



NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES: Purchasing

Purchases from Minority and Small Business Enterprises

I. Policy Statement

- A. The Board of Education of Baltimore County (Board) recognizes the purpose of the State of Maryland's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program to support and encourage participation of the Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) in the procurement process for capital projects and in the purchase of goods and services.
- B. The Board promotes full and equal access to business opportunities for minority and small business enterprises in its procurement activities.

II. Standards

- A. The Superintendent will implement a minority and small business enterprise program that includes an annual participation goal with minority and small business enterprises.
- B. The school system will encourage minority and small business enterprise participation in all Board contracts.
- C. The Superintendent will implement minority and small business enterprise procedures for state and locally-funded public school construction projects consistent with all applicable state laws and regulations.
- D. The Superintendent shall report to the Board annually on the participation rates of minority and small business enterprises.

III. Implementation

The Board directs the Superintendent to implement this policy.

Legal References: *Annotated Code of Maryland*, Education Article §5-112, *Bids Annotated Code of Maryland*, State Finance and Procurement Article, Title 14, Subtitle 3, *Minority Business Participation*
COMAR 21.11.03, *Minority Business Enterprise Policies*

Related Policies: Board of Education Policy 3209, *Purchasing Principles*
Board of Education Policy 3210, *Purchasing Guidelines*
Board of Education Policy 3215, *Contract Execution*

Policy

Board of Education of Baltimore County

Adopted: 09/10/96

Revised: 07/13/99

Revised: 06/14/05

Revised: 01/09/07

Revised: 04/17/12

Revised: 08/08/17