

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: 405.03

Responsible Office: PURCHASING OFFICE

VENDOR RELATIONS

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure appropriate relations between Anne Arundel County Public Schools staff, Board of Education members and vendor representatives.

B. ISSUE

The Board of Education understands the need to conduct educational and business activities with the business community on a variety of levels. The Board desires to ensure that the integrity of the purchasing policies and business partnerships are maintained for the benefit of the business community as well as Anne Arundel County Public Schools and at the highest ethical level possible. Additionally, the Board of Education recognizes that “time-on-task” for the learning process is one of the most important components for successful student performance and that sales activity can be disruptive to this process. Therefore, the need for clear Board of Education member, staff and vendor relations guidelines is imperative to protect the integrity of the procurement procedures, to foster good business partnerships, and to limit disruption to the learning process.

C. POSITION

The Board of Education requires that the relationships developed between vendors, Anne Arundel County Public Schools staff and the Board of Education be supportive and fair to any and all qualified participants. To this end, the Board directs the Superintendent to develop regulations to ensure appropriate relations between Anne Arundel County Public Schools staff, the Board of Education members, and vendor representatives.

D. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

The Superintendent will develop Bidding Procedures Regulations that are consistent with the intent of all of the approved purchasing and purchasing related policies.

Policy History: Adopted on 5/18/05.

Note previous history: Replaces Policy 405.10-.12, 405.17, adopted 11/05/97.