



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

POLICY STATEMENT

PURCHASING

Rationale

It is the intent of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, through the Purchasing Services, to provide the highest quality of goods and services, as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible, within the time required for effective utilization. In keeping with Catholic social teaching and the Board's Mission Statement, we recognize that the overall cost may include consideration of non-monetary costs such as impact on the environment, labour practices, service standards and energy efficiency.

Guiding Principles

- The Board believes in the fair and equitable treatment of vendors and as such, adheres to the Ontario Ministry of Finance Integrated Supply Chain Management Guidelines and the laws of Ontario and Canada.
- The Board encourages vendors to follow fair labour practices.
- The Board supports Green products and services.
- The Board will give preference to goods made in Canada, when, in the opinion of Purchasing Services, little disparity exists regarding quality and/or cost.
- The Board encourages and promotes standardization of products.
- The Board believes in and participates in, cooperative purchasing with other Broader Public Sector (BPS) partners as recommended by the Ministry of Finance Supply Chain Guideline and Ontario Buys.

References

Integrated Supply Chain Guideline – Ministry of Finance

Ontario Buys

Education Act

Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (2005)

Administrative Procedures

Purchasing

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