

Weakley County Board of Education



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4 All purchases of supplies, materials, equipment, and contractual services in excess of twenty-five
5 thousand dollars (\$25,000)¹ including those of individual schools, shall be based on sealed
6 competitive bids. These bids shall be solicited by advertisement in a newspaper of general
7 circulation. The Weakley County Department of Finance as purchasing agent shall advertise for
8 sealed bids and receive sealed bids.² The principal shall serve as purchasing agent in each
9 school.¹

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11 All purchases of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or less, including those of individual
12 schools, may be made in the open market without newspaper notice, but shall, whenever
13 possible, be based on at least three (3) competitive bids.

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 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the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

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

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

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26 **EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

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28 Contracts for legal services, educational consultants, and similar services by professional persons
29 or groups of high ethical standards shall not be based upon competitive bids but shall be awarded
30 on the basis of recognized competence and integrity.³

Legal References:

¹ Public Acts 2015, Public Chapter 457
² TCA 49-2-203(a)(3); TCA 49-2-206(b)(2)
³ TCA 12-4-106