

BID INVITATION
Grounds Care/Mowing
Issued by
Christian County Board of Education
P.O. Box 609
200 Glass Ave.
Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0609

Sealed bids will be received at the Christian County Board of Education, P.O. Box 609, 200 Glass Ave., Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0609, until **9:00 a.m. January 9, 2026**, for **Grounds Care/Mowing**.

General Specifications

Bids will be opened and acknowledged for receipt at **9:00 a.m. January 9, 2026**. Any bids received after said date and time will not be considered; however, no awards will be made until after the review is complete. Bids must be sealed in an envelope that is clearly marked "District Mowing" and delivered to the Christian County Board of Education ATTN: Jessica Darnell. All proposals are subject to verification.

The Christian County Board Of Education reserves the right to accept any bid, reject any or all bids, and to waive any informalities received where such acceptance, rejection, or waiver is considered to be in the best interest of the CCBOE. CCBOE also reserves the right to reject any bid where evidence or information submitted by the Bidder does not satisfy the CCBOE that the Bidder is qualified to carry out the requirements of the contract documents.

Contract Period

The bid will be awarded for one year with the option to renew for two additional one-year periods should both parties be in agreement. The said contract may be cancelled at any time by either party upon notice of not less than sixty (60) calendar days from date of receipt. The effective date of the contract will be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 with an option to renew for two additional one-year periods. Bids must meet the minimal specifications below.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids if that action is in the best financial interest of the Board. Any questions can be directed to Jessica Darnell at (270) 887-7000 or Trevor Herndon at (270) 887-7091.

Scope of Service

Specifications provided herein are for descriptive purposes to guide the vendor in interpreting the standard of quality, design, and performance required by the Christian County Public Schools.

The successful bidder will be required to offer a surety of 100% of the amount of the bid before a contract will be issued. The surety may take the form of a performance bond or irrevocable letter of bank credit naming the Christian County Board of Education as the payee in the event of failure to perform per the specifications set forth in this invitation.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check or cashier's check in an amount equal to five (5) percent of the entire bid amount. This check will be held until one day after the date of the bid award

set as **January 15, 2026**. Should a vendor fail to enter into contract with the Board or refuse to furnish a surety for the entire amount of the contracted bid, the security will be retained by the Board.

Each bid must include proof of insurance coverage for liability and property damage in an amount not less than \$250,000. The bid must include proof of Worker's Compensation insurance as applicable under Kentucky law. This insurance must be maintained during the course of the contract with the Christian County Board of Education. Loss of insurance coverage may result in immediate cancellation of the contract with the vendor.

Before mowing, the vendor must clear the area of any accumulation of debris or rubbish at the site. Said rubbish shall include but not be limited to, tree limbs, rocks, and other items that may be thrown by the mower to cause damage to persons or property in the vicinity of the mowing area.

Before submitting a proposal, the vendor shall visit and examine the site(s) to confirm the nature and scope of the work along with any special instructions concerning areas to be omitted, boundaries, special care areas (athletic fields) and hazards. The vendor will certify that no item(s) preclude the execution of the mowing as required by the submission of the bid document. NO work is to be sublet without written permission of the designee of the Christian County Board of Education.

Mowing will delay at ALL sites during the testing window. Schedule will be forthcoming.

Contractor will need to consider the indoor court yard of the Christian County Middle School (1.27 acres) as well as the court yard at South Christian Elementary (approximately 10 acres). These grounds will need to be mowed at times not conflicting with regular school hours.

NO mowing any property of the Christian County Public Schools on Sundays.

The Christian County Board of Education reserves the right to add or deduct areas based upon the unit price bid for an area. This would impact the total contract amount and the payment for mowing services. The designee of the Board of Education will be responsible for determining the frequency of mows required per site based on weather conditions and special use of the area to be mowed.

Specifications – Grounds Care/Mowing

Vendor shall begin work around the last of March and ending the middle of October. (Vendor will be contacted as to exact time based on growing conditions of the properties.)

Vendors will bid per site. Award will be made on the lowest cost per site. The Christian County Board of Education reserves the right to combine a vendor's low bids into one contract.

Mowing and trimming will require 25 – 30 mows (depending on the weather). Mowing and trimming includes:

1. Mowing fields
2. Mowing lawns – throwing grass away from buildings, parking lots, and sidewalks
3. Trimming – around buildings, sidewalks, fences, trees, and shrubs
4. Weed eating – ditches and driveways
5. Trim spraying – only around fences and buildings with 4" wide bead maximum
6. Spraying – includes all playground areas, all cracks in drives, parking lots, sidewalks and any other area that cannot be cut with a mower or weed eater

Vendors shall furnish all materials, labor, equipment, tools, and supplies necessary to complete the mowing at each site.

Payment of bills will be made once a week. Bills will itemize the location(s) mowed, the number of mowings, and the rate per location. Checks are written each Thursday and mailed to vendors on Friday.

Authentication of Bid Proposal and Statement of Non-Collusion and Non-Conflict of Interest

By signing below the vendor swears or affirms, under the penalty of false swearing as provided by KRS 523.040, that he/she is in compliance with all of the following:

That I am the bidder (if bidder is an individual), a partner in the bidder (if the bidder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the bidding corporation having authority on its behalf (if the bidder is a corporation);

That the cost quoted in the attached bid or bids responding to the Grounds Care/Mowing Invitation to Bid are correct and have been arrived at by the bidder independently and have been submitted without collusion and without agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action, with any vendor of materials, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition;

That the content of the bid or bids have not been communicated by the bidder, or its employees or agents, to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bid or bids and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids;

That the bidder is legally entitled to enter into the contracts with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, including those prohibited by the provisions of the Model Procurement Code (KRS Chapter 45A);

That I have fully informed myself regarding the accuracy of the statements made above and that I have read the entire contents of this bid invitation and accept all the terms and conditions as part of my proposal and will be bound by the same. I am not relying on any statement, verbal or otherwise, not contained herein.

