

Procurement Code

2021 Model School District Code



SC Procurement Code

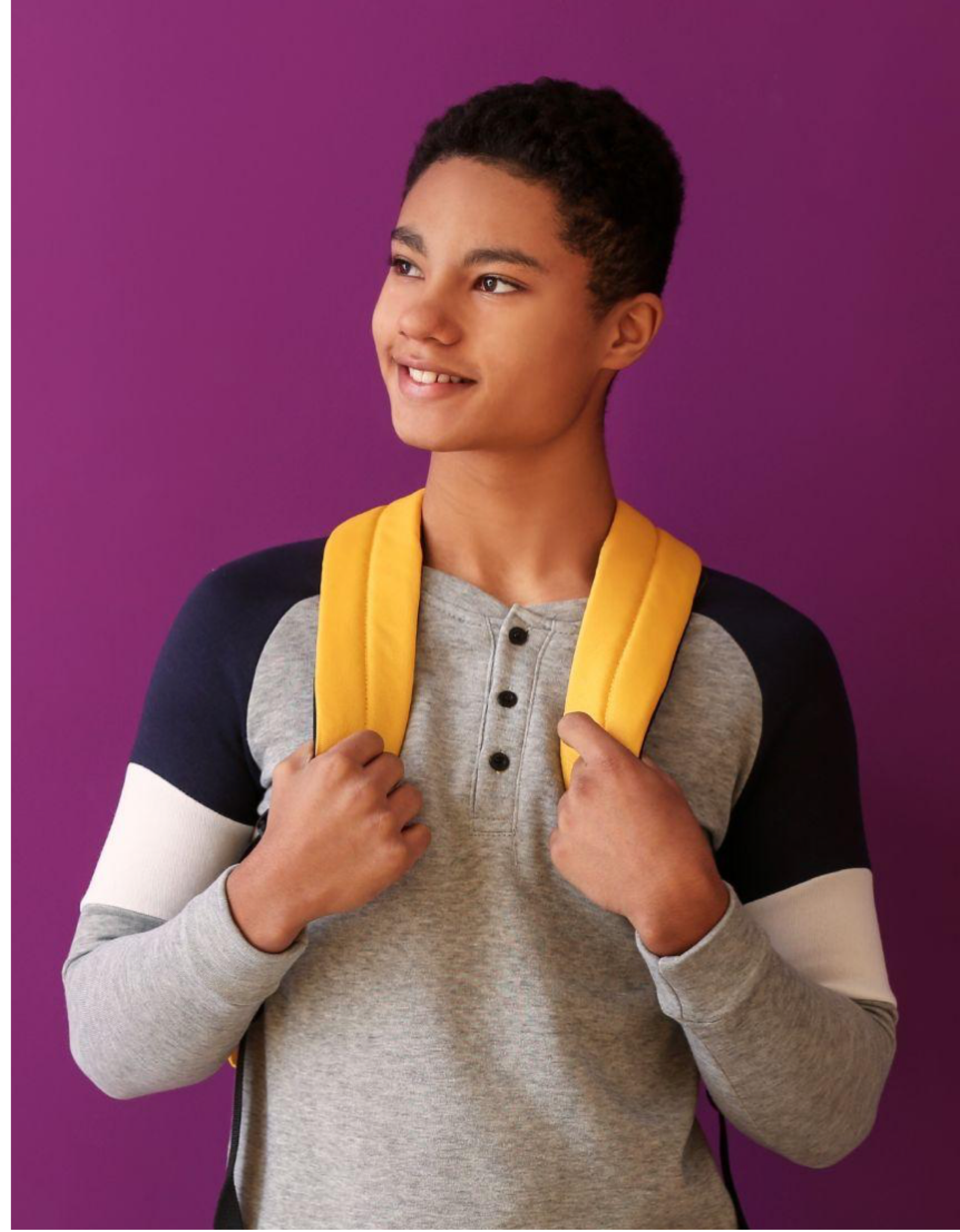
Overview of SC Code and School District Model Code

- ▶ **School districts are subject to Chapter 35 (SC Consolidated Procurement Code), Title 11 (Public Finance) when their annual budget exceeds \$75 million.**
- ▶ **Substantial changes were made by the General Assembly to the SC Code in 2019 and 2020.**
- ▶ **The SC Division of Procurement Services is required by Regulation 19-445.3000(B) to provide a written opinion that the School District Model Code is substantially similar to the state's code.**
- ▶ **The SC Division of Procurement Services published the 2021 School District Model Code. This code largely mirrors the state's code as required by law (11-35-5340).**

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Lexington District One – Code History

- ▶ Adopted code in 1998
- ▶ Updated in 2002
- ▶ Updated in 2005
- ▶ Updated and current code 2008



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SC Division of Procurement Services – Published Model Code 9/15/2021

Benefits of the Model Code

- ▶ Provide **CONSISTENCY** for all school districts across the state that are subject to the code.
- ▶ Provide **CONSISTENCY** for all school districts subject to procurement audits for code compliance.
- ▶ Provide **CONSISTENCY** for school districts, state procurement and contractors in legal remedies since the contract terms and conditions are up to date with the state and model code which impacts:

District contracts

State contracts

Solicitation documents and advertising

Agreements/contracts

Awards and protests

Contract controversies

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Documents for board review

- ▶ 2021 Model School District Code and Regulations
- ▶ 2021 Procurement Code Summary - Significant Changes
- ▶ 2008 Code (Current)

Note: The district must adopt all of the code or none of the code, no partial sections of code. The district maintained the same language in the model code, highlighted in yellow, as in the current code.

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Timeline for 2022

- ▶ **March** 2021 model code for board review
- ▶ **April** Board votes on adopting code.
- ▶ **April/May** The internal operating procedures will be updated in accordance with the code and regulations, upon approval of the code.
- ▶ **May/June** Submit code and regulations to state for review and approval.
- ▶ **July** Implement code and regulations.

Note: This is a very aggressive timeline and may have to be adapted for both the district and for state's review and approval before implementation.

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