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The Orange County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to make or give approval for purchases, which are within the adopted budget of the Board.

The school system's power to make purchases and enter into contracts is derived from the legislature and is subject to such limitations and restrictions as it may impose. The administration shall establish and maintain a central purchasing function to manage and control all purchasing activities of the school system in accordance with state law and sound purchasing practices.

1. All aspects of the purchasing process shall be open and available for public scrutiny
2. Except for unopened bids, trade secrets, and bids on which awards have not yet been made, all purchasing records shall be available to the public for inspection by making appropriate appointments in advance with the director of finance or his/her designee.

Legal References: G.S. 115-52 , 143- 129-135.4