

## How to do Business with the Fort Worth Independent School District

The Fort Worth Independent School District (ISD), as well as all other school districts in the State of Texas, is governed by the state competitive bid law. Therefore, the majority of our purchasing is done via competitive procurement. The purpose and intent for the competitive process is to help public schools obtain the best value for goods and services by stimulating competition. Fort Worth ISD is committed to fair and equal competition among all vendors.

The following information is a macro view of how to do business with Fort Worth ISD.

**For Email Notification register with [IonWave](#).** The Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) Purchasing Department is proud to announce a new partnership with IonWave; a web based online bidding process. In order to receive a bid notification/view bid/submit a response from FWISD, you must be registered through IonWave. Website: <https://fwisd.ionwave.net>

**Submit a bid.** The district advertises all of its bid/procurement opportunities on Ion Wave website.

**Receive an award notification.** Each particular bid contain instructions on how the bid will be evaluated and awarded. All of our procurements are evaluated and awarded in accordance with applicable state law. Maintain your bid numbers for reference when conducting business with the District. If you need additional information about a bid award, contact the Buyer identified on the front page of each bid.

**Receive a Purchase Order.** In accordance with District Policy, all purchasing commitments (other than those made via a District's Credit Card) are communicated to you via a Purchase Order. Please do not provide goods and/or services without a Purchase Order. The Purchase Order specifies what the District is committing to and ensures that funds are set aside to pay for such commitments. A District Purchase Order number has the following format: XXXXXX-XXX and always start with an 8. The leading number 3 designation identifies purchases related to the 2017 for Capital Improvement Program and the leading number 8 identifies normal purchases. All purchases made with District funds need to be made from a vendor that has been approved by the District.

**Invoice the District.** After satisfactory delivery of the goods and/or services, send your invoice to [accountspayables@fwisd.org](mailto:accountspayables@fwisd.org). Please include the following items\* on your invoice document:

*\*Company Name & Name of Contact    \*Purchase Order Number    \*Remit Address*

*\*Ship to Information    \*Invoice Number    \*Invoice Date    \*Item Details    \*Total amount due*