

2026 Annual Cooperative Management Fee Report

Background Information

In accordance with Texas Education Code § 44.031(a-1), school districts are required to look at shared services arrangements and purchasing cooperatives to satisfy competitive bidding requirements. Additionally, local policy and state compliance require the administration to present an annual report to the Board of Trustees detailing the district's participation in purchasing cooperatives, including associated fees and overall expenditures..

By utilizing purchasing cooperatives, value is added by:

- Providing efficient delivery of products and services;
- Obtaining best value through competition;
- Offering fair and equitable competitive contracting opportunities for suppliers; and
- Maintaining public confidence through ethical and transparent procurement practices.

Administrative Recommendations:

Administration recommends that the Board authorize district enrollment in the purchasing cooperatives as proposed.

Name of Cooperative	Annual Fee	Rebate
1GPA National Purchasing Cooperative	NO FEE	
Allied Cooperative	NO FEE	
Buyboard (TASB)	NO FEE	\$6,190.00
Central Texas Purchasing Alliance (CTPA)	\$150.00	
Choice Partners	NO FEE	
Educational Purchasing Cooperative of North Texas (EPCNT)	\$100 (waived)	
Epic6	NO FEE	
Equalis Group (ESC Region 10)	NO FEE	\$944.22
Goodbuy	NO FEE	
OMNIA Partners / NCPA <i>*updated forms requested</i>	NO FEE	
Texas Smart Buy (TXMAS)	\$100.00	
Sourcewell <i>*updated forms requested</i>	NO FEE	
TIPS	NO FEE	\$318.45
Texas DIR	NO FEE	
Pace Cooperative	NO FEE	
New Purchasing Cooperative Enrollment Requested		
TexBuy (ESC Region 16)	NO FEE	