest.
  - A. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within seven (7) days of receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is no disputed issue of material fact, an informal proceeding shall be conducted pursuant to Section 120.57(2), F.S., and applicable agency rules before a person whose qualifications have been prescribed by rules of the agency.

- B. If the subject of a protest is not resolved by mutual agreement within seven (7) days of receipt of the formal written protest, and if there is a disputed issue of material fact, the agency shall refer the protest to the division for proceedings under Section 120.57, F.S.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:** 120.53(5), 120.57, 337.11(5)(a),  
1001.43, 1013.02, F.S.

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## **PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS FOR EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION**

**8.502**

The School Board shall prequalify contractors for a specific project in accordance with the following:

- I. Criteria - Contractors shall be prequalified on the basis of the following criteria and any additional criteria specific to the project under consideration:
  - A. Proof that the contractor holds a contractor's license which authorizes the contractor to supervise work within the scope of the construction project.
  - B. Evidence that the applicant has financial resources to start up and follow through on projects and to respond to damages in case of default as shown by written verification of bonding capacity equal to or exceeding the amount of any project for which the contractor seeks prequalification. The written verification must be submitted by a licensed surety company rated excellent ("A-" or better) in the current A.M. Best Guide and qualified to do business within the state. In the absence of such written verification, the Board may require the applicant to submit any audited financial information necessary to evaluate an applicant's financial ability to perform the project and to respond to damages in the event of default.
  - C. Evidence of experience with construction techniques, trade standards, quality workmanship, project scheduling, cost control, management of projects, and building codes for similar or less cost or scope projects of similar size within the past five (5) years.
  - D. Evidence of satisfactory resolution of claims filed by or against the contractor asserted on projects of the same or similar size within the five (5) years preceding the submission of the application. Any claim against a contractor shall be deemed to have been satisfactorily resolved if final judgment is rendered in favor of the contractor or any final judgment rendered against the contractor is satisfied within ninety (90) days of the date the judgment becomes final.
  - E. Type of work for which the contractor is licensed.
- II. Procedures
  - A. The Board shall hold a public hearing to discuss the Board's intent to prequalify contractors and the proposed policies, procedures and rules.

- B. The Board shall publish two (2) notices of the public hearing in a local newspaper having general circulation throughout the District and least thirty (30) days and again seven (7) days prior to the hearing. The notice shall contain at least the purpose, date, time, and place of the hearing.
- C. It is the policy and procedure of the Board to provide for open competition which shall not prevent the submission of a bid nor prohibit the consideration of a bid submitted by a prequalified contractor. Those standards which the Board applies when soliciting bids for goods and services generally shall be applied equally to the solicitation of bids from prequalified contractors.
- D. It is the policy of the Board to allow for prequalification of any responsible contractor who, through its submittal to the Board, meets the uniform criteria established by the State Requirements for Educational Facilities and incorporated in section I. of this policy whether such contractor is a resident or nonresident of the geographical area served by the Board.
- E. It is the policy of the Board to allow those contractors seeking prequalification to submit all required company financial information separate and apart from the other required submittals, as specifically outlined in the Prequalification Submittals section of the Request for Qualifications, in order to endeavor to protect privileged company information from public disclosure.
- F. The Board shall appoint a Contractor Prequalification Review Committee to review and evaluate the submissions and to make recommendations to the Board as to which contractors should be prequalified to bid for type of project, dollar volume and limits allowed within the scope of the prequalification.
- G. These prequalification procedures shall not supersede any small business, woman-owned, or minority-owned business enterprise preference program adopted by the Board.
- H. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the Board may reject any proposals which, in the Board's sole opinion, contain inaccurate information. In addition, the Board shall have the sole discretion to declare a contractor delinquent and to suspend or revoke a prequalification certificate.
- I. The Board shall receive and either approve or reject each application for prequalification within sixty (60) days after receipt by the Board's

administrator. Approval shall be based on the criteria and procedures established in this policy.