This proposal cannot be considered valid unless the bidder fully completes the information below and one or both of the attached bid forms:

Signature of Bidder

Title

Firm Name

Address

Phone

Date

**Christian County Board of Education
Required Sworn Statement Regarding
Violation of Campaign Finance Law**

The bidder or offeror hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that, in accordance with KRS 45A.395 and 45A.400, he/she has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth and that the award of a contract to the bidder or offeror will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

I, _____, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me _____, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and swore and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the purpose and in the capacity therein expressed, and that the statements contained therein are true and correct.

Notary Public

State

Printed Name

My Commission Expires: _____

**Christian County Board of Education
Required Non-Collusion Affidavit**

_____being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is _____ of, _____, the party making the foregoing bid; that the bid is not made in the interest of, or on behalf of, any undisclosed person, partnership, company, association, organization or corporation; that the bid is genuine and not collusive or sham; that the bidder has not directly or indirectly colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed with any bidder or anyone else to put in a sham bid, or that anyone shall refrain from bidding; that the bidder has not in any manner, directly or indirectly, sought by agreement, communication, or conference with anyone to fix the bid price of the bidder or any other bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost element of the bid price, or of that of any other bidder, or to secure any advantage against the public body awarding the contract of anyone interested in the proposed contract; that all statements contained in the bid are true; and further, that the bidder has not directly or indirectly, submitted his or her bid price or any breakdown thereof, or the contents thereof, or divulged information or data relative thereto, or paid, and will not pay, any fee to any corporation, partnership, company associations, organization, bid depository, or to any member or agent thereof to effectuate a collusive or sham bid.

Signature

Printed Name

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me, on this __day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

CCPS Mowing Sites

OPTION 1

Site	School	Address	Acreage per site	Sports fields/Trees/Crops	Amount of Bid per Mowing
1	Crofton Elementary	12145 South Madisonville Road, Crofton, KY 42217	14.51	0 / 0 / 0	
2	MLK Early Learning Center	313 Blane Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	6.45	0 / 0 / 0	
3	Hopkinsville Middle School	14405 Dr. MLK Way, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	23.69	0 / 0 / 30	
4	Millbrooke Elementary	415 Millbrooke Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	11.58	0 / 0 / 0	
5	Freedom Elementary	831 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	7.48	1.39 / 3.72 / 0	
6	Pembroke Elementary	1600 Pembroke-Oak Grove Road, Pembroke, KY 42266	12.21	0 / 0 / 0	
7	Sinking Fork Elementary	5005 Princeton Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	12.2	0 / 3.55 / 0	
8	South Christian Elementary	12340 Herndon-Oak Grove Road, Herndon, KY 42236	9.91	0 / 0 / 0	
9	Christian County Middle School	215 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	26.75	0 / 0 / 0	
10	CCPS Campus includes the following locations:		30.1	5.76 / 0 / 0	
	Christian County High School	220 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Gateway Academy	705 North Elm Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Green Site (old CCMS)	210 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Christian County Board Office	200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Christian County Personnel Office	129 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
11	Maintenance/Bus Garage	720 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	0.87	0 / 0 / 0	
12	Hopkinsville Campus, includes the following locations:		35.57	6.88 / 4.11 / 26	
	Hopkinsville High School	430 Koffman Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Indian Hills Elementary	434 Koffman Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
13	Gateway - Breathitt Campus	715 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	3.2		
		TOTAL PROPERTIES	194.52		
			Sports Fields	19.24	
			Trees	11.38	
			Crops	56	

CCPS Mowing Sites

OPTION 2

Site	School	Address	Acreage per site	Sports fields/Trees/Crops	Amount of Bid per Mowing
1	Crofton Elementary	12145 South Madisonville Road, Crofton, KY 42217	14.51	0 / 0 / 0	
2	MLK Early Learning Center	313 Blane Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	6.45	0 / 0 / 0	
3	Hopkinsville Middle School	14405 Dr. MLK Way, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	23.69	0 / 0 / 30	
4	Millbrooke Elementary	415 Millbrooke Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	11.58	0 / 0 / 0	
5	Freedom Elementary	831 North Drive, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	7.48	1.39 / 3.72 / 0	
6	Pembroke Elementary	1600 Pembroke-Oak Grove Road, Pembroke, KY 42266	12.21	0 / 0 / 0	
7	Sinking Fork Elementary	5005 Princeton Road, Hopkinsville, KY 42240	12.2	0 / 3.55 / 0	
8	South Christian Elementary	12340 Herndon-Oak Grove Road, Herndon, KY 42236	9.91	0 / 0 / 0	
9	CCPS Campus includes the following locations:		56.85	5.76 / 0 / 0	
	Christian County Middle School	215 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Christian County High School	220 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Gateway Academy	705 North Elm Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Green Site (old CCMS)	210 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Christian County Board Office	200 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
	Christian County Personnel Office	129 Glass Avenue, Hopkinsville, KY 42240			
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