

## **Board of Director's Policy Operational Services 800 Series**

## **Use of Credit and Procurement Cards**

The Executive Director and employees designated by the Executive Director are authorized to use District credit and procurement cards to simplify the acquisition, receipt, and payment of purchases and travel expenses incurred on the District's behalf. Credit and procurement cards shall only be used for those expenses that are for the District's benefit and serve a valid and proper public purpose; they shall not be used for personal purchases.

The Executive Director or designee shall manage the use of District credit and procurement cards by employees.

In addition to the other limitations contained in this and other Board policies, District credit and procurement cards are governed by the following restrictions:

- 1. Credit and/or procurement cards may only be used to pay certain job-related expenses or to make purchases on behalf of the Board or District or any student activity fund, or for purposes that would otherwise be addressed through a conventional revolving fund.
- 2. The Executive Director or designee must approve the use of a District credit or procurement card whenever such use is by telephone, fax, and the Internet. Permission shall be withheld when the use violates any Board policy, is from a vendor whose reputation has not been verified, or would be more expensive than if another available payment method were used.
- 3. The consequences for unauthorized purchases include, but are not limited to, reimbursing the District for the purchase amount, loss of cardholding privileges, and, if made by an employee, discipline up to and including discharge.
- 4. The Business and Executive Directors office holds the credit or procurement card and may be used as an alternate means of payment. All payments are for purchases that are preapproved and within budgetary constraints.
- 5. The Executive Director shall implement a process whereby all purchases using a District credit or procurement card are reviewed and approved by someone other than the employee making the purchase.
- 6. Employees using the card must submit the original, itemized receipt to document all purchases.
- 7. No individual may use a District credit or procurement card to make purchases in a manner contrary to State law, including, but not limited to, the bidding and other purchasing requirements in 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21, or any Board policy.
- 8. The Executive Director or designee shall account for any financial or material reward or rebate offered by the company or institution issuing the District credit or procurement card and shall ensure that it is used for the District's benefit.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.21. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §100.70(d).

ADOPTED: November 2016