- III. Application - Each contractor, firm, or person requesting prequalification shall submit separate applications that include the following:
- A. Detailed information on Board prescribed forms setting forth the applicant's competence, past performance, experience, financial resources, and capability, including a Public Entity Crimes Statement, and references.
  - B. Audited financial information current within the past twelve (12) months, such as a balance sheet and statement of operations, and bonding capacity. The requirement for financial information may be satisfied by the contractor providing written verification of the contractor's bonding capacity.
  - C. General information about the contractor company, its principals, and its history, including state and date of incorporation.
  - D. Contractor trade categories and information regarding the state and local license and license numbers held by the applicant.
  - E. A list of projects completed within the past five (5) years, including dates, clients, approximate dollar value, and size.
  - F. Certificates of insurance confirming current workers' compensation, public liability and property damage insurance as required by law.
  - G. A list of all pending litigation and all litigation within the past five (5) years, including an explanation of each. Litigation initiated by the contractor to protect the contractor's legal rights shall not be used as a basis for rejecting prequalification.
  - H. The completed application and financial information shall be attested to and signed by an authorized officer of the company, the owner, or sole proprietor, as appropriate. The signature shall be notarized.
  - I. Exception: When two (2) or more prequalified contractors wish to combine their assets for a specific project, they may do so by filling an affidavit of joint venture. Such affidavit shall be valid only for that specific project.

- IV. Issuance of Certificate - The Board shall issue to all prequalified contractors a certificate valid for the specific project. That certificate shall include the following:
- A. A statement indicating that the contractor may bid for projects during the time period specified.
  - B. A statement establishing the type of work the contractor will be permitted to provide.
  - C. A statement establishing the total dollar value of work the contractor will be permitted to have under contract with the Board at any one time as determined by the contractor's bonding capacity or ten (10) times the net quick assets.
  - D. A statement establishing the maximum dollar value of each individual project the contractor will be permitted to have under contract with the Board at any one time. The maximum value of each project may be up to twice the value of the largest project previously completed, but shall not exceed the contractor's bonding capacity or ten (10) times the net quick assets.
  - E. The expiration date of the certificate.
- V. Renewal of Certificate - Certificates not for a specific project shall be renewed annually.
- A. Financial statements or written verification of bonding capacity on file with the Board shall be updated annually. Failure to submit a new statement or verification of bonding capacity, after at least thirty (30) days written notice by the Board, shall automatically revoke a prequalification certificate.
  - B. Prequalified contractors may request a revision of their prequalifications status at any time they believe the dollar volume of work under contract or the size or complexity of the projects should be increased if experience, staff size, staff qualifications, and other pertinent data justify the action.
- VI. Delinquency - The decision to declare a contractor delinquent may only be made by the Superintendent and must be ratified by the Board at its next regular meeting following the decision by the Superintendent. Should the contractor be determined to be delinquent, after notice and an opportunity for a fair hearing, the Board shall notify the contractor and his surety, in writing, that the contractor is disqualified from bidding work with the Board as long as the delinquent status exists. A delinquent condition may be determined to be in effect when one (1) or more of the following conditions occur without justifiable cause:



- A. A substantial or repeated failure to comply with contract documents after written notice of such noncompliance.
  - B. A substantial or repeated failure to provide supervision and coordination of subcontractor's work after written notice of such failure.
  - C. Substantial deviation from project time schedules after written notice of noncompliance.
  - D. Substantial or repeated failure to pay subcontractors after the Board has paid the contractor for the work performed by the subcontractors and in accordance with approved requisitions for payment.
  - E. Substantial or repeated failure to provide the quality of workmanship compatible with the trade standards for the community after written notice of such failure.
  - F. Substantial or repeated failure to comply with the warranty requirements of previous contracts after written notice of such failure.
  - G. Failure to maintain the required insurance coverage after written notice of such failure.
- VII. Suspension or Revocation - The Board may, for good cause, suspend a contractor for a specified period of time or revoke the prequalification certificate. Causes for suspension or revocation shall include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following:
- A. Inaccurate or misleading statements included in the application.
  - B. Declared in default by the Board.
  - C. Adjudged to be bankrupt.
  - D. Performance, in connection with contract work, becomes unsatisfactory to the Board, based on the Board asserting and recovering liquidated damages in an action against the contractor.
  - E. Payment record, in connection with contract work, becomes unsatisfactory to the Board, based on the contractor's failure to comply with the Construction Prompt Pay Act (Section 715.12, F.S.).

