

Arkansas Purchasing Price Threshold for Bidding Commodities in school year 2024-2025

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The state finance unit released information related to the purchasing threshold for school year 2024-2025 in a Finance newsletter released in the week of May 20, 2024. This purchasing threshold is also referred to as the small purchase threshold or simplified acquisition threshold.

The newsletter may be accessed here: [5-20-24 - 5-24-24 Finance Newsletter](#).

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-304 requires the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education to adjust the purchasing threshold for bidding amounts under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-304(a)(1)(A) by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers or its successor. This adjustment shall be made by July 1 of each year.

The increase in the CPI for this category during the 12-month period ending April 2024 was 3.36%. Statute allows the final amount as adjusted under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) to be rounded up to the nearest one hundred dollars. Therefore, the purchasing threshold for bidding under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-21-304 will increase from \$24,800 to \$25,700 for the 2024-2025 school year.

See below for calculation:

	Purchasing threshold for bidding under Ark. Code. § 6-21-304.	CPI – All Urban Consumers	Percentage Change for the 12-month period
2023-2024	\$24,800	\$297.966	7.16%
2024-2025	\$25,700	\$307.986	3.36%

Please note that, if your district sets a lower threshold in policy, you must adhere to the district's more restrictive policy. Additionally, for purchases using federal funds, you must consult federal procurement law and use the more restrictive threshold.

If you have questions, please contact CNU at 501-324-9502.