

## POSITIONS AND POLICIES ON EDUCATION

### Payment for Goods and Services

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3326

#### Credit Card Purchases

**The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should be permitted to obtain and use credit cards to purchase items within the parameters of the law. *[Authority: DA 5/00-10; DA 5/01, DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR, DA 11/21-SR]*

#### Electronic Purchasing

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should be able to take advantage of electronic procurement technology and practices that result in streamlined purchasing procedures and more efficient use of taxpayer funds including the use of credit cards by authorized personnel.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that the purchase of goods and services through the Internet and other electronic media, commonly known as E-commerce, can provide boards of education with a wider range of purchasing opportunities that may bring products at a better price while still ensuring the security and accuracy of transactions as well as protecting the integrity of public funds. *[Authority: DA 5/01-CR (Committee on E-Commerce), DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR, DA 11/21-SR]*

#### Special Rates for Schools

**The NJSBA believes** that boards of education, as public entities entrusted to prudently administer public funds, should receive favorable treatment in terms of rates charged them whether these rates are specifically established by statute or by an entity empowered by statute to establish rates, such as a public utility. *[Authority: DA 12/69-40 and 41; DA 12/74-A; DA 1/79-23; DA 6/81-13; DA 6/95-11; DA 5/96-SR, DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR, DA 11/21-SR]*

**Cross References:** 3320 Purchasing procedures  
4142 Salary checks and deductions  
7300 Financing

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