- F. Becomes delinquent on a construction project pursuant to section VI.
  - G. Contractor's license becomes suspended or is revoked.
  - H. No longer meets the uniform prequalification criteria established in this policy.
- VIII. Appeal - A contractor whose application has been rejected or whose certificate has been suspended or revoked by the Board shall be given the benefit of reconsideration and appeal as follows:
- A. The aggrieved contractor may, within ten (10) days after receiving notification of such action, request reconsideration in writing. The contractor may submit additional information at the time of appeal.
  - B. The Board shall act upon the contractor's request within thirty (30) calendar days after the filing and shall notify the contractor of its action to adhere to, modify, or reverse its original action. The Board may require additional information to justify the reconsideration.

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**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

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## RENOVATIONS OR REMODELING OF FACILITIES

8.51

- I. The Superintendent when recommending the preliminary school budget, or any amendments thereto relating to capital outlay projects may, after evaluation, recommend to the School Board that suitable projects costing two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) or less be provided on a day labor basis.
- II. Parent groups, school staff and civic associations often raise funds to make improvements to various School Board facilities. Such changes are regulated by building codes, Florida State Department of Education rules, School Board rules and Florida Statutes. In addition, these changes often have cost implications on maintenance, energy usage and inhibitions to future site construction. The change or addition always poses questions regarding Board liability for the facilities as any deviation from state regulations would be a factor in a damage suit, if the change in facility was related to a personal injury.
- III. When a project is being considered at any existing facility, the following procedures shall be followed:
  - A. A description of the proposed project, including an approximation of the expected cost, shall be submitted to the school principal for review and approval on the Request for Change(s) to School Board Facility form.
  - B. Full funding for the design costs, construction and any other related costs must be identified.
  - C. If the principal is in agreement, he/she shall request approval from the Superintendent to submit the request.
    1. If the project requires funding from the District, the Director of Finance must be consulted to determine feasibility and availability of funds.
    2. Should a booster club, PTA, or other school affiliated group be supplying the funds, the Superintendent must be informed.
    3. All projects must comply with State Board of Education rules.
    4. If the project will affect the student capacity of the school, approval of the Superintendent is required.

D. Prior to an installation or construction, a detailed design must be submitted to the facilities supervisor. The content of this request shall include a detailed project description and a statement regarding the method of funding. Plans and/or specifications will be reviewed by the facilities and maintenance departments.

1. Upon completion of the plans and specifications, such must be submitted for review for compliance with State Board of Education Regulations with consideration given to the impact upon the maintenance and energy usage of the facilities and inhibitions to future site construction. A minimum of ten (10) days is required and must be provided for review of plans and specifications, plus time to prepare an agenda item to present to the School Board if judged appropriate by the Superintendent.
2. After approval by the School Board, plans may require submission to the Department of Education for approval which will take approximately two (2) to three (3) months.
3. Upon Department of Education approval (if required), the project must either be formally advertised and bid, in accordance with State Board of Education rules or a minimum of three (3) sealed proposals must be obtained to ensure compliance with the Construction Documents. The bids must contain a work schedule to facilitate inspections by the reviewing department.

Projects funded by booster clubs, PTA or other school affiliated groups, will also be handled by the respective group during the bid/proposal process. It is recommended proposals be sealed when submitted and opened at a designated time, in the presence of at least the school principal, the president of the parent group, a representative of the purchasing department, facilities department, or maintenance department, and the designing architect or engineer, if applicable.

E. In the event the project cost is expected to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00), a registered architect/registered professional engineer must be engaged to design, prepare, and "seal" the necessary construction documents in accordance with State Board of Education rules. The project cost shall include all materials and labor, production design fees, reproductions, testing and surveys.

- F. All bids or proposals, including work schedules, must then be submitted to the facilities supervisor for review and determination of the low bidder's compliance with the project's contract documents. The project's originating group must make a recommendation regarding acceptance of the low bidder.
- G. When compliance has been established, PTA, booster club, or other school affiliated group will receive written authorization to proceed from the Superintendent.
- H. Depending on the scope of work involved, supplemental, periodic inspections may be made by the maintenance department as determined by the facilities supervisor.
- I. Upon completion of the work the facilities supervisor must be contacted for final inspection prior to acceptance of the School Board at one of its regularly scheduled meetings.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** **1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:** **1001.43, 1013.01, 1013.35, 1013.45, F.S.**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):** **6A-2.0010**

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## **CHANGE ORDERS**

**8.512**

The Superintendent is authorized to approve and execute any construction contract Change Order which will decrease the construction contract amount or which will increase the construction contract amount by twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) or less, provided the approval is in the best interest of the Board. To assure that the board receives quality work and maximum value, changes in the work shall be placed out for bid whenever practical or feasible. Each approval shall be reported by the Superintendent to the School Board and entered in the official minutes at the next regular School Board meeting.

