

LOCAL PURCHASING PREFERENCE

SECTION 3000-FISCAL MANAGEMENT

3690-LOCAL PURCHASING PREFERENCE (CF. 3660, 3670, 1900)

The District provides a **5% preference** (bid discount) in the purchasing of school equipment and supplies from local vendors, providing the quality and service are commensurate with the requirements set forth by the District as to satisfy the demands of the bid or proposal. Bids, or proposals when bids are not required, shall be accepted from non-local vendors in order to maintain a fair market price.

In determining the qualification for a Local Purchasing Preference for purposes of this policy, vendors must:

- A.** Have obtained the Certification of a Michigan Based Business as determined by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget and had its primary business operations located within the municipality boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan (Grand Rapids) for at least the last six months, or
- B.** Be certified by the City of Grand Rapids, as a Micro-Local Business Enterprise and have its primary business operations within the municipality boundaries of the City of Grand Rapids.

A successful recipient of a contract and/or purchase order which has received a Local Purchasing Preference may be required to present proof of its status as a Michigan Based Business and documentation of its location within the City of Grand Rapids at any time upon request

from an authorized District official. Failure to provide the requested information or failure to maintain business operations with the city of Grand Rapids for the duration of the contract will make the contract voidable at the District's discretion, and will result in disqualification from future consideration of a Local Purchasing Preference for a period of two years unless excused by the Superintendent or Designee.

Grand Rapids Public Schools, Board of Education Members and employees are prohibited from having any financial interest or personal beneficial interest either directly or indirectly, in the award of any construction contracts, sub-contracts, or the recommendation/selection of any professional design service or construction manager, unless previously disclosed in writing to the Superintendent and approved in writing by the Superintendent.

This policy shall not apply to the extent that it would conflict with any provision of Michigan or federal law, regulation or constitution. The local preference shall not be applied to purchases of goods and services made with federal funds.