

Bid and Classification Thresholds

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should have flexibility in awarding purchasing contracts based upon solicitation of quotations as opposed to the formal bidding process whenever they determine that a proper balance can be achieved between the board's need to obtain the best possible price with the least administrative burden and the need to prudently use and manage public funds. *[Authority: DA 6/81-11; DA 5/96-SR]*
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that the bidding threshold should be adjusted at reasonable intervals in accordance with indices that are generally accepted as current economic indicators. *[Authority: DA 12/70-16; DA 12/72-8; DA 1/80-12; DA 5/96-SR]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that adjustments to the classification of bidders threshold should occur proportionately to the bid threshold adjustments. *[Authority: DA 12/83-3; DA 5/96-SR, DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Disqualification/Rejection of Low School Bus Vendor Bid/Rejection Lowest Bidder

- A. **The NJSBA believes** local boards of education should be granted the authority to disqualify and reject the low bid of any bus company vendor based on previous unsatisfactory performance that did, in fact, cause harm to or had the potential to jeopardize the health, safety and well-being of school children, teachers, or chaperones, or any other district employee or representative being transported by a school bus vendor whether or not a contracted regular or field trip bus run.
- B. **The NJSBA believes** that school bus drivers should be required to provide proof of training regarding procedures to follow to better assure the health, safety, and well-being of school children, teachers, or chaperones, or any other district employee or representative being transported by a school bus vendor whether or not a contracted regular or field trip bus run. *[Authority: DA 5/97-5]*
- C. **The NJSBA believes** that local boards of education should be allowed to reject the lowest bidder if the lowest bidder has been found liable in one adjudicated case for non-completion or unsatisfactory performance (whether decided by a formal court hearing or arbitration) and/or if the lowest bidder has failed to complete a public contract. *[Authority: DA 12/94-2 and 3; DA 5/96-SR, DA 11/01-SR, DA 11/06-SR, DA 11/11-SR, DA 12/16-SR]*

Cross References: 3324.1 Contracts
 3541.33 Transportation safety
 7420 Contracts

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