- 1) Any Change Order which will increase the construction contract amount by more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be submitted by the Superintendent to the Board for review and action thereon. No such Change Order shall be binding until it is approved and executed by the Board.
- 2) Requested Change Orders concerning the same subject shall not be split in the event that the sum total of the initial requested change increases the contract amount by more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).
- 3) With all requested Change Orders the Contractor shall provide, prior to commencing the work involved, accurate cost data in sufficient detail to enable any Architect or Engineer to evaluate and confirm its accuracy and the fair market value of all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required to accomplish the change.
- 4) With all requested Change Orders the Architect of Record for the Project shall certify in writing to the Superintendent and the Board that the cost of the requested change is fair, reasonable, and in proper proportion to the cost of the original work of the contract and shall recommend action thereon.
- 5) The cumulative total of all approved Change Orders on any project shall not increase the original construction contract amount by more than eight percent (8%) or \$100,000, whichever is less, without prior School Board approval.

The Director of Facilities shall serve in the Superintendent's capacity for Change Order authorization whenever the

Superintendent is absent or is ill. It is the intent of the Board that this provision be used sparingly. When construction changes can wait for the Superintendent's return, without undue harm or project delay, the approval shall wait for the Superintendent's personal review and signature.

- 6) All Change Orders shall be in compliance with Florida Statutes; Florida Department of Education publication titled "State Requirements for Educational Facilities, 1994" or any successor statute or rule.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** **1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:** **1001.43, 1013.48, F.S.**

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULE(S):** **6A-2.0010**

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**TELECOMMUNICATIONS, FIRN2 AND  
INTERNET USE**

**8.61+**

- I. Telephone Service - In order to promote efficiency and economy, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a uniform system for implementing effective telephone service systems, including use of telephone lines to support technology. School personnel shall be informed of this system.

The system shall encourage use of SUNCOM networks or equivalent services. Logs shall be maintained of long distance calls by work location. Logs shall be in a uniform format. Staff shall not utilize the School Board telephone system for conducting personal business.

Telephone service billings and long distance logs shall be subject to periodic review and audit. No person shall charge personal calls to the School Board.

- II. Internet Use - The Superintendent shall develop procedures for employee and student use of FIRN2 and the Internet.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:**

**1001.43, F.S.**

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**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM****8.70+**

The District shall develop and maintain an integrated information system for educational management. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that compatibility exists with the state comprehensive management information system. Procedures and guidelines shall be developed to ensure that adequate management information support needs are met.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:****1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.****LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:****1001.11, 1008.385, F.S.****HISTORY:****ADOPTED: 6/12/2007****REVISION DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_****FORMERLY:**

## **RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSAL**

**8.80\*+**

- I. The School Board shall establish and maintain a system for the retention and destruction of District school records in order to reduce the space required for record storage and to permit the Superintendent to administer the affairs of the District more efficiently.
- II. Pursuant to public records laws and rules of the Florida Department of State, the management information services office shall develop a records retention schedule for each records series or type of record, including teachers' records on each student's grade and attendance.
- III. Records which are designated as permanent in Florida Statutes, and by the Division of Archives, History and Records Management of the Florida Department of State, and those selected by the School Board or Superintendent as having permanent value may be destroyed after being photographed or reproduced on film, or stored on electronic media. Photographs or micro-photographs, in the form of film or prints made in compliance with this rule, shall have the same force and effect as the originals and shall be treated as originals for the purpose of admissibility in evidence.
- IV. After complying with the provisions of Florida Statutes, the Superintendent is authorized, at his/her discretion, to destroy general correspondence over three (3) years old and other records, papers, and documents over three (3) years old which are on the retention schedule approved by the Division of Archives, provided such records do not serve as an agreement or understanding or have value as permanent records. However, commodity records are to be maintained five (5) years.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

**1001.41, 1001.42, F.S.**

**LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED:**

**119.01, 257.37, 1001.43, 1001.52, F.S.**

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